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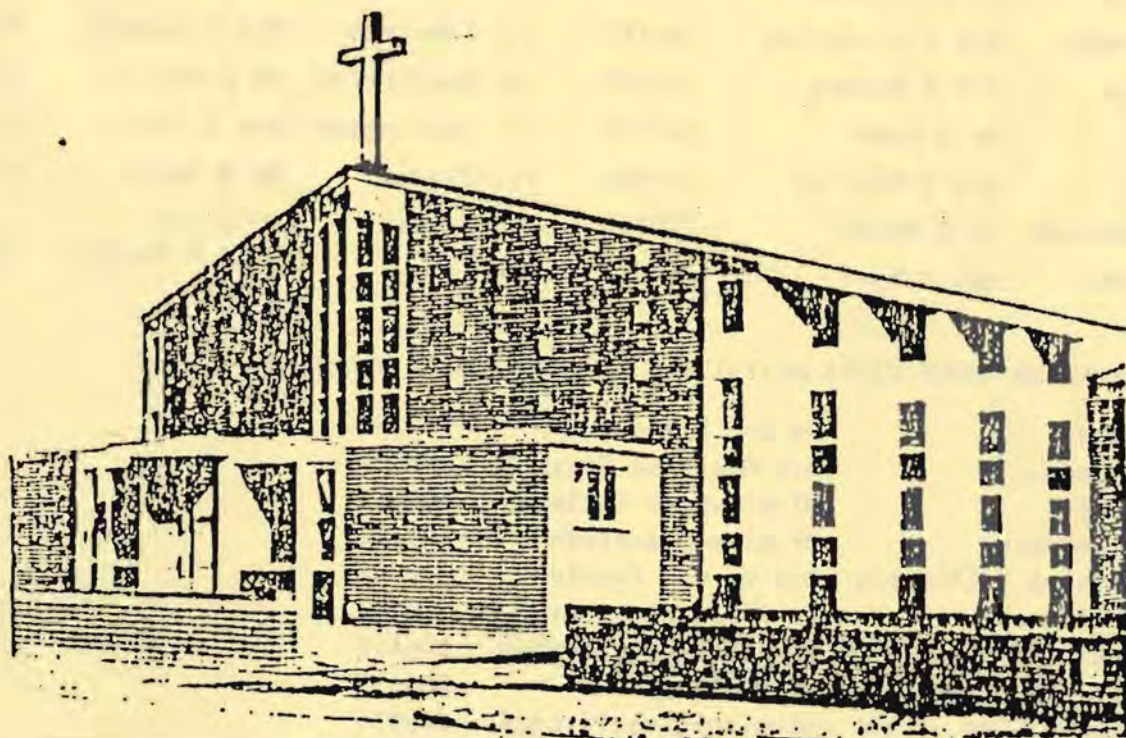
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# The CHRONICLE



## GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTHING

25p



## CHURCH SERVICES

- 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)  
 6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

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Leprosy Mission	Mrs Mary Luckin	245846
	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
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Dear Friends,

When we were young we both learnt a nursery rhyme:-

The north wind doth blow  
And we shall have snow,  
And what will poor robin do then, poor thing?  
He'll hide in the barn  
And keep himself warm,  
And hide his head under his wing, poor thing.

There is a wind blowing through our churches, a wind of renewal and recommitment. We are being challenged to think about the church, our life together as a church, and our mission. We can, of course, escape from the wind and, like the robin, hide our head under our wing, hoping the wind will pass. We can even try to secure all the doors and windows and try to keep the wind out. But then we may well not see what can be gained by accepting the challenge and rising to meet it.

As we begin a New Year we do not know what lies ahead. Yet we have just celebrated Christmas and in our worship we were reminded of God's great gift to us. The gift we bring is ourselves, that God may use us as He will during the days ahead. We do not believe God wants us to hide away as His wind blows through the church, but rather He wants us to see the miracles He can work in the world. Of course this may be risky, but there again Christmas was one of the greatest risks God has taken.

Perhaps the first risk of the year is to change the way Chronicle is presented. Our aim is to share monthly information about those mission areas we are involved with, hence the new size, as this is how the information tends to come to us. The various prayer calendars which appeared in the Chronicle have been moved to our weekly Welcome sheet, and if you are unable to collect this from church, but would like to share in our prayer needs, please let us know and we will try to get the prayers brought to you.

We do hope that over Christmas you all enjoyed seeing and hearing the many musicians who have offered themselves, and indeed thank God for the richness and variety that He has placed in our midst. The musicians were always mentioned in the Old Testament as they held an important part in worship and in leading people into battle, and the same is true for us today. We ask, therefore, that you will pray for the music, the instrumentalists and the vocalists and those who will organise and encourage, that together we may make music fit for our King.

May we thank all of you who shared in the celebration of Christmas with us and for all the cards and greetings we received. As a family we felt really blessed by God's love and fellowship during our first Christmas with you all. As we wished you all a Christ filled Christmas, we pray your New Year will also be Christ filled and you will enjoy His peace and love in the days ahead.

Please do continue to pray for us as we continue to seek God's leading into this New Year.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels



## REPORT OF THE SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING ON 11.11.1993.

The meeting was held at Christ Church, Chichester, and devotions were led by Rev. Stuart Bidmead on an Armistice Day theme. Prayers were said for the bereaved family of Peter Spicer, for Rev. Derek Merrill and Wendy Walker (Provincial Youth and Children's Officer), both seriously ill in hospital, and for the Churches in the Worthing Area.

### PILOTS

Paul West from Sompting spoke of the work of Pilots amongst girls and boys aged 5-17 years. It is a non-uniformed, Church based, ecumenical organisation with 220 companies in this country. It aims to help children grow mentally, physically and spiritually and lead them to a personal commitment to Jesus and to foster a sense of belonging to the world-wide Church.

### DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

A Youth Committee Convenor is urgently required.  
Provincial Day 1996 Representative - Mrs. Jenny Sturtridge.  
Women's Panel Secretary - Mrs. Christine Smith of Sompting.  
Thanks were expressed to Evelyn Davies.

### PASTORAL CONCERNS OF CHURCHES

Tribute was paid to Peter Spicer for his work, and we need to pray for a new Pastoral Care Committee Convenor.

Brighton Area Rev. George McCleave was inducted on 31.10.93 to Lewes Rd.

Worthing Area meetings held in abeyance. Rev. Peter Heckels inducted to Goring. - 19.9.93.

Rev. Patrice Sessions inducted on 27.11.93 to Shelley Rd.

Bognor Regis and Pagham - Progress continues but scoping has been delayed.

### DISTRICT REVIEW GROUP.

The Secretary proposed a resolution which after some discussion was passed "That a small group comprising Rev. Brian Stone, Mrs. Kay McIntosh and Mr. Brian Brazier be formed, to study the Ministerial deployment in Sussex West District and to bring its recommendations for the best use of available and future resources to the District Council by the November council meeting 1994 at the latest". If council accepts this group's report it would form the basis of our policy for the next 5/10 years. No scoping would take place until the review is completed, unless it is already in progress.

### YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK.

Douglas and Ian Fletcher (District and Provincial Youth Secretaries) spoke of the training and resource material available for workers with children and young people - such as Kaleidoscope, Urchins, Spectrum and the Hitchhikers Guide to the Gospel.

### PROPERTY MATTERS

Ken Ashby spoke of the necessity of fitting Earth Leakage Trips in Church premises.

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurers within the District met and will ask Province to scale down our expected amounts for Mission and Ministry fund. Each Church is asked to consider the basis on which they are assessed.

### FUTURE DATES

Sat. Jan. 29th. District Elders' Day at Christ Church, Chichester, with Rev. Bill McCrorie and Rev. Graham Long.

Mon. April 25th. Women's District Day at Goring. "Exploring Prayer" with Rev. Kate Compston.

### DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEE

A thought provoking presentation - "USE IT OR LOSE IT!" In nearly 7 years, 17 events have been organised with an average attendance of 40, but the committee has not been well supported. FURY is for the 11-25 age group. We discussed this wide question in small groups and it will be put on to the next Council's agenda.

The next District Council Meeting is at Goring U.R.C. on Thursday, Feb. 10th at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended with Grace.

Irene Tuley.



### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

We have reached the end of another very enjoyable session, culminating in our Christmas Party, when we were joined by some of our friends from Women's Guild.

During the winter we only meet once a month - our January get-together being a visit to the Connaught Theatre to see 'ALADDIN', when we will, no doubt, let our hair down and become as children again!

Each time we meet throughout the year we donate our spare small change to our charity for that year. We sell magazines and garden produce, etc., to add to the funds. During 1993 I am delighted to announce that we raised the grand sum of £90.00 which we are sending to ECHO as a donation towards a SOLAR LANTERN for use in hospitals in those places where there is no electricity. We take our light switches so much for granted, don't we?

Blessings for the New Year to you all.

Doreen Norris.

P.S. Our charity for this year will be helping the Girls' Brigade toward the RIDING FOR THE DISABLED appeal at the Ferring Riding Centre. They plan to build a covered area in order that the youngsters can ride all the year round. D.N.

### 5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Officers and Boys thank you for your generous support in helping us to top our target of £400 for our BB Week fund raising in November. We received £121 at the Coffee Morning, and £171 at the Jumble Sale. A big thank you to the ladies who helped in so many ways at both functions.

A special thanks to Vi Cornwell (a great grandmother) and Jean Easey (grandmother to goodness knows how many) who helped despite both ladies not being very well.

As, apparently, some members of the congregation could not hear the Boys' names being read out at our last Parade Service when Membership Cards were issued the editor has asked me to list them.

NICHOLAS ANDERSON	DEAN REYNOLDS	JAMES MOSLEY
JONATHAN ARKINSTALL	CRAIG SIBLEY	JAMES READ
STEFAN CAPPELLA	PATRICK SMITH	STEPHEN HOOD
MICHAEL DOUGLAS	MARTIN SWIERK	GAVIN EASEY
ANTHONY HEAPHY	PAUL ARKINSTALL	RICHARD SMITH

PLUS THE OFFICERS AND HELPERS.

Donald Stewart. Captain.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING SERVICE OF UNITY

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SHELLEY ROAD, WORTHING.

ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19th 1994 AT 7.30 p.m.

The Preacher will be the REV. DR. KENNETH GREET, a very well known Churchman, and former President of the Methodist Conference.

During this Service the REV. IAN CRAMB, Minister of Steyne Gardens Methodist Church, will be Inducted as President of the Churches Together in Worthing for 1994.

We hope all Churches will be represented at this United Event. Please make sure our Church is no exception. All will be warmly welcome. Ella G. Robertson.



# .....GIRLS' BRIGADE.....

5th Worthing is looking forward to a 'peaceful' New Year after such a hectic Centenary Year, but though it was busy the Girls and Officers gained such a lot of fellowship and friendship at the District events.

Our District Display at the Assembly Halls was a great success. Our Company's performance of 'London's Pride' with each Girl dressed in pearly outfits was well worth all the hard work practising.

The Explorers had a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' and, needless to say, they did look cute in their costumes!

The final item was JAIRUS' DAUGHTER, a musical specially written for Girls' Brigade Centenary Year. The acting was superb and the music uplifting!

Our own Company Display and Awards Evening was greatly enjoyed. The Girls were presented with their hard-earned badges, and then all the Girls joined in with performances, including ribbon work and the Explorer Band.

The evening finished with the History of the Girls' Brigade with many of the Girls dressed in International Costume, cleverly sewn by Caroline Hibbs.

Our last Company evening before Christmas was celebrated with a 'Christingle', which was blessed by our Minister, followed with carols, games and baked potato supper.

Amongst the busy rehearsals for the two Displays the Girls found time to decorate and make boxes for 100 mini 40th Birthday/Christmas cakes for the people on our 'Love and Care' list. Thank you to everyone who has written with words of encouragement and thanks. We are grateful for your support, and appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

With every good wish for the New Year.

Allison Baldwin, Lieut. Explorer Leader.

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## WOMEN'S GUILD.

We have had a very enjoyable Autumn Session with an average attendance of 48/50. We ended our programme with a Christmas Party when we enjoyed plenty of fun and games. This was followed at our last meeting with a Carol Service in the Church Hall, celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. We were happy to have our Men's Fellowship join us on both these occasions.

I take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy and peaceful New Year and would remind you that our first meeting of 1994 will be held on Tuesday 4th January at 2.45 p.m.

Ladies, do come along. We shall be happy to welcome you.

Audrey Gerlach, Secretary.

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## FLOWER ROTA.

The 1994 rota is now on the board in the vestibule. Please fill in your name if you would like to provide the Church flowers sometime during the year.

Bless you and thank you, Jean Webb, Flower Secretary.

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## THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Respect your father and your mother so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you.

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We would like to express our thanks to the Women's Guild for inviting us to share their Christmas Party and Service last December.

We look forward to another year of Fellowship in 1994.

We begin on Tuesday 18th January when Mrs. Doreen Norris will tell us about her trip to Australia last year.

On February 1st our member Mr. Ian Hennell will tell us about the talking books for the Blind.

On February 15th Mr. John Miles will bring and talk about his canaries.

We invite all members and friends, free on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.45, to join us in fellowship.

We have only one rule - Be Friendly.

Alex. Blackford. Secretary.

#### NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Two friends have died :- Mr. Harry King & Mr. Les Gilbert.

#### BAPTISM.

Patrick Anthony CHERRIMAN. on 12 December 1993.

#### T H A N K S.

I would like to thank you all for the beautiful cards, messages of sympathy, the lovely flowers and prayers and daily visits from Peter and Eileen and Irene and Geoffrey who have upheld me, and the beautiful Service Peter gave in this sad time of the passing of my dear Harry.

It's a wonderful comfort to belong to such a loving, caring Church.

I shall hope to be back with you very soon.

Eileen King.

Happy New Year, everyone, from Jean, Roy and Lorna, who would also like to say 'bless you and thank you' for all the love and support shown to them during the last couple of very difficult months. Lorna is progressing and hopefully will be returning to part-time work early in 1994.

Jean & Roy Webb and Lorna Mullen.

Dear Friends,

During this time of our family bereavement and loss of my husband, Leslie, I would like to say how comforted and touched we have been by the many really lovely letters and cards and verses etc., that have been sent from members and friends of this Church!

Real sympathy and love and care has been shown to us and we thank you, each one.

I read these words many times and find them such a solace in time of loss, and hope to read them often and keep them always.

Looking for the day when all the family will be on the Lord's side - many of them are - and we will meet again with Les in Heaven.

Once again my love and grateful thanks.

Ruth Gilbert.

MRS. ELLEN MUNDAY wishes to thank everyone in the Church for all their prayers, kind thoughts, visits and gifts during the past year - and to assure them of her constant prayers and good wishes for them all in 1994.

May God bless you.



ARE YOU A SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH OR MORE CHILD?

If so, I want to put your favourite hymn in the Chronicle. I just need your name and the hymn number and where I can find it, please. Editor.

This is the favourite hymn of Miss Jenny Compton, a second child:-

Loved with everlasting love,  
led by grace that love to know;  
Spirit, breathing from above,  
You have taught me it is so.  
O this full and perfect peace!  
O this presence so divine!  
In a love which cannot cease  
I am His, and He is mine.

Heave above is softer blue,  
earth around is softer green;  
something lives in every hue,  
Christless eyes have never seen:  
birds with gladder songs o'erflow,  
flowers with deeper beauties shine,  
since I know, as now I know,  
I am His, and He is mine.

His for ever, only His:  
who the Lord and me shall part?  
Ah, with what a rest of bliss  
Christ can fill the loving heart!  
Heaven and earth may fade and flee,  
first-born light in gloom decline;  
but while God and I shall be,  
I am His, and He is mine.

George Wade Robinson. 1838-77. Mission Praise 452.

NEW YEAR SOCIAL.

May I wish you all a happy New Year, and what better way to make sure that 'happy' it will be is to attend the New Year Social. The event will be on SATURDAY 22nd JANUARY from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and the mixture will be similar to last year and will, of course, include a buffet supper.

Tickets will be priced at 75 pence for adults and 50 pence for children 12 and under. For obvious reasons the numbers will have to be restricted, so please obtain your ticket/s as soon as possible from Robin Bradley, Hilary and Graham Redman, Julie Ward or me.

Sheila Gonderham.

A CHRISTIAN CRACKER.POWER OF PRAYER.

A £1,200 silver communion set stolen from The Church of Christ, Riddings, Derbyshire 2 months ago has been dumped outside the Vicarage there.

Mr. Roy Donley, Church Elder, said, 'We prayed for its return.'

Taken from The Daily Telegraph. December 1993.

WALKING. Rph. 5 vv 1/2. Rph. 4.

These feet of ours, now kept by grace,  
are given to us to tread,  
as following in Thy footsteps, Lord, and thus  
as by Thee led.  
By Thy support, by faith, can trust,  
can walk upon the sea  
of the world's unrest, as coming, Lord, to Thee  
with peace filled hearts.

A. V.



THOUGHTS IN WHITEHALL.

They stood six-deep in ordered ranks  
to raise their hearts in grateful thanks  
for those who made the sacrifice  
on land, on sea and in the skies.

Silently they prayed and thought of years  
now long since gone, and there were tears  
as mem'ries came of those who fell  
in jungle, desert, field and dell.

Firm was their gaze as they marched by,  
medals gleaming, heads held high.  
Tobrouk, Cassino, and Imphal  
were one with Ypres and Passchendaele.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,  
the poet bade us long ago,  
but who is it that we must fight  
to set this sorry world aright?

'Tis not the Jap, nor yet the Hun  
o'er whom the vic'try must be won,  
but Envy, Hate, Bad Faith and Greed;  
these are the foes that we should heed.

So, Lord, forgive our wayward past,  
receive us when we come at last  
to join with those who went before,  
and rest in peace for evermore.

Capt. F. A. Anthony. R.R. (Retd.)  
November 1979.

ADVANCE DATES FOR LADIES.FRIDAY 4th MARCHWOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

- 3 p.m. R/C ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH GORING WAY  
SPEAKER: MRS. DAPHNE WARLEND.  
8 p.m. NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH  
SALVINGTON ROAD.  
SPEAKER: CANON MURIEL PARGETER.

FRIDAY 18th MARCHC.P.A.S. LADIES' WORKSHOP DAY 'LEARNING TO LISTEN'

9.15 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND,  
ANGOLA ROAD, EAST WORTHING.

MONDAY 25th MARCH/APRILU.R.C. DISTRICT LADIES' DAY AT GORING U.R.C.

10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. 'EXPLORING PRAYER'  
with REV. KATE COMPTON.

Irene Tuley.

REMINDERS.

- Jan 11 Tue Durrington High School Prayer Group 2 - 2.45 p.m.  
6th Form College Prayer Group 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.  
Jan 13 Thu Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion 10.30am  
Praise & Prayer Meeting Cornwall Room 2 - 3 p.m.  
Jan 27 Thu ditto ditto ditto  
Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.



## A NEW YEAR MEDITATION.

Most of us enjoy visiting gardens, especially in the Spring when the fresh new growth appears.

When God made Man and Woman He put them in a garden, the first mentioned in the Bible - the Garden of Eden. This garden was perfect, and so was the weather!

Along comes the Devil - Satan, and spoilt it all because he persuaded Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which God had forbidden to be eaten of. You can read about this in Genesis, chapter 2.

After that the weeds started to grow, and ever since gardening has been hard work because of this act of disobedience so long ago.

Our lives can be likened to a garden. We can produce the fruit of the Spirit. See Galatians 5 vv 22/23. LOVE, JOY, PEACE, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEKKNESS, LONG-SUFFERING, SELF-CONTROL, or we can produce weeds - sins - Galatians 5, the works of the flesh, vv 19/21. We know that in any garden there are insects and pests which spoil the trees, shrubs, fruit, vegetables and flowers. Some we can see, like the infestation of slugs we had this year which came out at night and devoured anything they fancied. Then there are the woodbeetles. After they have bored a hole the damage is done. Some sins are apparent and some are hidden.

The daily life of the Christian should be like the Ants, Ladybirds, Bees and Worms. Useful in however a small or hidden way.

During December we have celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus, our Saviour, who came into this world from heaven to save mankind from sin.

He was in a very different garden before he was crucified - the garden of Gethsemane. He was only a young man - about the same age as our eldest son. He did not want to die, naturally speaking, but He obeyed His Father in Heaven, Matthew chapter 26, so that sin which began in the Garden of Eden should be conquered for ever. John chapter 3 v 16.

In Solomon's Song we read of another garden which speaks figuratively of the Lord Jesus and His bride - those who love Him, being together in communion - set apart from the world, and leading on to the wonderful place described in Revelation 22, where all those who have put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord will be for ever.

Another tree of life is mentioned which will bear twelve fruits every month and the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations. Behold I come quickly. V 7.

Grace Ralph.

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## LATE ITEM OF NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Miss Ethel Gilby is now residing at CAER GWENT Residential and Nursing Home, in Belsize Road, Worthing. 230185.

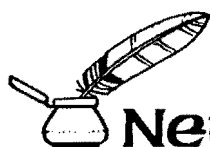
## WORTHING STROKE CLUB - KESTRO

Jan 7 Magic Lantern Show by Don & Marjorie Attle  
Jan 14 Board Games  
Jan 21 Anniversary Tea  
Jan 28 Pencil and Paper Games

## WOMEN'S GUILD.

Jan 4 Rev. Peter Heckels  
Jan 18 Mr. Stephen White - St. John's Ambulance





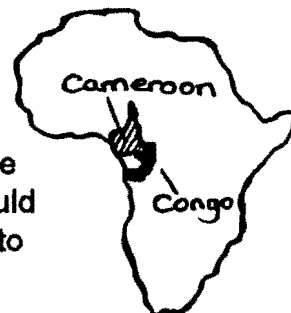
# Ruth's Newsletter

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December 1993

On 5th January 1994 I will wave goodbye to England and head off for Cameroon! Yes, the flights are all booked, for both Andrea and myself, and preparations are in full swing. We hope to be in Congo to celebrate Easter.

The past two months have been full of suspense and surprises, as we wondered whether we would be able to leave in January, and as God made it clear that January is His timing for us. I was doubtful as to whether I would have the financial support I need, but God has proved that He is well able to provide, through the generous giving of churches and individuals.



As you may remember, I spent the month of October at the Wycliffe Centre with Andrea, learning how to do linguistic surveys. This is a complex, yet increasingly important subject, since language situations are constantly changing around the world. Are some languages "dying out"? When is a language not a language, but merely a dialect? How do you decide when an individual or a people group can understand Scripture "adequately" in their second language? Such questions are not easy to answer, but they must be addressed in order to decide on the right priorities for translation projects.

During October Andrea and I received a communication from Congo, informing us that one of the Wycliffe members there will be leaving his project, and asking us whether we would prayerfully consider taking over from him. This is the very same project, based in a village called Ngo, which I visited when I was in Congo at the beginning of 1992! The other alternative for us is to work with the Mbochi people a bit further north, in a place called Boundji. Again, a family has been working on this language for several years, but now the family are based in Brazzaville, and they would like another team to locate in the village and work on the same language, so that more progress can be made.

It now seems unlikely that we will start a new language project in the far north of Congo, accessible only by plane. Instead, we will be able to reach our location by road. Finances allowing, we will buy a second-hand jeep from the person who is leaving the Ngo project. Furthermore, in both Ngo and Boundji there is a house where we could live, already equipped with solar panels!



Whichever language project we go into, we will have to do language learning initially, but we will probably start translation work and promoting the use of the Scriptures in churches much sooner than had we started a project "from scratch"! It's exciting! Above all, I pray that we will be able to work with the churches in helping people to understand the Gospel and grow as Christians.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a happy Christmas! May God meet with you afresh during this special season! How we need to be renewed by Him day by day!

In His love,

Ruth





Text of a letter sent on 5th December to Richard Asante at Assin Nsuta.

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Dear Richard,

Christian greetings to you and all at the Hope Church from your fellows in Christ at Goring United Reformed Church.

We do hope that our letter dated 13th October reached you safely and that you have been able to share its contents with all in Assin Nsuta. If, for some reason, you have not received that letter, please contact the District Pastor at Assin Foso because we sent him a copy. Incidentally, what is his name, please? We were hoping to receive a letter from him about the £300 we sent to you some months ago but it has not yet arrived. Perhaps it has gone astray in the post.

Our Church's Christmas programme has now been arranged and we thought you might like to know about it. On 12th December we will have a gift service when the children bring to Church presents of toys, books, games etc which are later distributed to local children who might otherwise not have a present at Christmas. The following Sunday morning our young people are taking part in a Nativity Service; and in the evening there will be Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion. In the early evening of Christmas Eve we will have a service of ~~carols~~ by candlelight and at 1130pm a service of lessons and carols which will take us into the early hours of Christmas Day, on which day there will be a Family Service at 1030am. On 26th December an 8am Communion Service will be followed at 11am by a Christmas Family Communion. We start the New Year with a prayer vigil on 1st January during which prayers are said for every member of the Church.

In an attempt to reach beyond the walls of our church buildings groups of members will, on the mornings of 11th and 18th December, go into the local streets singing carols both to entertain passers-by and to encourage them to come to our Christmas services and, hopefully, to continue to attend our Church thereafter. We ask your prayers for the success of our programme and invite you to tell us what you did at Christmas at the Hope Church.

We end by renewing our Christian greetings to you all and hope that you will enjoy a happy and meaningful Christmastime.

Your brother in Christ,

*Sidney Hider*  
(Sidney Hider) Secretary

World Mission Committee

copy to: District Pastor, Assin Foso  
Inter-church & Ecum Committee Secretary, Accra



# News

## *New Moderator - Andrea Adams*

Geoffrey Duncan

Andrea was brought up in a small village outside Barnsley, Yorkshire, UK (as a young person she was an avid Barnsley Football Club supporter!). Following secondary education she went to teacher training college and qualified to teach Religious Education and art and design. It was while at college that she changed allegiance from being an Anglican to become a Congregationalist.

Andrea has possibly a unique record of having taught in every sector of education. She began her career teaching in a multi-racial secondary school in Leicester. Later she became head of resources in a Leicestershire primary school. This was followed by a period with Christian Aid which entailed adult education. After obtaining a BA (Hons) in Law by part time study she lectured in



commercial law at a college of further education before moving to Leicester Polytechnic as senior lecturer in law and head of the industrial placement unit in the polytechnic business school. Later the Polytechnic became De Montford University so Andrea gained three months of university experience! She has, however, taken early retirement and is now the town clerk of Southam, where her husband Graham is pastor as well as being General Secretary of the Congregational Federation. Andrea has a lively interest in mission and is the chairperson of the Congregational Federation's Mission and Society Committee and will serve as President of the Federation 1994/1995. She has attended CWM executive meetings in Guyana, New Zealand and the Netherlands when part of her responsibility was to represent women.

CWM Council meetings have taken her to Scotland, Korea and Jamaica, where she was overwhelmingly elected as Moderator, 1993-1995

Andrea has attended the CWM European Region Conference at Swanwick, UK for many years where she has often led the creative art group. In her little amount of spare time she enjoys painting and batik. Other church work has included writing for the National Christian Education Council and serving on the governing body of Northern College, Manchester, UK.

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## EXTRACT FROM A RECENT BIBLE SOCIETY PUBLICATION

**Bible Society's prison ministry, which started as a one-off appeal, has continued for five years - but now more money is needed to carry on the work. In 1988, supporters donated such a generous sum (£125,000) that it enabled the work to continue all this time, along with helping other Bible prison ministries overseas.**

**A**n attractive booklet, called *God Help Us!*, which includes Mark's Gospel, questions, and a tear-off answer card, has been specially produced for this ministry. The booklet is distributed to inmates through the Prison Service Chaplaincy, often on their reception to the prison. Those who attempt to answer the questions and then return the card to Bible Society receive a Good News Bible.

Philip Poole, Finance Director, explained, "In the middle of last year we ran out of the 20,000 booklets we had printed in 1988, and had another batch printed, but that has now used up all the funds.

### Tremendous feedback

"It lasted a good long time but we are still getting a steady flow of letters and tremendous feedback. The Prison Service Chaplaincy (part of the Home Office) are very keen that we continue and we see it as a valuable service which helps them. We are continuing the work out of general funds but if no more money is donated to the prison ministry there's no guarantee we'll be able to carry on."

Bible Society's prison ministry co-ordinator Grace Hempstock said that last year around 500 prisoners read the Gospel of Mark and requested a Bible or New Testament. She added, "Some people have written and explained how their lives were in a mess but now that they've got time on their hands they are picking up the pieces

of their lives again. It seems that many have had an earlier experience of God in some measure and these booklets again bring to life their need to reach out to God.

### "Blessing in disguise"

"The reality strikes me again and again. These people have been given a prison sentence which somehow, in spiritual terms, proves to be a blessing in disguise - because they have time to sit down and read God's Word. Some have read the whole Bible in months, or helped three or four other inmates find faith, and I feel very humbled at how they express this. They are so ready to recognize that they have done wrong in life and that they need to be put right with God."

One prisoner is studying for a theology degree and Bible Society has supplied him with the necessary books at a special discount.

**\* Please pray for prisoners, both in this country and overseas.**

**Pray that God will speak to them through his Word.**



## Treasure it always

Here are a few comments from prisoners:

"It is a lovely Bible and I shall treasure it always."

"This is the first time I have received anything so lovely as the book you have sent to me. I will keep it with me all the time. When I read the book it will make me feel that the Lord is with me all the time. One night I got on my knees and

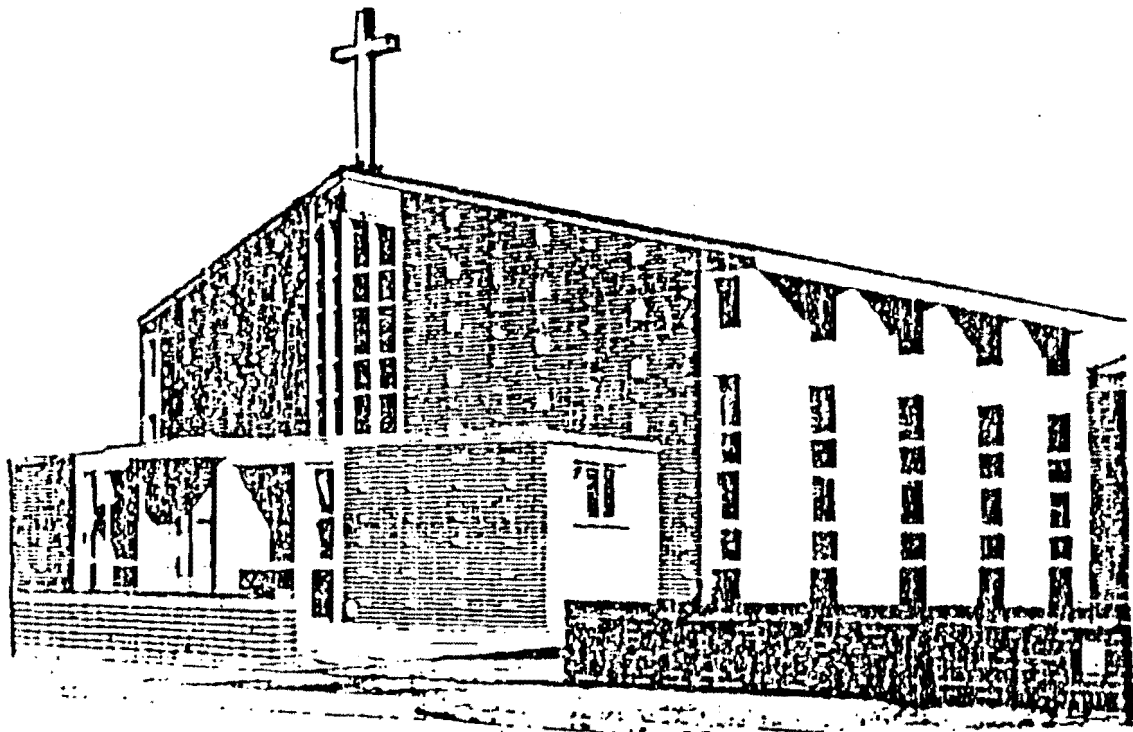
said a prayer for the first time, and it made me feel so good."

"When the Bible I gratefully received from you arrived I read it from cover to cover and found it eye opening."

"I just cannot get enough of the Word of God - to me it is not a book. It is a living testament of what God is doing in this wicked world through his love and his grace."



# The CHRONICLE



## GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister:	Rev Peter Heckels, 17 Drummônd Road	Tel 248259
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1) Aldsworth	Mr E & Mrs J Bond	244157	9) Terringes	Mr G Dearsley	609996
2) Alinora	Mr N Prattent	240031	10) Strand	Mr D Stewart	243787
3) Parklands	Mrs S Gooderham	506452	11) Lakeland	Mrs H Redman	260568
4) Wallace	Mrs E Rhodes	248263	12) Durrington	Mr K Merritt	262609
5) Heene	Mr G Dean	240376	13) Salvington	Mrs I Tuley	265319
6) Trent	Mrs R Hitchin	249580	14) Findon	Mr M Smith	821843
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Ark Mother & Toddler Club	Mrs Val Gill	267655
Kestro Stroke Club	Miss Margaret Briggs	245034
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	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Ladies Movement Workshop	Mrs Jane Archer	267749
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<i>Band</i>	<i>Mr. Julian Brewer</i>	
<i>Choir Secretary.</i>	<i>Mr. Michael Ebeling.</i>	



Dear Friends,

The news at the start of this year was full of disasters; the war still raging in Bosnia, Bush fires in Australia, floods almost on our doorstep at Chichester. The pictures which always have the greatest impact, of course, are those of the people involved as they are forced to leave their homes and belongings and move to safety. For us, these people raise one very probing question, "what are the important things in our home?" Put another way, "what would you take with you if you were forced to leave your home because of war, fire or flood?" Of the things that surround you, how would you decide what to save? Would they be things of monetary or of sentimental value, and would you have much choice or would they merely have to be practical? Perhaps most of the time we never contemplate such questions, but we really do need to see how we value things from time to time, for in 1990 the people of Sarajevo probably saw no reason to contemplate this and even at Christmas the people of Sydney and Chichester probably never let the thought enter their heads.

The young girl from Sydney whose house had been destroyed raised the question in a different way, "all I have left is a husband, a dog and a spare T-shirt" she said. In that position where would we begin? Would we try to recreate exactly what we have now, replacing each thing as near as we could, or would we go for completely new, looking for a brand new start, leaving the past behind? It's a terrible thought to contemplate in many ways, yet we do need every once in a while to evaluate what is around us and to see just what is important to us.

The same is true of our faith of course. A faith which scripture says should be tested and refined in God's Holy fire. What do you want to preserve in your faith - just what is important? When I was younger there were many things I thought vital to my faith. As I get older I discover that there are fewer things, but those which remain are the things I would be prepared to die for. The central things in faith, of course, are those which lead us nearer and nearer to the Holy God who is at the heart of faith and I find are the insights into Jesus' teaching which the Holy Spirit gives. Like the possibility of disaster, man-made or natural, making us look at our earthly possessions to see just which are vital, we should be looking at our spiritual possessions in the same way to try to find which are of real importance to us. Only then will we fully appreciate all that we have and be able to come before God with a real sense of thanksgiving for all He provides. Only when I know what I cannot do without will I value all that I have.

During a news bulletin from Australia, one man was heard to say "there is nothing that man can do, we just have to wait for the wind to die down." A very profound statement, one which states clearly our dependence on God, no matter how in control we feel we will be or can be.

In Chichester again on the news another man said "one minute things were fine, the next minute we were under water. There was nothing we could do about it." Realisation again of how we are not in control. God is in control - how much do we let go and let God? Let us look this month at what we think is really important so that when trouble or storms come, we will know who is in control.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's leading in all that we do.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels



## CHURCH GROWTH

### A Look At What It Means To Us Saturday 5 March 10 am - 4 pm

Of the 1,808 churches in the year book of the URC for 1993 only 49 (including Goring) have 250 or more members, so why should we be thinking about church growth and why should I give up a precious Saturday to listen and to talk about something I already know about? These seem to be fair questions, so what are the answers?

Firstly, the church can never be seen as a group of people who need not think about growth as long as there is someone in the neighbourhood who does not know the Good News of Jesus. The shepherd in the parable left the ninety-nine sheep in order to seek the one who was lost, and Jesus did call the disciples to be fishers of men, not aquarium keepers. The challenge to grow as a church is one which is constantly before us and cannot be ignored by any group of Christians who take their faith seriously, for Jesus commissioned us to go to all peoples everywhere and make them His disciples, and He promised to be with us always to the end of the age. It is hoped that this day will help us in that task and make us aware of that promise.

Secondly, I hope that this is not a day simply to talk, but that it can be a day of sharing with the whole body of Christ's people being involved. Of course there will be times of listening and absorbing information, but there will also be times of sharing and of participating in exercises to help us draw together what we feel God is saying to us as His church.

To make the day work we will all need to come with open minds and a willingness to learn from each other, even if we may hear things which challenge us in our thinking. You will also need a packed lunch and we will supply soup and tea/coffee. A Bible and a pen and notepad would also be useful to help with the day. Most of all, however, you are needed to ensure the success of this day and to carry what we learn into the future.

Thank you for reading this far, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday March 5th.



## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

New Members. 2nd January.

0 Rev. John FLACK & Mrs. Elsie FLACK. 4 Adur Close.  
Lancing. BN15 8LP. 0273 455224.

## BAPTISM.

9th January 1994. HOLLY LITLA CHAMP.  
66 Coleridge Crescent. Goring-by-Sea.

## BRRRAVRRNT.

10.1.94 2 Mr. R.A. 'Ted' Young. 18 Sandown Close.

MISS KIRSTY CRAGHILL, who is studying at Anglia College Cambridge, would welcome a line of love, greetings and news from you. She is lodging at 5 WOLSEY WAY. CHERRY HINTON. CAMBRIDGE. CB1.

Dear Friends, Happy New Year. We hope that you had a good time at Christmas and that you are looking forward to the new year. Warm greetings to you all.

Alison returned to work after the Christmas break on 4th January. We spent Christmas in Whitehaven, Cumbria, with my Mum and had a very relaxing time. I started back on 7th by attending a Racism Awareness weekend in Wigan. All second year students from the Federation are going to be on the Course, so it should be good fun.

Alison and I were the college representatives at the FURY General Assembly at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. The only difference between the Fury General Assembly and the National General Assembly is that you get discs at the FURY one! I hope to have more news of this event in my next letter.

Lent term is going to be a very busy time for both of us. We would greatly value your prayers that in the business of the new term we would have the space to continue our walk with God, also increase our quality time as a couple.

With all our love,

JOHN AND ALISON GORDON.

26 Cornbrook Grove. Old Trafford. Manchester. M16 7PQ.

## 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Our busy year at Brigade was finished off with an outing to see the pantomime 'Cinderella' at The Dome, Brighton on December 29th. It was great, the ice cream was good, and everyone who came along thoroughly enjoyed themselves. 'OH YES THEY DID!'

We have fond memories of the past year: Centenary celebrations, our Company's 40th Birthday and camp, to name but a few.

Thank you to all parents and Church members for your help and co-operation. We have been much encouraged through kind words in letters and cards sent to us in response to our Christmas gifts.

We have a lot to look forward to in this coming year in Brigade. We are planning a Coffee Morning Bring and Buy Sale at the end of our Brigade Week - on Saturday February 12th - so please come along if you are free. Your support, as always, is very welcome.

God Bless.

Julia Gray. Lieutenant.



## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1994.

- 1 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship Meetings 2.45 p.m.  
 3 Thu Ark Mothers & Toddlers Club. 10.00 a.m. Church Hall.  
 Praise & Prayer Meeting 2 - 3 p.m. Cornwall Room.  
 5 Sat Torch Fellowship. 2.30 p.m. St. Columba's.  
 6 Sun 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mrs. Eileen Heckels  
 Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley  
 Girls' Brigade WEEK starts today until 13th Feb.  
 8 Tue Durrington High School Prayer Group 2 - 2.45 p.m.  
 Little Chapel.  
 10 Thu Ark Mothers & Toddlers Club 10.00 a.m. Church Hall.  
 Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.  
 District Council Meeting. Our Church Hall. 7.30 p.m.  
 12 Sat Girls' Brigade Coffee Morning, Bring and Buy Sale  
 10.30 a.m.  
 VALENTINE FAIR St. Paul's Church. 10am - 2pm. In aid  
 of Worthing Churches Homeless Project.  
 See Mrs. Bobby Hitchin.  
 13 Sun 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11 a.m. Parade Service.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mr. Giles Tewkesbury  
 Rev. Peter Heckels.  
 14 Mon Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room 8 p.m.  
 15 Tue Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild. 2.45 p.m.  
 17 Thu Ark Mothers & Toddlers Club. 10.00 a.m. Church Hall.  
 Praise & Prayer Meeting 2 - 3 p.m. Cornwall Room.  
 Elders' Meeting 7.30 p.m.  
 19 Sat Torch Meeting. Jubilee Hall. Durrington. 2.30 p.m.  
 20 Sun 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11 a.m. Divine Worship.  
 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion with Healing Service.  
 Mrs. Elsie Flack. Rev. John Flack.  
 23 Wed Action for Dysphasic Adults. Church Halls. 2.15 p.m.  
 Annual General Meeting.  
 24 Thu Ark Mothers & Toddlers Club. 10.00 a.m. Church Hall.  
 Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.  
 27 Sun 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11 a.m. Divine Worship.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mr. Julian Brewer  
 Rev. Peter Heckels

ADVANCE DATES FOR LADIES.FRIDAY 4th MARCHWOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

- 3 p.m. R/C ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH GORING WAY  
 SPEAKER: MRS. DAPHNE WAREND.  
 8 p.m. NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH  
 SALVINGTON ROAD.  
 SPEAKER: CANON MURIEL PARGETER.

FRIDAY 18th MARCHC.P.A.S. LADIES' WORKSHOP DAY 'LEARNING TO LISTEN'

- 9.15 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND,  
 ANGOLA ROAD. EAST WORTHING.

MONDAY 25th APRIL.U.R.C. DISTRICT LADIES' DAY AT GORING U.R.C.

- 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. 'EXPLORING PRAYER'  
 with REV. KATE COMPTON.

Irene Tuley.

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## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Eleven of us went to see 'Aladdin' in January and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We are all children at heart!

Our February meeting is on Monday 14th in the Cornwall Room at 8 p.m. so we will be celebrating St. Valentine.

To know more please phone me on 830048 Doreen Morris.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We were pleased to welcome members and friends back to our first meeting this year. Our Church member Mrs. D. Morris gave us a very interesting account of her visit to Australia last year.

We look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday 1st February when our own member Mr. I. Hennell will tell us about The Talking Books for the Blind.

On Tuesday February 15th Mr. John Miles will bring and talk about his canaries.

On March 1st Mr. D. Park will show us slides on British Birds and Butterflies.

We hope and pray that our member Mr. Ron Pownall will soon be able to return home from hospital. We miss our oldest member, Mr. Ron Hurt, from our meetings.

We will give a warm welcome to all members and friends, free on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.45, to join us in fellowship.

We have only one rule - Be Friendly.

Alex. Blackford. Secretary.

## DO WE EXPECT TOO MUCH OF OUR EVANGELISTS?

Churches can place too much pressure on evangelists to boost their congregations, said the organisers of the annual Evangelist's Conference arranged by Evangelical Alliance held at Swanwick 6-8 December 93. 'The clamour for instant results can place intolerable strain on evangelists who are following a lifetime's call and for whom evangelism is not a five minute wonder,' explains Stuart Pascal of Saltmine Trust, and vice-chairman of the Evangelists' Conference. 'I am worried that the pressure on evangelists to bring great numbers of people to faith every time they visit a church will grow as Christians make a final effort to capitalise on the Decade of Evangelism during its closing years.' This year's conference was entitled 'Here for the long haul - together.' and Michael Green spoke about the stress and pressures felt by evangelists. Lesslie Newbigin addressed those present on the subject of spreading the Christian faith in a pluralistic society. Schools work, handling publicity and spirituality were among the seminar topics tackled this year.

## G R A R.

'All over the world the Spirit is moving.' This is the title for the GRAR conference at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire on FEBRUARY 18 - 20.

Taking the recommendation of Rev. John Black we went as a family last year, and would thoroughly recommend the weekend which is sure to be an enriching experience.

For more details do speak to Christine or me, or Richard and Irene Tuley, or contact Elizabeth Watson, 5 Brancaster Avenue, Charlton, Andover. Hants. SD10 4RN.

0264 323359. BE WARNED! THEY GRT BOOKED UP PRETTY QUICKLY SO DO NOT LEAVE IT TOO LONG! JULIAN BREWER.



## WOMEN'S GUILD.

Feb 1 Ms. Ann Wise - Worthing Museum.

Feb 15 Members' Afternoon.

Ladies, do come along. We shall be happy to welcome you.  
Audrey Gerlach. Secretary.

## THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

## DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.

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## JUST A THOUGHT.

If you are worried and can't sleep  
Talk to the Shepherd, don't count the sheep.

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## T H A N K S.

We are pleased to announce that after a stillbirth when she was dangerously ill, and subsequent miscarriage, our daughter-in-law gave birth to a daughter, Sophie, on 29th December 1993. We give thanks to God for this precious gift, and to church friends for their prayers and support over the past months.

Audrey and Michael Ebeling.

'I am so grateful for the kindness of your readers (Christian Herald) who have sent Christmas cards to us for re-use. Please will your readers send all types of card fronts (cut neatly, if possible), protected in a plastic bag, to Margaret Brits, Caixa Postal 352. 30161-970 Belo Horizonte, MG Brazil.

A picture shows happy youngsters at a Bible Club holding up Christmas cards sent from Britain. They all lost their homes last year after a landslide at BARRAGINHA.'

I feel I must say a sincere thank you to all the lay and ordinary men and women of our congregations who lead us in prayer at Sunday Services. I'd love to name them - but I might miss someone and that would never do.

I know I ought not to, but I feel so proud when they stand before us and speak to our Lord on our behalf.

Will you join me in these words of thanks and love? There's always room in the Chronicle for your letters, comments, points of view.

Speak to these people afterwards. Shake their hands. Embrace them if that's your way - and theirs! But never let them leave the Church premises without a word of thanks.

Leslie. (M)

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NOTES:



WANTED used copies of 'Every Day With Jesus', by Selwyn Hughes, for use with students in English classes. Please send to Miss M. Pearce, 26 Chen Li Street, TAMSUI. 251 Taiwan. Republic of China. Phyllis B. Wheeler.

#### ..... YOUNG PEOPLE NEED SUPPORT.

'Society that has lost respect for life should not be surprised when a two-year-old is picked up on the streets and is murdered,' said David Alton, M.P. to a conference arranged by Crusaders. More than 200 dignitaries, including bishops, Krisis Akabusi and prominent figures from media, industry and youth organisations heard him link the violent acts of young people with the 'cultures of violence' portrayed in the media and T.V.

'How can children tell the difference between right and wrong when gratuitous violence is dressed up as entertainment? The new conditions where fathers are absent and where drugs, pornography and crime proliferate are not being taken seriously enough by parliament, government and our people.

Dr. Alan Kerbey, Director of Crusaders, obtained many signatures and David Alton and many other prominent people presented them to the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street.

The Crusaders movement plans to keep the pressure on through action by young people across the nation in the coming months. Young people will be collecting further signatures to apply pressure to Members of Parliament.

EVANGELISM NOW DEC 1993.

#### ..... MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Below is a copy of a letter I have recently sent to the Elders in charge of visitation areas:-

'From time to time my attention is drawn to the plight of a fellow Church Member who has been ill, bereaved, blessed (birth, exam passed) and so on some time ago. It is our policy to remind such friends that we, as a church, sympathise/rejoice/praise with them and as a token take them flowers. If nobody tells me we ignore the event and miss a valuable opportunity to support them in their moment of need. To avoid that we ask that area leaders should telephone or write giving sufficient details to enable me to visit with flowers at an appropriate interval. Blessings and thanks.'

Will you please do your bit to help in the distribution of flowers by letting your Elder know of anyone in need of a visit? Thank you. May I also remind you that the Flower Rota Calendar for 1994 is on the board in the vestibule? If you would like to provide the flowers sometime during the year please enter your name on the list. Bless you all. Jean Webb.

#### ..... FAVOURITE HYMN

This is the favourite hymn of Mrs. Elsie Flack, a sixth child :-

'O HOLY NIGHT! THE STARS ARE BRIGHTLY SHINING.'

It was written by Adolphe Adam.

I have the rest of the words in my possession if any one wants to read them. Editor.



# WORTHING STROKE CLUB.

To whom it may concern - an open letter.

I would like to offer our grateful thanks to everyone who supported The Stroke Association in 1993. In particular all our volunteers who work tirelessly helping to support carers, improving communication skills with patients who have suffered impaired speech, and those who work in our information centres.

We continue to need funds for research and rehabilitation for stroke patients. There are 100,000 new cases every year as stroke is the third biggest killer.

Our work would not be possible without the help of our dedicated volunteer fund-raisers for which we are continually grateful.

May I offer everyone concerned the season's greetings and look forward to their continued help.

Dr. Sylvia McLauchlan, director general. The Stroke Association, Whitecross Street, London. EC1Y 8JJ.

## FIXTURES FOR WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB IN FEBRUARY.

Feb 4 Natural Stone Jewellery - a talk by Anne Breakwell.

Feb 11 Annual General Meeting.

Feb 18 Dough Modelling.

Feb 25 CALL MY BLUFF.

## THE LATE MR. R. A. 'TED' YOUNG.

I have been asked to pen a few lines about my friend Ted Young. Those who knew him held him in respect. He was a big man in every sense of the word. A six o'clock man - upright and down straight. He did not suffer fools gladly. If he said he would do it it was done - always well done. He liked to make a job of whatever he put his hand to.

Gardening was a thing he excelled in and those who see his garden will give him full marks. A family man who loved all of them. He and his wife, Joyce, always planned and worked together for the good of all. They visited the sick and lonely, more nursing where practical help was needed. They laid on a mini-bus to collect people and take them to church and then take them home again after the Service. A very real service to the Church.

They have held Women's Institute meetings in their home for a long time now.

Much more could be said about Ted and Joyce. They have a large and loving family and will rally round NUN now she is alone. They have connections with Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

Stanley Wheeler.

## FRIENDSHIP CENTRE AT BURY DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

This Goring Ecumenical project is in URGENT need of helpers of any kind, but especially COOKS. Wednesday mornings 9am to 1pm. Non-regular help even only once a month would be much appreciated. Please contact Rev. Ansley on 245799.

## HOLIDAY CLUB EASTER '94

We are planning a Holiday Club for children 5 - 11 years of age between April 11th and 16th. We shall need HELPERS both in preparation and at the time, please. More details will be available next month. Please contact Mrs. Julie Ward, Mrs. Jennie Merritt or Mrs. Irene Dearsley.



## OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Peter Heckels joined the committee meeting on Thursday 6 January and we feel you would wish to learn of some of the matters discussed, including some exciting proposals for 1994 which we hope you will be able to prayerfully support. These include items for our own spiritual advancement as well as outreach to others. We summarise some of these (including proposals) as follows:

### 1. Our Church

- i. A leaflet is to be produced for visitors and distribution to give details of services and church organisations.
- ii. The production of the musical "Your Kingdom Come" in the autumn.
- iii. A workshop on "Principles of Church Growth" on Saturday 5 March.
- iv. An evening workshop on "Welcoming People" on Thursday 12 May.

### 2. Worthing District

- i. We are to support Worthing Christian Housing Trust by having a stall at their Valentine Fair on Saturday 12 February from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm in St Paul's Church Hall, Worthing.
- ii. The Churches in Goring are meeting together in ecumenical study groups between Easter and Pentecost this year, rather than in Lent.
- iii. Work is beginning on the proposed local ecumenical outreach in 1995.

### 3. National

- i. On this level we hope to support "JiM (Jesus in Me) Challenge 94".
- ii. There will be a National Prayer Awakening in Birmingham on 25/26 February.

We hope the above will give something to bless each of you, so please note in your diaries.

Geoffrey Dean.



## *NEWS ROUND UP*

### **Few dentists**

Zambia has only 47 dentists of whom 24 work for the government. Another 69 are needed. No dentists are trained locally, says the Chief Dental Officer, but the Dental Training Centre, which has a three year course for clinical officers and technicians, could be upgraded. Zambians' good teeth have been ruined by sugar and 65% suffer from caries.

### **Essential broadcasting**

The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) has plans to form a communications company to draw up and produce religious programmes which then may be sold and broadcast on cable television.

The programmes will be Bible centred and include items about faith, as well as political and social issues. The aim is to spread PCT's beliefs and principles.

### **Hope**

Parts of Matabeleland, Zimbabwe, are still in need of food relief as the good rains most of the country enjoyed last season did not materialise. People watch the sky and some begin to plant. Churches hold services of prayer for rain. Everyone waits in hope. A second good rainy season would be a blessing. Another drought, when the nation has not yet recovered from the last one, would be a disaster.



## CENTRAL WORTHING TORCH FELLOWSHIP

The above-named Fellowship meets on the first Saturday of each month (except January) at St. Columba's Church Hall, St. Michael's Road, Worthing at 2.30pm.

We are a gathering of blind and partially-sighted people with sighted helpers who feel led by God to serve Him in this way. We have a relaxed time of singing with braille and giant-print hymn books. There is usually a soloist or group of singers and a speaker to give a message from the Scriptures. After this there are refreshments with tea, cakes, sandwiches etc., all lovingly provided and served by those who feel led to help in this way. We are normally on our way home soon after 4pm.

We have between 40-50 blind and partially-sighted members, most of whom require transport. Our mini-bus driver, a lady, is in need of someone to help her. We would point out that the sliding door of the mini-bus is quite heavy to open and close, so it would require someone reasonably strong - preferably a youngish man.

Another urgent need is for a treasurer for our Group. This does not involve a lot of work but it would mean being present at our Saturday gatherings and our Committee meetings which are held on the Wednesday morning immediately following our Saturday gathering. Our present treasurer, owing to ill-health, is finding it very stressful to carry on.

Yet another need is for able-bodied friends to help in the preparation of the Church Hall before the meeting, by putting out tables and chairs. Those responsible at present for this work are quite elderly and find it difficult at times. Those who may offer to meet this need will have to be at the Church soon after 1.30pm.

God knows our needs and He has promised to supply them. We wonder if there is someone in your Fellowship whom he has gifted to meet any of the above needs and we shall be most grateful if you will kindly give these matters your prayerful thought and consideration. Any offers of help will be gratefully received by our leaders:-

Mr & Mrs Michael Green, 117, Kings Road, Lancing. (W. 751090)

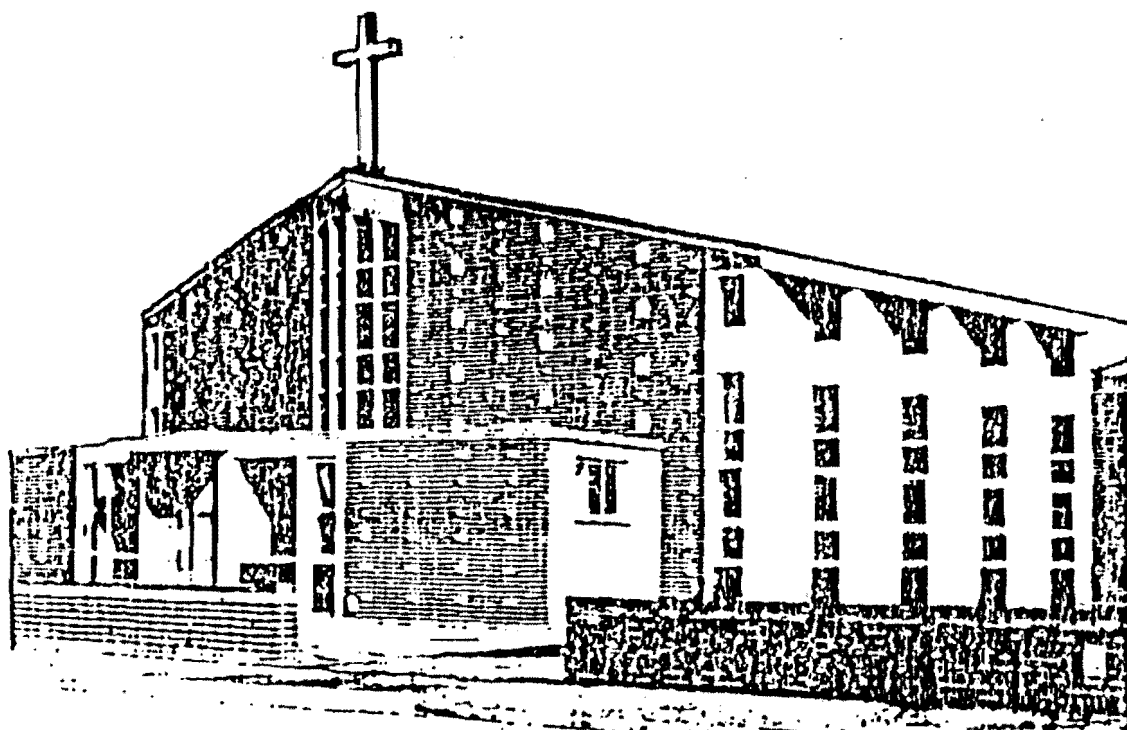
I shall be happy to provide any further information.

Frazer Finlay (W.501635)



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# The CHRONICLE



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## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister:	Rev Peter Heckels, 17 Drummônd Road	Tel 248259
Secretary:	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue	Tel 690996
Pastoral Secretary:	Mr Fred Marsh, 3 Arun Close	Tel 266985
Treasurer:	Mr Roy Gooderham, 15 Harvey Road	Tel 506452

## ELDERS VISITATION AREAS:

1) Aldsworth	Mr E & Mrs J Bond	244157	9) Terringes	Mr G Dearsley	609996
2) Alinora	Mr N Prattent	240031	10) Strand	Mr D Stewart	243787
3) Parklands	Mrs S Gooderham	506452	11) Lakeland	Mrs H Redman	260568
4) Wallace	Mrs E Rhodes	248263	12) Durrington	Mr K Merritt	262609
5) Heene	Mr G Dean	240376	13) Salvington	Mrs I Tuley	265319
6) Trent	Mrs R Hitchin	249580	14) Findon	Mr M Smith	821843
7) Marlborough	Mr A Ralph	700743	15) Ferring	Mr C and Mrs P Taylor	246523
8) Melrose	Mrs C Hunt	265047			

## FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

Boys Brigade	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Girls Brigade	Mrs Margaret Craghill	873806
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
Men's Fellowship	Mr Alex Blackford	502821
Monday Evening Fellowship	Mrs Doreen Norris	830048
Christian Aid	Mr & Mrs Alec Ralph	700743
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Ark Mother & Toddler Club	Mrs Val Gill	267655
Kestro Stroke Club	Miss Margaret Briggs	245034
Leprosy Mission	Mrs Mary Luckin	245846
	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
Ladies Movement Workshop	Mrs Jane Archer	267749
Church Warden	Mr Don Stewart	243787
Chronicle Editor	Mr Leslie Montford	243698
Flower Secretary	Mrs Jean Webb	240546
Transport Officer	Mrs Bett Swierk	243194
Publicity Officer	Mrs Christine Sharpe	212535
Lettings Secretary	Mrs Lily Collison	248861
Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
Youth Club Leaders	Mr & Mrs Ray Close	249881
Mission Secretary	Mr Sydney Hider	243832
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Cradle Roll Secretary	Mrs Sue Arkenstall	263157
The Bible Society	Rev Ron Christopher	230330



Dear Friends,

Here we go again writing our contribution to Chronicle, almost at the last minute, giving thanks that it will be typed without delay so that it will be handed in before the deadline. Of course, it should have been done yesterday, or last week, so that everyone could rest easy knowing that at least the first page was done. Now there are all sorts of reasons why it is being done now; the important meeting on ministry; the baptismal couple who needed visiting; preparing the services for Sunday; the Mission Committee meeting, and perhaps others. All of these reasons do have a degree of truth about them, but in another sense they are just excuses. The truth is really that there was a note on last week's calendar, but the task was put off and put off. There seems to be no real excuse.

Really much of life is spent in making excuses for ourselves or for others. "We don't get many to our services at this time of the year because of the bad weather." "There are not many here this evening, they will be taking advantage of the nice evening to get on with the gardening jobs." Such are the comments we sometimes hear and share. What we really mean is that our meetings and services simply do not attract as many people as we would like, and rather than face up to this we make excuses to ourselves and others. This is not only dishonest, it is also dangerous, as often we are avoiding the reality of the situation. For while there are always people who would love to come and share in all the life of our church each time we meet together, there are those who are challenging us to make what we do so relevant that they will want to be there rather than making excuses. Perhaps we can share a poster we once saw outside a church.

### REASONS we do not come to church



Too Young

Too Busy



Too Old



Too Late



Of course, we are all busy, but we do need to give time for God before it is too late. The books we are using for Lent give us the chance to share a little time each day and, hopefully, after Easter we will not make excuses but continue to give a few minutes to draw near to our Lord. We all discover that we cannot do everything we want in a day - there are rarely enough hours. (We are discovering that visiting everyone is taking much longer than we had planned and certainly longer than we had hoped, but we are still persevering and will see everyone as soon as possible). We do, however, need to give time to God each day in our private prayers and together in worship and doing His work. None of us are able to make excuses to our God who calls us into the fullness of life with Him.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's time above all else.

Your servants in Christ,

Peter and Eileen Heckels



SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING REPORT OF 10TH FEBRUARY 1994

This was held at Goring and opening devotions were led by Peter Heckels with Elders and many needs of the District were brought to the Lord in prayer. The Moderator David Helyar was welcomed. Thanks were given for the lives of Ministers Derek Morrill, Douglas Godfrey and John Haggarty - there will be a Memorial Service for John at Shelley Road URC on Sunday Feb. 20th. Prayers were asked for Tony Shields now paralysed by cancer and for Hugh Theobald facing major throat surgery for cancer and for Brian & Jenny Sturtridge taking a much needed rest. Rev Roy Parkington indicated that he will continue in the Ministry at St Columbas until 1997.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

All Churches were urged to pray for the District Review Group and for the urgent needs of finding a District Treasurer, a Youth Committee Convenor, a Pastoral Care Committee Convenor and a PCC Secretary. Lang Popley was reappointed as Secretary and Mrs Joan Ashby is the new Minutes Secretary.

"SUSSEX SUNDAY" BROADCASTING ON RADIO SUSSEX & SURREY

Mr Derek Hansen gave an excellent talk on his experiences of this programme which goes out every Sunday from 6am to 9am, which means a 4.30am start. Derek's aim is to meet the religious needs of ordinary people who never go to Church. It has to reflect the beliefs of all the listeners but within it there are many opportunities to present the Gospel message through people telling their stories of how Christ transformed their lives. Even in tragic situations there were always signs of light, faith & hope.

PASTORAL CONCERNS OF CHURCHES

Shoreham Rev Dr Peter Bellamy to have an interim ministry at the Countess of Huntingdon Church in Shoreham.

Sompting Rev Colin Foreman moves in April to the pastorate of Wellington Union Church and Youth Chaplaincy of Telford Christian Council Shropshire. The District thanked him for his services in particular to young people.

Bognor & Pagham The Pastoral Care Committee recommended that these two Churches work together and be scoped for one full time Minister. Both Churches were unhappy about this and would prefer to be scoped for 1½ Ministers. After some discussion a vote was taken, but many abstained thus the President felt that the matter should be referred back to the PCC.

PROPERTY MATTERS

The Bosham manse was under offer and Ron & Hannah Scriven were being rehoused in Chichester. Shelley Road are to be more active in the local community with a drop-in centre for young unemployed, a parents & toddlers group and the housing of 3 electric wheelchairs provided by Worthing Access & Mobility Group and the Council. In order to upgrade their kitchen a resolution was passed to ask Province for a grant of £10,000 and a loan of £20,000.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

All treasurers will meet to discuss Maintenance of the Ministry assessments.

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEE Next meeting will be on Wed. March 16th at St. Columbas 7.45pm. Provincial Youth Camp in Bearsted, Kent was August 13 - 20th for the 13 to 25 yrs plus leaders.

MISSION

70 - 80 people attended the Evangelism Day. Rev Peter Southcombe is to be the part time Provincial Evangelism Enabler from April. Sompting is to use "The Good News down your Street" pack and will produce "Make Way for the Cross" on March 20th. Shelley Road will have a "Kaleidoscope" childrens training day on Sat. Sept. 24th - Others welcome.

MINISTERIAL REVIEW GROUP will meet with the Moderator and Ministers in March.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY

Mon. 25th April at Goring - "Exploring Prayer" with Rev Kate Compston. ~~Support~~

NEXT MEETING of District Council is at Lewes Road Brighton on April 14th.

The Meeting ended with The Grace.

Irene Tuley.



## CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1994.

1 Tue	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship Meetings 2.45 p.m.	
2 Wed	10 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting.	
3 Thu	Ark Parents & Toddlers Club. 10.00 a.m. Church Hall. <del>Praise &amp; Prayer Meeting 2 - 3 p.m. Cornwall Room.</del>	
4 Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer. See separate item.	
5 Sat	Church Growth Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Torch Fellowship. 2.30 p.m. St. Columba's U.R.C.	
6 Sun	Bible Society Sunday. 4th before Easter 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mrs. Bobby Hitchin Mr. Richard Tuley.	
8 Tue	Durrington High School Prayer Group 2 - 2.45 p.m. Little Chapel. Sixth Form College Prayer Group in Church 7.30-8.30pm	
10 Thu	Ark Parents & Toddlers Club 10.00 a.m. Church Hall. Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.	<i>Praise &amp; Prayer Bible</i>
12 Sat	Provincial Synod	
13 Sun	Mothering Sunday 3rd before Easter 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Parade Service. 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mr. Jonathon Wetherell Rev. Peter Heckels.	
14 Mon	Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room 8 p.m.	
15 Tue	Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild. 2.45 p.m.	
17 Thu	Ark Parents & Toddlers Club. 10.00 a.m. Church Hall. <del>Praise &amp; Prayer Meeting 2 - 3 p.m. Cornwall Room.</del> Elders' Meeting 7.30 p.m.	
18 Fri	C.P.A.S. Meeting 9.15 am to 2.30 pm See separate item.	
19 Sat	Torch Meeting. Jubilee Hall. Durrington. 2.30 p.m.	
20 Sun	2nd Sunday before Easter. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Divine Worship. 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion with Healing Service. Mrs. Irene Tuley/Rev. Peter Heckels.	
23 Wed	Action for Dysphasic Adults. Church Halls. 2.15 p.m.	
24 Thu	Ark Parents & Toddlers Club. 10.00 a.m. Church Hall. Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.	<i>Praise &amp; Prayer</i>
27 Sun	Palm Sunday 1st before Easter. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Divine Worship. 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mr. Paul Archer. Rev. Peter Heckels.	
29 Tue	Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild. Service 2.45 pm	
31 Thu	Maundy Thursday Service 8 p.m.	
April 1	Good Friday Service 10.30 a.m.	
April 3	Easter Sunday. 8 am. Holy Communion. 11 am. Service with Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mrs. Elsie Flack. Rev. Peter Heckels.	

## MONDAY 25th APRIL.

U.R.C. DISTRICT LADIES' DAY AT GORING U.R.C.

10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. 'EXPLORING PRAYER'

with REV. KATE COMPSTON.

Irene Tuley.

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**NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.****CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

Mr. Garry Merritt, 5 Provident Terrace. Worthing. 205998 from 21.1.94

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 1994 HANDBOOK:**

- 9 Berry Mrs. I. 36 Carolyn House, Littlehampton Road 248705
- 11 JORDAN Mr. & Mrs. R. 9 Camargue Court. 24 Downview Road. 503654
- 0 GORDON Mr. J. 26 Cornbrook Grove,
- 0 Gordon Mrs. A. Old Trafford. Manchester. M16 7PQ.

**CONGRATULATIONS: \_**

Miss Elizabeth Bond has become engaged to  
Mr. Nigel Davies of Witney, Oxfordshire.

April 1st Ken and Vera Irving are to celebrate their  
Golden Wedding Anniversary.

**MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.**

14 March meeting in Cornwall Room at 8 p.m.  
Members' Evening. Fun and Fellowship. Come & join us!

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.**

- Mar 1 Mr. D. Parks will show us slides of British birds  
and butterflies at 2.45 p.m.
- Mar 15 Mr. J.E.O. Hobbs will tell us about the Worthing  
Postal History Part 2 at 2.45 p.m.
- Mar 29 We have a combined Easter Meeting with the Women's  
Guild at 2.45 p.m.

We were very pleased to welcome our member Mr. Ron Pownall back home  
and pray that he will make progress in the weeks ahead.

Our member, Mr. Ian Hennell, gave us a very interesting talk on The  
Talking Books for the Blind, and Mr. J. Miles brought along his canaries.  
We enjoyed his visit, also.

We are looking forward to a month of interesting meetings. We invite  
any member or friend who is free on a Tuesday afternoon to join us in  
Fellowship.

We have only one rule - Be friendly.

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

**5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.**

March 13 Church Parade 11 a.m.

At the time of writing we are sorry to report that Margaret Craghill,  
our Captain, is ill in hospital and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Our weekly meetings are in full swing. The Explorers have been  
learning to say 'thank you' and 'sorry', as well as writing a prayer,  
playing games and drawing pictures. The Juniors are exploring the Parable  
of Jesus healing the Ten Lepers. The Juniors have a physical challenge -  
aerobics! The Seniors are learning good hostess skills and studying the  
Lord's Prayer. The Brigaders are learning the art of paper quilling.

Our Brigade Week Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale was a great  
success raising £100. (One Hundred Pounds). Thank you all for your support.

One of our Juniors, JODIE PEDDAR, has won a prize for inventing a  
device to aid handicapped people to pick up pens, pins and other small  
items that are difficult to hold. WELL DONE JODIE!!

We are pleased to have Carol Riddlesdale helping us at our evening  
meetings. If anybody else can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday evening  
we would be grateful for more help. Joy Williams.



**T H A N K S.**

My sister, Miss E. Spurgeon, who is now resident at Trevine Court, Southey Road, Worthing, has asked me to express her thanks for all the kindness, flowers and visits she has received from various members of the Church during recent months, especially on the occasion of her 90th Birthday!

I, too, would like to add my thanks for the kindness I have received.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. H. Butler.

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To all who have sent beautiful cards, given gifts of flowers, and visited me after my recent accident, I say 'A BIG THANK YOU!'

Also for numerous phone calls, always with generous offers of help, have been very greatly appreciated.

It is good to know that one is surrounded by so much love and caring.  
Ella G. Robertson.

**5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.**

We welcome into our ranks of the Junior Section ROBERT and MICHAEL DOUGLASS and DANE NORRIS. Please pray that they may soon settle down to working for their achievements and B.B. routine.

We could still do with a few more members, also leaders in both Sections to give us greater scope in entering Battalion competitions.

We are looking forward to the lighter evenings so that we can indulge in outdoor activities. We are planning for our first week-end camp on the Spring Bank Holiday. The camp will mainly involve the Company Section Members in such things as cooking for themselves, camp craft, map reading, trekking and abundant energy. Some adult volunteers may be asked to act as guides at check points on the South Downs Way, so be willing when the time comes!

Our Annual Camp will be with the Battalion at Glynde on the 29th July at a cost of £75 each. Any Boy not going will be missing a great time of fun and fellowship. Boys going must be at least 11 years of age and can start making weekly payments if they so wish.

Sorry that we missed out on the last edition of the Chronicle owing to the scribe being at a loss for words. The Boys would say this is something unusual!

Boys' text for the month is 2 Timothy ch 2 verse 3.

Donald Stewart. Captain.

**A LETTER FROM MANCHESTER TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS.**

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Up here in Manchester we are recovering from strong winds and snow. Thankfully our roof remained on top of the house where it belongs!

We both had a great time at the FURY General Assembly and it was good to share fellowship with so many young people. The worship was inspiring and Alison got involved in the music group that led us in Worship during the Assembly. There were vigorous debates on VAT and the URC's relationship to other world faiths. Like the Assembly in Portsmouth last year, FURY has decided to invite members of other faiths to their Assembly. Please pray for Andrew Jackson, who is the FURY Chair for this year, that God will use him to encourage our youth to share the Good News of Jesus.

Alison is busy preparing herself for her exams at the end of the month.

The Minister of my placement Church is ill with pneumonia so I have been taking more Services than usual. Last week we had a joint Service with Our Ladies Roman Catholic Church in which I led worship and presided at Holy Communion. The Service was really blessed by the peace of God as we worshipped together.

We always remember you in our prayers and look forward to reading your news in the Chronicle.

With kind regards. John and Alison Gordon. 4.2.94.



### THE ARUNDEL COMMUNION SET.

Members and friends will have noticed that the Arundel Communion Set has graced our Communion Table recently.

Our Church acquired the Set some 14 years ago after the United Reformed Church at Arundel had closed.

The Church, called 'Trinity Chapel', in Tarrant Street, was originally a Congregational Church, but later combined with the Baptists. When the United Reformed Church was formed the Baptists decided to build their own Church, leaving a small congregation of 12 - 20 people with a vast building in need of major repairs. In those days the Church was part of the West Sussex Area Ministry and did not have its own Minister.

The Communion Set, presented by a member of Trinity Chapel, to our congregation, is in fine silver plate and inscribed 'Trinity Chapel 1843'. It consists of 2 Chalices, 1 Flagon, 1 plate on pedestal and 2 other plates, housed in a substantial wooden box. It is hoped that the Set can be used much more frequently when the problems of secure storage have been resolved.

Eileen Rhodes.

Edward and Jean Symonds invite you to the induction of his new pastorate at St. John's United Reformed Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex on SATURDAY 23rd April 1994 at 3 p.m.

Charles Martin from St. Mary's Cray, a person I believe you know, is going to preach the change to the Minister and to the congregation.

A formal invitation with travel directions will be sent by Mr. Michael Randel, the Church Secretary, in due course.

May God continue to anoint and bless your ministry together as you seek to serve Him.

Love in Lord Jesus.

Edward and Jean.

### RE-LAUNCH OF BEANO A TIME FOR NEW LIFE. SET IT UP TO KNOCK 'EM DOWN!

After a year or so of rest the BEANO CLUB has sprung to life again to meet the needs and demands of those men who have missed its activities and fellowship in the intervening period. The re-launch of BEANO will take place on THURSDAY 10th MARCH at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall. After a short re-launch ceremony we will troop down to the TEN-PIN BOWLING ALLEY in Worthing for our first activity.

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME. PLEASE USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTREACH BY BRINGING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

For further information please contact :-

Mr. Julian Brewer 247597 or Mr. Charlie Ward 501949.

### EVENING SERVICES.

Our evening worship is developing a pattern which it is felt worth sharing through the pages of Chronicle. The First Sunday in the month is led by members from within the fellowship. Second and Fourth Sundays are looking in some detail at a theme which, although being developed over a number of weeks, will stand, as Services on their own, while the Third Sunday is a Communion Service when we share together in the healing ministry. If there is a Fifth Sunday we hope to have a visiting preacher.

While most people now attend Church on a Sunday morning there is the hope among all those involved in planning and leading our evening worship that we will see enough increase in those coming out in the evening to encourage us to use the main Church again for this Service. The style of this Service is perhaps less formal, but the hope is that through praise and thematic biblical teaching there is a real opportunity to come close to God and feed on His word. Please remember those involved in our evening worship and, even if you are unable to be with us in person, please join us in the Spirit through your prayers. Rev. Peter Heckels.



**WOMEN'S GUILD.**

Mar 1 Jill's Fashions 2.45 p.m.  
 Mar 15 Mr. John Sawyer - South Coast Coffee and Tea. 2.45 p.m.  
 Mar 29 Easter Service with Men's Fellowship 2.45 p.m.  
 Audrey Gerlach. Secretary.

**ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS**

Meeting 23rd March at 2.15 p.m. in Church Halls.

**WORTHING AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB (KESTRO)**

Mar 4 Slides of birds and butterflies and talk by  
 Mr. Don Parks at 2.p.m.  
 Mar 11 Musical Quiz 2.p.m.  
 Mar 18 Card Bingo 2.p.m.  
 Mar 25 Easter Bonnets competition 2.p.m.  
 Apl 1 No Meeting - Good Friday

**CAN YOU HELP???**

KESTRO CLUB have had to say goodbye to several of its helpers recently which means we would be glad to welcome anyone, young or old, male or female, who could join us on FRIDAY afternoons between 1.30 and 4 p.m.

We are a friendly crowd who enjoy social activities, speakers, outings etc., not forgetting music and movement, all designed to benefit those who are recovering from a stroke.

If you feel you are able to help in any way, with transport or just as a member of the group, please contact :-

MISS MARGARET BRIGGS on 245034 or MRS. ROBIN BRADLEY on 240908

You will be assured of a very warm welcome.

**SNIPPETS AND TITBITS.****E C H O**

I recently handed over another collection of vests and blankets for delivery to ECHO and have received the following acknowledgement:-

"I am writing to confirm receipt of the woollen items which you donated to ECHO's knitting scheme on behalf of the Women's Guild of Goring United Reformed Church.

After a few weeks of constant demand for knitted blankets, jumpers and vests in the second part of December we now have a chance to replenish our stock of knitted items.

However, we have just had a request for cot-size blankets and baby cardigans for a maternity unit in LITHUANIA which will also receive an ECHO incubator. Children's jumpers are also in demand in the same area.

Thank you for the help you give to needy children by supporting ECHO's knitting project.

Yours sincerely, (Mrs.) S.R.M. Littlefield."

Fund Raising Officer.

Miss Phyllis Wheeler adds 'I have patterns for vests, but not for baby cardigans or children's jumpers.'

'Has anyone a copy of 'MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS', by Dr. Schofield - to lend or to sell? If so, please let me know Miss Phyllis Wheeler.

**OPERATION MOBILISATION.**

There are a number of openings for long-term staff to work at the LUKE (LOVE UNITED KINGDOM EVANGELISM) training centre. You could join the staff in releasing others to full-time evangelism within the UK and world-wide. A centre manager is desperately needed as well as a kitchen assistant and experienced secretaries/administrators.

If you are interested in any of these jobs please contact:-

MR. EDWARD DISBURY on 021 385 5662 or write to him at THE LUKE TRAINING CENTRE, LITTLE CORNBOW, HALESOWEN. B63 3AJ.



GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCHBOOKSTALL ACCOUNTYear ended 31 December 1993

## RECEIPTS

Balance b/fwd	
Bank account	224.15
On deposit	<u>500.00</u>
	724.15
Nett banking	2506.31
Add back	
pay'ts by cash	<u>946.44</u>
	3452.75
	<u>4176.90</u>

## PAYMENTS

By cheque per CBC st'ts	2302.00
By cash to CBC & others	946.44
To misc donations	66.35
To misc payments by ch'ue	10.00
Purchase of 10 MP words	
and plastic covers	<u>150.00</u>
	3474.79
Towards Mission Praise	
from reserves	500.00
Balance c/fwd	<u>202.11</u>
	<u>4176.90</u>

TRADING & PROFIT / LOSS ACCOUNTYear ended 31 December 1993

Stock in hand 1.1.93	44.21	Sales	3452.75
Purchases	3408.44		
		Closing stock	56.19
Profit	56.29		
	<u>3508.94</u>		<u>3508.94</u>

Note: A total of £800 was donated from the Bookstall Accounts towards the purchase of Mission Praise and plastic covers.

PURCHASE OF MISSION PRAISEReconciliation

Total cost of 335 Words, 21 Easy to Read & 15 Music copies plus plastic covers for all books		1763.00
From Bookstall profits		
Donation	650.00	
Purchase of plastic covers	100.00	
Purchase of 10 further MP Words copies	<u>50.00</u>	
		800.00
From individual donations	568.05	
From discount iro personal copies	91.00	659.05
		<u>1459.05</u>
Total charge on Goring URC		<u>303.95</u>

FRIDAY 18th MARCH

C.P.A.S. LADIES' WORKSHOP DAY 'LEARNING TO LISTEN'  
9.15 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND,  
ANGOLA ROAD, EAST WORTHING.



THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT. DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

AMAZING GRACE. BY MRS. JOY BLACKFORD.

Did God desire His Son to die  
before He would forgive us? Why?  
No human father wants his son  
to die for what another's done!  
But then a thought springs to my mind -  
could God Himself have left His throne  
and come to dwell among mankind,  
His own dear children lost and lone?  
To be part of the human race,  
to teach, inspire, and cleanse from sin;  
to tell us He is Love, and face  
death on the Cross, us Life to win!  
Establish in our world His Church,  
(Our Father God as God-the-Son,  
who would not leave us in the lurch,  
taught us to pray; bade sinners 'Come!')  
The God-who-sent, the Son-who-came,  
are they in Spirit both the same?  
Is Jesus God? The age-old claim!  
Divine and human intertwined  
with noble qualities of mind,  
and human frailties which shrank  
from pain and suffering - yet drank  
of that dread Cup, our souls to save  
from death and darkness and the grave!  
Could Christ, as Babe omnipotent, sustain  
the Universe with Word of godly Power?  
Or, as a Child omniscient, could He gain  
from Rabbis, knowledge, wisdom, hour by hour?  
Or, omnipresent in each heart, retain  
His Spirit's influence, growing like a flower?  
If God were on that Cross I'd understand!  
He'd want to be there with His dying Son!  
Why had Christ thought He had forsaken Him?  
He'd told his friends He and their God were One!  
Oh, Jesus Christ, were You incarnate God?  
You, who while dying, had to fight for breath?  
Whose side was pierced, whose head was crowned with thorns-  
only God could have survived so grim a death!

ALLELUIA!

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FRIDAY 4th MARCH

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER THEME:- GO, SEE AND ACT.  
Written by the CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF THE HOLY LAND.

- 3 p.m R/C ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH, GORING WAY.  
SPEAKER: MRS. DAPHNE WAELEND.  
8 p.m. NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH, SALVINGTON ROAD.  
SPEAKER: CANON MURIEL PARGEIER.



**HOLIDAY CLUB 1994**

This year we are planning a Holiday Club at Easter-time from April 12th to 17th. Our theme for the Club will be J.I.M. Jesus In Me.

DAY 1. We will look at Jesus. Who is Jesus? Why is He so important? The way Jesus can come into our lives and give us a better life.

DAY 2. We will concentrate on the word IN. What we put into our bodies, being in the in crowd. Bringing Jesus into our lives.

DAY 3. We look at ME. Who am I? How God created ME. Nobody is the same as ME. I am special!

DAY 4. JESUS IN ME/ME IN JESUS. We will concentrate on commitment.

These are just a few brief notes on what is planned for the week.

Saturday we will be having a Talent Contest, and Sunday a Family Service in our Church.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP US:-**

We would be grateful if you could start collecting the following items for our Craft Word -

LARGE CEREAL BOXES.

ICE CREAM TUBS.

FELT.

2 Little Plastic Drink Bottles.

Rubber Gloves, even those with a few small holes in them are all right. Small plant cuttings, for example 'spider plants', for bottle gardens. Please let Olive Bushby know what you have, on 502759. Old paint brushes, suitable for varnish. PRITT STICKS/GLUE STICKS. These are much easier for the children to use and less messy!

A BOX will be placed in the Church vestibule for you to put the above items in on each Sunday before 12th April.

We are grateful for the offers of help we have received and what we hope to receive. If there is anyone else who would like to help either in the Kitchen, in a Group, Cutting out, Colouring in, etc., we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs. Julie Ward on 501949, 26 Raleigh Crescent

**LETTERS.**

I've just re-read February's page on this year's GROWTH DAY! Do you remember the last Growth Day we had? It was in 1987. Was it July? I met a lot of people on that day. I'd been a widower for only a few months and I didn't think my emotions would let me meet so many new faces. I felt there was a lot of love and friendship within the Church premises that day, not only from our Lord but from the men and women and children who came. I do remember we were asked to bring our Bible, some plain paper for making notes on, a pen, and a pencil in case the ink ran out! A sheet of foolscap paper can be cut into 4, a hole made in the corner and a piece of string threaded through and tied loosely makes a fine notepad. I expect we took a packed lunch and were able to have hot soup, tea and coffee. We saw some children performing a little play they had learned in a couple of hours. The eldest child was only 13! This year the day starts at 10 a.m., and ends about 4 p.m. Those who don't come on March 5th will be missing a wonderful day, I feel sure. Regards, Les Montford. 11.2.94.

A lunch has been arranged for senior citizens of our Church for Saturday 19th March at Noon in the Church Hall. Mrs. C. Hunt.

Easter cards are now available within the Church at 15 pence each.

**OUR CHURCH CHOIR.**

Our Choir would very much like to find new members as some of our members have left and others may be thinking of leaving. Peter and Eileen Heckels intend to use the choir in different ways, while continuing with an anthem on a regular basis, and we hope to be able to respond to the challenge of learning new music. If anyone might possibly be interested in joining us please have a word with me or any other member of the choir, or come along one Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. Michael Ebeling. Choir Secretary.



## A POEM KINDLY CONTRIBUTED BY TONY ANTHONY

## W O R D S.

Words, words, words, words,  
 What a wonderful thing is a little word.  
 It may be funny, it may be absurd,  
 Or the loveliest thing you've ever heard.  
 What a wonderful thing is a word.

When your near one is loving  
 And whispers sweet nothings,  
 Then life goes along all serene,  
 But when feelings start rising  
 It's not so surprising  
 If words paint a different scene.

So, each word that you use  
 Most carefully choose,  
 Unless one day you regret it.  
 An ill-spoken phrase  
 You may rue all your days  
 And it's likely you'll never forget it.

So take all the nice words,  
 The sugar and spice words,  
 And leave all the others behind.  
 Reject all the bad ones  
 The ugly and sad ones,  
 And try to use words that are kind.  
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## BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUPS.

DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY	Mr. Geoffrey Dean
Fortnightly - Monday - 8 p.m.	38 Trent Road
LADIES BIBLE STUDY	Mrs. Jane Archer & Mrs. Irene Tuley
Fortnightly 2nd & 4th Tuesday 10.30am	Church/Harris Room
DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY	Mrs. Bobby Hitchin
Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	12 West Park Lane.
FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY	Mr. Geoffrey Dean
Fortnightly Wednesday 8 pm	38 Trent Road
GROWING CHRISTIANS BIBLE STUDY	Mr. Richard & Mrs. Irene Tuley
Fortnightly Wednesday 8 p.m.	25 Walton Close
MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING	Mrs. Bobby Hitchin & Mrs. Irene Tuley
Fortnightly Thursday 2 p.m.	Church, Side Chapel
LADIES BIBLE STUDY	Mrs. Rosemary Kitto
Fortnightly Thursday 2 pm	73 Shelby Road
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	Mr. Charlie & Mrs. Julie Ward
Fortnightly 1st & 3rd Thursday 8 p.m.	24 Raleigh Crescent
YOUNG MOTHERS' BIBLE STUDY	Mrs. Jenny Merritt & Mrs. Liz Stilwell
Fortnightly Friday 10am Church,	Harris Room.
PRAYER MEETING	Mrs. Glen Dean & Mrs. Irene Kitto
Weekly Friday 6 p.m.	Church, Side Chapel
DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY	Mr. Paul Archer
Fortnightly Friday 8 p.m.	176 Salvington Road.

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**FRIENDSHIP CENTRE AT BURY DRIVE METHODIST CHURCH.**

This Goring Ecumenical project is in URGENT need of helpers of any kind. Wednesday mornings 9am to 1pm. Non-regular help even only once a month would be much appreciated. Please contact Rev. Ansley on 245799.

**NEW YEAR SOCIAL.**

On 22nd January last 75 people made their way to the Church Hall for the New Year Social. In spite of the fact that the Committee failed dismally by underestimating the intelligence of everybody in remembering Nursery Rhymes and by not working out beforehand how to play a new version of Musical Chairs, it turned out to be an enjoyable evening.

I would like to say once again how grateful I was to Hilary, Graham, Robin, Julie, Roy, Paul, Chris and Michael for agreeing to organise an event each and supplying the buffet supper.

Thank you all for coming and we shall celebrate 1995 in a similar way. Sheila Gooderham.

P.S. The next Social Event will be a Ramble. The proposed date is Saturday 23rd April so please watch the Chronicle and/or Welcome for further details. S.G.

Thank you Sheila for being you - we did all enjoy ourselves. L.M.

**BOOK REVIEW BY MR. M.A. DONNELLY.**

Books in the Believers' Library:-

'JESUS PRAYED' by Arthur Wallis. (First Published 1972) 25 ps.

Arthur uses the instance where 'Jesus prayed' in Luke, to teach us the importance of prayer in Jesus' life and, consequently, in ours.

Do you agree with Arthur's introduction?

What does apostolic Christianity mean to you?

Arthur says in Chapter 3 : There are Christians of many years standing who have never learned what it means to wait on God. (to see what the Lord has to say to them.)

Remember Moses' face with an unconscious (to him) radiance after 40 days and 40 nights in communion with the Father? Ch.4.

If people see changes in us, we who have been blessed in the Holy Spirit, then the snare of the holier-than-thou attitude marring our testimony will not occur so much.

Are we a praying example (if we have united prayer at Church gatherings) so much that we teach, encourage and guide our brothers and sisters as they watch and listen to us? Ch. 4.

Is prayer in the prominent position to give God his pre-eminence in your life and Satan his defeat? Ch. 7.

A book to follow this one :-

'PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT.' by Arthur Wallis.

**JUST A THOUGHT OR TWO.**

'Following a discussion of the pros and cons of euthanasia an elderly woman was heard to say "I don't see why they're so concerned about the youth in Asia. They should do something about the youth here." Christian Herald.

"Maybe we can't take the Gospel across the world, but we could start by taking it across the street!"

Mr. Dick Dowsett of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

The tongue can be a blessing and the tongue can be a curse;

Say, friend, how are you using yours - for better or for worse? Anon.



**Ruth Chatfield**

A.O.C. - S.I.L., B.P. 1299  
YAOUNDE, CAMEROON

12th January 1994

Dear folks at G.U.R.C.

Hello from Cameroon! I was really happy to arrive here after the stress of packing up in London and the tiring journey. However, I was able to meet up with another Wycliffe friend in Paris, and we got off very lightly at Cameroonian customs. Sometimes people have to totally empty out their suitcases, but we were not even asked to open ours! It was good to be met by Andrea, already tanned from two days in Africa, and looking relaxed.

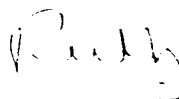
Right now we are being orientated to African life - we already tasted "bush meat" - porcupine, palm rat, monkey and antelope - and I've had my first bout of diarrhoea! Today we started learning a few expressions in the language spoken in this area - Ewando - so that we can greet people at the market, etc. It's very useful to learn how to buy and prepare food here (e.g. we soak our fruit and vegetables in bleach). We are also having lectures on health, and preparing for a week of camping on the beach (!), after which we will travel to a village to help dig a well.

I'm also having orientation to American life, since 8 North American families (with lots of children) are taking the orientation course. There is also a Swiss-German couple, and one other British girl. We are all living in close quarters, so we need to be very gracious and sensitive to one another - in any case, privacy is far less important in Africa! Next month we will be divided up and sent off to live with Cameroonian families for a while.

As you may have heard on the news, the CFA franc (the currency used in Cameroon, Congo and 12 other African countries) has just been devalued by 50%, which is causing some instability and significant price rises. This is hard for Africans who already earn very little and have to feed large families.

Please continue to pray for peace in Congo, particularly Brazzaville. As well as political instability there are increased ethnic tensions, and this has erupted into violence on a number of occasions recently. Andrea and I are pleased to be able to get to know two American families here on the orientation course who will also be working in Congo afterwards. At the moment it's still not clear whether we will work with the TEKE people or the MBOCHI people (remember the map on the OHP at my commissioning service??) So far, neither ourselves nor the other family involved (the Dawsons) have strong feelings about which project God is calling us to.

Greetings to you all! I'm enjoying the sun (although not the mosquitos!) and the assurance of being where God wants me to be! With love,





## THE LEPROSY MISSION

The total donations for the Leprosy Mission for 1993 from members and friends of Goring URC amounted to £589.52 and on behalf of the Mission and the Worthing Branch Committee we give our grateful thanks. Of this sum, £19.03 was given, over the year, by the 5th Worthing Girls' Brigade and this money will be used for children's work. The rest will go towards the 1993 target for the Worthing Area of £11,500 for the project proposed for the Leprosy Control Unit at Rayagada, Koraput District, Orissa, India.

This is a tribal area and TLM has to go through the village chief and elders for permission to use puppet shows in order to make the people aware of the harm that untreated leprosy can do. It is also a new move forward for the Mission to carry out a Leprosy Control programme, to survey education and to give treatment.

Rayagada is situated between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh and is the first of TLM programmes in Orissa State. It is estimated there are 2,500 people here with leprosy and the project is for 5 years initially, possibly extending by another 3 years. The project target of £11,500 is to provide 7 motor-cycles and fuel, publicity material, medicines and supporting drugs for use by TLM personnel in the treatment of leprosy sufferers in this area.

We are sorry the total amount raised towards the target by the Worthing Branch is not yet available.

Mary Luckin & Florrie Freeman

### A READY WRITER

(Psalm 45. 1)

A sixteen-year-old schoolgirl was so moved by the need for Bibles in Eastern Europe that she wrote out the entire New Testament by hand (in 14 days!) and by sponsorship raised £127 to provide some.

I propose to do likewise, not necessarily for Eastern Europe but for some country where the need is great, my aim being to quadruple that amount. "The New International Version" would be used, and the time-span is not determined.

The New Testament contains 203 chapters, and sponsorship would mean paying a certain sum for each chapter. Children, students, the unemployed and others with little money could contribute 1p per chapter; some others could afford much more. Individuals, families and groups could participate.

Promises of support should be given to me or to our Church Treasurer, Mr Roy Gooderham, who will also collect the money.

This venture has been approved by the Elders and by the Missionary Committee. (Of course, sponsorship is not confined to members of our Church and congregation.)

As a thank-offering for a Bible in our mother tongue, let us help to provide some for people who long to possess one but cannot afford to buy, or who need a subsidy.

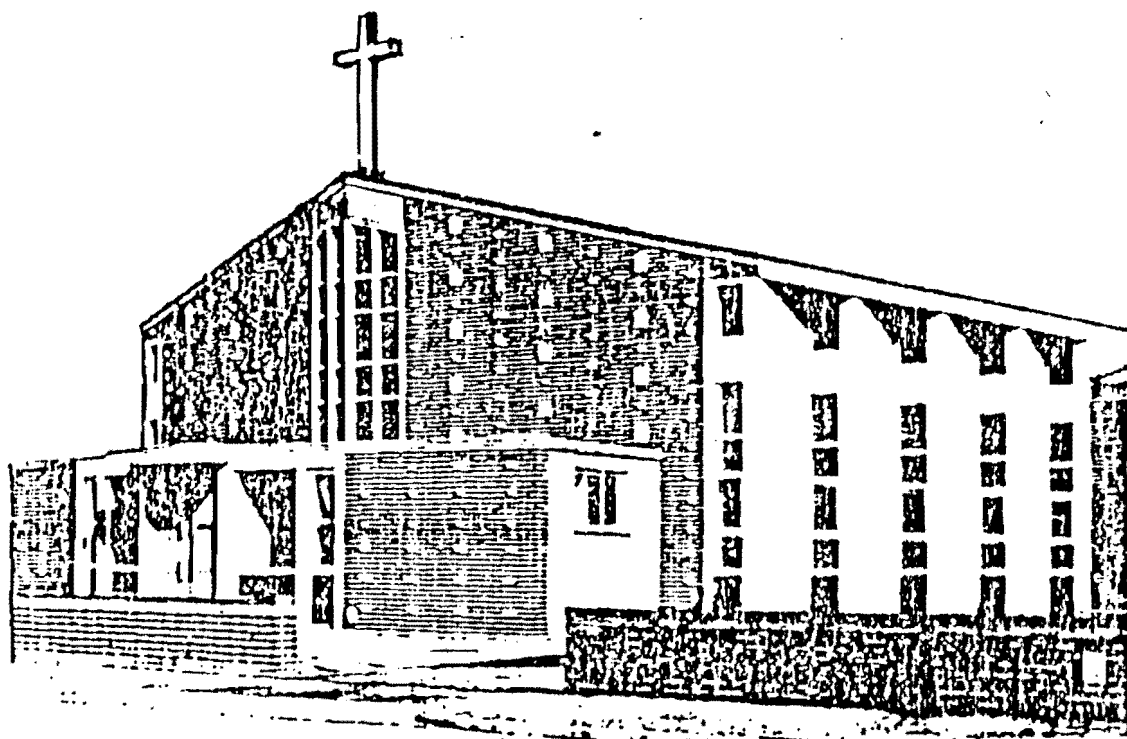
An occasional progress report will (DV) appear in The Chronicle.

Phyllis Wheeler



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**CHURCH SERVICES**

8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Family Worship (1st Sunday - Holy Communion)
6.30 pm	Evening Worship (3rd Sunday - Holy Communion and Healing)

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

Minister:	Rev Peter Heckels,	17 Drummond Road	Tel 248259
Secretary:	Mr Geoffrey Dearsley,	60 Princess Avenue	Tel 690996
Pastoral Secretary:			
Treasurer:	Mr Roy Gooderham,	15 Harvey Road	Tel 506452

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2. Alinora	Mr N Prattent	240031	10. Strand	Mr D Stewart	243787
3. Parklands	Mrs S Gooderham	506452	11. Lakeland	Mrs H Redman	260568
4. Wallace	Mrs E Rhodes	248263	12. Durrington	Mr K Merritt	262609
5. Heene	Mr G Dean	240376	13. Salvington	Mrs I Tuley	265319
6. Trent	Mrs R Hitchin	249580	14. Findon	Mr M Smith	821843
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8. Melrose	Mrs C Hunt	265047			

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:**

Boys' Brigade	Mr Don Stewart	243787
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Men's Fellowship	Mr Alex Blackford	502821
Monday Evening Fellowship	Mrs Doreen Norris	830048
Christian Aid	Mr & Mrs Alec Ralph	700743
Reform Magazine	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
Ark Parents & Toddlers Club	Mrs Val Gill	267655
Kestro Stroke Club	Miss Margaret Briggs	245034
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	Mrs Florrie Freeman	248014
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Junior Church Secretary	Mrs Wilma Smith	821843
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Mission Secretary	Mr Sidney Hider	243832
Social Secretary	Mrs Sheila Gooderham	506452
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The Bible Society	Rev Ron Christopher	230330
Beano Club	Mr Ken Arkinstall	263157
Choir Secretary	Mr Michael Ebeling	240448



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APRIL 1994

Dear Friends,

Easter is the time in the church for our joy to shine through. Good Friday with its solemnity and its remembrance of how Jesus died for each one of us in the great act of love which God has for individuals and the world gives way to the empty tomb of Easter Day and the Resurrection.

This joy is one which Christians can find hard to explain to others and yet is a joy which does not need an explanation, but should simply be seen by the whole world. The people of Jerusalem must have wondered about the disciples who made the first claim that Jesus had risen, for they would see the change in their lives from the sadness of watching the crucifixion, to their obvious joy in what they now claimed. To we who live in 1994, it is perhaps more difficult to show the despair the disciples must have felt on Good Friday (for we know what is to come), but the joy of the Resurrection is as new and exciting each year to those who believe. We do not always make people wonder in the same way now as did the early disciples, and this seems to me a very sad thing.

Easter is about turning death into life. It is about the victory of our Lord. It is a victory we all share in, and a victory we must proclaim to others. The age in which we find ourselves sees people looking at Easter as the beginning of spring with winter past. People see the new life of Easter in the blossom coming to the trees and the bulbs coming up in the garden. The joy and hope is that winter has passed and summer waits around the corner - the dead months in nature are giving way to the months of living things. When the followers of Jesus began to spread their Gospel, their Good News of Life, they came across people who thought in just this way, and they used these ideas to bring understanding of the importance of the Resurrection and the dawning of new hope. Of course, people wondered at what they said; they probably thought it strange to talk of a man dying that life should come. Yet the Gospel spread because it was true.

The Gospel also spread because people believed it was worth sharing, and indeed felt God had called them to share. This year too many people will give no thought to Jesus at Easter; too many will look to false gods to bring them joy at this time. So I believe we stand, as did those first disciples, surrounded by people who will laugh at what we are proclaiming, who will scoff at us for our faith, and just as those early disciples, we must rise to their challenge and show the truth in what we are saying. We must begin, perhaps, not with pious words which make us feel that we are superior to others, but simply by showing the joy that Easter Day brings to our lives. We must show the whole world on this great day that death has turned into life and darkness has given way to light in all that we do. Joy is not always an easy thing to show, but if we let God lift our hearts this Eastertide, the whole world will see and wonder at our joy in Jesus' victory.

Please continue to pray for us that we may live life in the full Resurrection joy.

Yours in Christ,

Peter & Eileen Heckels



### Southern Province Synod - 12 March 1994.

The Spring Synod was held this year at Walthamstow Hall URC School in Sevenoaks. Opening Worship was led by Revd A Wharton, Minister of St. John's Hill URC, Sevenoaks. Bible Study was led by Revd J. Loveitt, Minister of Dulwich Christ Church and Herne Hill, and based on Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 and 2 Corinthians 4: 1-9.

It would be impossible to include in this report all the matters dealt with, so for those requiring further information Synod papers will be available in the Vestibule. The following were included in the Notices.

1. The organisers of the Women's World Day of Prayer would be grateful for feedback from individuals and from churches.
2. A residential seminar 'Managing Conflict in Churches' is to be held 10-12 May '94.
3. The Bicentary Celebrations of the Council for World Mission will be on 12-14 July '95.
4. The Christian Aid booklet, 'Aid for Change' was recommended to Church members.
5. Revd. Frank Cochrane related a number of initiatives undertaken at Brighthelme. 'Expanding into the Community', through which 100-120 homeless in Brighton have been fed each day. Counselling for those addicted to gambling. Development of the individual through the Prince of Wales Trust. £2000-£4000 is needed to fund these projects.

Following the 'Story from Sussex', related at the October Synod, we had a 'Story from Medway' in the form of a new version of Snow White. in which an analogy was drawn between the growth impaired individuals and seven churches. Grumpy was the church asked to give £24000 to District, Happy was the one prepared to go its own way, Bashful loved the Lord but lacked confidence to tell others and Sleepy were the others. In these circumstances the 'happy-ever-after' scenario is a most unlikely ending. The District Council (Snow White) has frozen all ministerial appointments, shared concerns with the Ministers involved and 'Trio' was presented in all the churches. Three elements for future action resulted.

1. An end to the view that Ministers are 'owned' by one church. Ministers must be seen to be appointed to the whole District.
2. Every church should have a recognised leader, not necessarily an Ordained Minister, but having access to an Ordained Minister.
3. Churches should be encouraged to work together to consider arrangements different from those already in existence.

Away from Medway, churches were challenged to consider how they should plan and when; many District Councils may be forced to say things to churches that they do not want to hear.

Revd John Titlow was received by the Moderator as the Convenor of the Pastoral Care Committee for the Medway Churches.

The afternoon session was mainly devoted to a cross-committee group presentation of resources with the title 'Developing the Faith'. The presentations were, in fact, a pot-pourri of the work of the departments of Church and Society, World Church and Mission, Youth and Children's Work, Finance (Advocacy and TRIO) and Communicating the Faith through Music i.e. ways in which music can enhance preparation for and during Worship.

The cross-committee group presentation was a noble effort by all those leading it but they were required to make these presentations in too little time, 12 minutes each and generally with insufficient space, were severely handicapped, particularly the man endeavouring to explain the successes churches had through TRIO against a background of music and singing in the Hall in which both were located.

Synod closed with Worship led by the Moderator, Revd David Helyar.

Eric Bond.

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## CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1994

1 FRI	Good Friday Service 10.30 am	
3 SUN	Easter Sunday	
	8 am Holy Communion	
	11 am Service with Holy Communion	
	6.30 pm Mrs Elsie Flack	
	Rev Peter Heckels	
7 THU	Ark Parents & Toddlers Club, 10.00 am Church Hall	
	Praise & Prayer Meeting 2.30 pm Church	
9 SAT	Boys' Brigade Bring & Buy Coffee Morning 10 am	
	Torch Fellowship, St. Columba's URC 2.30 pm	
10 SUN	8 am Holy Communion	
	11 am Service	
	6.30 pm Evening Service, Mr Charlie Ward	
	Rev Peter Heckels	
11 MON	Monday Evening Fellowship, 8 pm Cornwall Room	
12 TUE	HOLIDAY CLUB 10-11.45 am, Church Hall	
	Durrington High School Prayer Group 2-2.45 pm	
	Little Chapel	
	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship 2.45pm Church Halls	
13 WED	HOLIDAY CLUB 10-11.45 am	
14 THU	HOLIDAY CLUB 10-11.45 am	
	Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 am	
15 FRI	HOLIDAY CLUB 10-11.45 am	
	District Council Meeting, Lewes Rd. Brighton	
16 SAT	HOLIDAY CLUB FUN TIME 3-5 pm	
	Torch Fellowship, Jubilee Hall, Durrington 2.30 pm	
17 SUN	8 am Holy Communion	
	11 am Family Service	
	6.30 pm Holy Communion with Healing Service	
	Mrs Bobby Hitchin	
	Rev Peter Heckels	
19 TUE	Sixth Form College Prayer Group in Church 7.30-8.30 pm	
21 THU	Ark Parents & Toddlers Club 10.00 am, Church Hall	
	Praise & Prayer Meeting 2.30 pm, Little Chapel	
	Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm	
23 SAT	Girls' Brigade Jumble Sale, Church Hall 2 pm	
24 SUN	Radio Sunday, FEBA. Pray for Central Asian Countries	
	8 am Holy Communion	
	11 am Service	
	6.30 pm Service, Rev Peter Heckels	
25 MON	District Ladies' day GURC 10 am-2.30 pm	
	Monday Evening Fellowship Guided Tour (see sep. item)	
26 TUE	Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship AGMs 2.45 pm	
27 WED	Action for Dysphasic Adults, Church Halls, 2.15 pm	
28 THU	Ark Parents & Toddlers Club, Church Hall 10 am	
	Church Meeting, 7.30 pm	
May 1		
SUN	8 am Holy Communion	
	11 am Service	
	6.30 pm Service. Mr Jonathan Wetherall	
	Rev Peter Heckels	

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## ORGANISING THE CHURCH FOR GROWTH AND MISSION

### 1) INTRODUCTION

At the time when I was called to be minister there was interest in how I saw the church being organised in terms of its committee structure and its effective response to growth. I submit these thoughts for discussion in order that we may be organised for growth and mission, in order that we may set in place a structure that will not only meet our present needs but also will enable us to grow numerically and in terms of our commitments without overtaxing our structure, indeed perhaps such a structure may enable and encourage growth. This is in no way a criticism of the structures that are in place but is an attempt to build on what we have, and indeed to draw on what may have been in place before, in order that we may move forward.

### 2) EVERY MEMBER MINISTRY

Underlying this structure is the belief that we, the whole body of the church, share together in ministry. It was D.L. Moody who said, "I would rather put ten men to work than do the work of ten men." We also need to recognise that God's Spiritual gifts are given to His body, the church, and that corporately we will have all the gifts we need to engage in the Lord's work even though one individual may not have all the gifts. We need to recognise the gifts in others and enable them to use their gifts, rejoicing in what God is doing rather than giving in to jealousy or resentment that our gifts lie in other areas. We also need to learn how to trust one another so that we honour the gifts they have and do not seek to have all decisions pass through our hands

Every member ministry does make great demands on a church but is a concept which I believe is God's way of structuring His people. (Acts6:1-7)

### 3) APPOINTMENTS BY CHURCH MEETING

The church meeting would appoint the officers of the church, the elders and people to serve on five church committees. (Pastoral, Finance, Fabric, Family, and Outreach and Evangelism committees.)

The elders would be chosen according to their gifts, some to serve as pastors, others as administrators and would be nominated for specific roles. Those with pastoral gifts would share in the responsibilities of caring for the fellowship, while those with administrative skills would work through the church committees along with the representatives appointed by church meeting.

*Because this is an important matter for the church, the postponement of elders elections in 1994 will allow the necessary time for discussion by all interested members.*



### 5TH WORTHING GIRLS' BRIGADE

It is very nice to have our Captain, Margaret Craghill, back again. Although she is still in a lot of pain at times, she is a lot better.

This Session is nearly over now, all Sections having been very busy. The Explorers have been working hard for a Spiritual point for their badge. For this they have learnt a 'thank you' prayer or made a joint collage showing things they should say thank you for. They also learnt a 'sorry' prayer and illustrated it in their own way, wrote a prayer in their own words and learnt a grace.

At the moment they are making Easter cross cards for their Love and Care Point.

The Seniors and Brigaders are also working for Love and Care. The Seniors are making Easter cards and Brigaders are making Easter crosses, made from dough.

Our next Session starts with a Jumble Sale on April 23rd. Please come and support us and if you have any jumble you would like us to collect, please let us know.

We would like to welcome Sandra who has come to lend a hand on Tuesdays. In the words of our Explorer Welcome Song "We welcome you and hope you've come to stay"

*Valerie Hayden (Auxiliary Helper)*

### THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The Boys' Brigade is 111 years' old this year and so we must think of something to link up with that age. For a start, how about helping us to raise £111 at our Coffee Morning on Saturday, 9th April at 10 am? We will be having the usual stalls - Bring and Buy, Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Books, etc. etc. Please do come along and give us your support. Items for the stalls will be greatly appreciated. There will be a Jumble Sale later on in the year, but if you have any items you wish to dispose of now, we can collect at your pleasure. Thank you for your support.

*Donald Stewart*

### 5th WORTHING ANCHOR BOYS

We have had a busy term since Christmas. As we finished the winter term in December all the boys entered a Battalion Christmas Card Colouring Competition. From our own section, cards coloured by JONATHAN ARKINSTALL (7) and BEN ARNOLD (6) were judged to be entered against other Companies in the Brighton region. Although we did not win we were awarded a Certificate.

Our first meeting in January was based on a snowy theme and God very aptly supplied us with a light snowfall a few days before the meeting, so at least the younger ones who may not have seen or remembered snow, had a fresh knowledge of it.

We progressed through the term enjoying making, tossing and eating pancakes and, as a focus on spring, we decorated pots of twigs with tissue paper "blossom". Other meetings focused on families (an approach to Mothering Sunday), pet care, favourite toys, and we will end the term on an Easter theme

At the beginning of March, Anchor Sections across the District were invited to take part in a games and picnic afternoon held at Bury Drive Methodist Church. Nine Companies took part and the games were run as a competition with points awarded for each completed skill.

The result: 3rd place - 2nd East Grinstead - 191 points  
 2nd place - 5th Worthing - 192 points  
 1st place - 22nd Brighton - 193 points

A close finish! Congratulations to JONATHAN ARKINSTALL, CRAIG BAKER, DEAN REYNOLDS, JACK RICHARDS and CRAIG SIBLEY for taking part and doing so well.

*Jenny Compton*



### MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We begin our summer session on Monday, 11th April when our Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels will be coming to talk to us. Anyone who cares to will be more than welcome to join us on that evening. Do come!

On Monday, 25th April, we are having a guided tour of Highdown Gardens, so we will pray for a fine evening. If you would like to join us for that, call me on 830048 for further details.

*Doreen Norris*

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 12th Mrs. Ewing will tell us about her overseas trip dealing with the wild life in the Blue Mountains of Australia.

APRIL 26th AGM

Mr. D. Park gave us an interesting slide show of British birds and butterflies. Mr. J.E.O. Hobbs continued his story of the Worthing Postal Service.

We have booked a programme of interesting meetings for the Autumn Session starting off with a talk by our Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels, on Tuesday, September 6th at 2.45 pm.

We wish all our members and friends a happy and peaceful Easter.

Our motto - Be friendly.

*Alex Blackford*

### VALENTINE FAYRE

The Valentine Fayre held at St Paul's on Saturday, 12 February 1994 in aid of Worthing Churches Homeless Project raised £841.20, with donations - £991.20. I would like to thank all those who so generously donated to our stall. Our stall looked very attractive and we sold most of the gifts on offer. Thank you again.

*Bobby Hitchin, Outreach & Evangelism Committee*

### RAMBLE - SATURDAY, MAY 7th AT 2.30 pm

This year the ramble will be to, round and over Cissbury Ring, parking at Findon. We think about 3½ to 4 miles. At the time of publication we have not been able to do the walk ourselves, so please look for details in Welcome or telephone me on the morning of May 7th for parking details, etc.

*Sheila Gooderham W.506452*

### CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Jill of "Jilly's", one of our advertisers, on her forthcoming marriage on 21st April. We wish her and her fiancé a very happy day and God's continual blessing on their life together.

*Sheila Gooderham*

### PRAYER CALENDAR

For those who have missed the monthly Prayer Calendar in the Chronicle, a full copy for the month can be obtained from Michael Ebeling or your District Elder.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**



## SEWING GROUP

Do you have an hour or two?

We have started a sewing group to make Banners for the Church. We are working on an Easter one and hope to finish one for Pentecost.

We meet at 1.30 pm on a Monday in the East Hall. If you feel you would like to join us or have any oddments of fabric you have no use for, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

*Caroline Hibbs & Joy Williams*

## THANKS

May I through the medium of The Chronicle express to the Minister and Elders my sincere appreciation of the most generous present made to me last Sunday. It is now some 20 years since Robin Parker introduced me to Goring URC and unfortunately it is now time for me to withdraw from the organists' rota. I am also grateful for the privilege of occasionally returning to the organ to dream of what used to be.

*Bob Edwards*

I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, visits and prayerful support during my stay in hospital. I appreciated it very much.

*Margaret Craghill*

I wish to give thanks to everyone who has shown me so much love and support, and also for the many cards and letters of sympathy on the death of my beloved wife, Betty. I must also thank the Rev Stuart Kersley, Rector of St. Julian's Church, Kingston Buci (where I now play the organ), and to the Rev Bob Aiton, Vicar of Durrington, who gave the address, and to all who helped to make such a beautiful service in Durrington Parish Church. Thank you all so much for the kindnesses that everyone has shown me.

*"Haff" (N. Haffenden)*

## VIDEOS

I have on loan two new videos from "Eurovangelism". The first, "Action for Albania", shows the Continent's poorest nation emerging from decades of self-imposed isolation. Horrifying scenes emerged in an economic situation far worse than that of any former Soviet bloc nation. Factories not functioning for lack of raw materials; schools without books or supplies; hospitals without medicines; infant deaths five times the European average.

Spiritual poverty resulted from the closure of all Churches, Mosques and Synagogues, with total suppression of all religious expression.

Albania's sad situation is the backdrop for this documentary of hope and encouragement, showing how a little help can go a long way. (This video is not for sale). Running time 27 minutes.

The second video is "Children Amid Chaos". As East Europeans struggle to recover from the appalling legacy of a failed ideology, children are caught in the crossfire of conflicting "solutions". This video shows what Christians in the West are doing to alleviate suffering, with food, medical supplies and relief goods for innocent young victims of war. The spiritual vacuum created by long suppression of religious expression calls for the compassionate action Christians are uniquely equipped to provide.

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Most moving is the story of a popular television presenter's conversion from Communism to Christianity, and graphic portrayal of her professional skills now being used to communicate the Good News of the Gospel into millions of Russian homes.

"Children Amid Chaos" provides encouraging and heart-warming confirmation of what can happen when Christians are moved with compassion to do something about it. (Running time 20 minutes).

A further video "Journey of a Lifetime", featuring the Holy Land, will be sent to me after it is premiered this month.

Please let me know promptly if you would like to borrow any of these videos.

*Phyllis Wheeler*

SPONSORSHIP OF THE NEW TESTAMENT  
BY PHYLLIS WHEELER

Phyllis Wheeler is writing out the New Testament by hand. If you would like to sponsor her to raise money for Bibles let Roy Gooderham know.

The New Testament contains 260 chapters and sponsorship would mean paying a certain sum for each chapter. Children, students, the unemployed and others with little money could contribute 1 penny per chapter; some others could afford much more. Individuals, families and groups could participate.

CHAPTERS IN THE GOOD NEWS BIBLE

BOOK	CH	BOOK	CH
1. Matthew	28	15. 1 Timothy	6
2.. Mark	16	16. 2 Timothy	4
3 Luke	24	17. Titus	3
4. John	21	18. Philemon	1
5. Acts	28	19. Hebrews	13
6. Romans	16	20. James	5
7. 1 Corinthians	16	21. 1 Peter	5
8. 2 Corinthians	13	22. 2 Peter	3
9. Galatians	6	23. 1 John	5
10. Ephesians	6	24. 2 John	1
11. Philippians	4	25. 3 John	1
12. Colossians	4	26. Jude	1
13. 1 Thessalonians	5	27. Revelation	22
14. 2 Thessalonians	3		

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## THANKS

My heartfelt thanks go out to all the dear friends who so very kindly helped me at the time of my accident. (I was certainly in the right place at the right time!!)

Thanks also to all those who visited, brought gifts, sent cards, telephoned and offered up prayers on my behalf.

I am especially grateful to Matthew and Irene - both of whom did so much.

Love and blessings to you all.

Doreen Norris

We would like you to know how very much we appreciated the cards, flowers and good wishes expressed during John's recent time in Hospital. We both feel surrounded with love and uplifted by the prayers of so many friends. Thank you very much,..... Elsie & John (Flack)

HOLY COMMUNION.

TO ALL THOSE WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SIT THROUGH OUR USUAL SUNDAY SERVICES

You are warmly invited to share in a shortened Service of Holy Communion in our Church on Sunday May 8th. 1994 at 3.00 p.m.

The church will be warm and there will be a number of comfortable chairs available. Following the service tea will be served in the Hall. Transport will be provided if necessary.

Please let your visiting Elder or Eileen Rhodes know if you would like to come.

Eileen Rhodes.

Tel: Worthing

248263

## ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

A very happy afternoon was had by all when ADA (Worthing Group) met on February 23rd for their first Annual General Meeting and Anniversary Party. We welcomed the Mayor, Cllr Peter Bennett, who presented the Group with a cheque for £1,500 - being a Civic Grant given to help towards the cost of transporting members to the meetings.

Our Patron, Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, also joined us for the occasion and was delighted to use his beautiful ceremonial sword to cut the very special birthday cake.

*Doreen Norris*



# RUTH's CHAT

## (from the FIELD)

### Life in Cameroon

**AS** I sit writing to you, the birds and insects are busy making their music outside my window in the African night. Sometimes a frog comes out and hops along the path, replacing the brightly coloured lizards that bask in the sun during the day. Grasshoppers, beetles, butterflies, praying mantises, centipedes, cockroaches - insect-hunting is one of the favourite pastimes of the children on this Africa Orientation Course (AOC).

We spend time in the classroom, learning about tropical diseases and cultural adaptation, but we also get "hands on" experience of preparing menus, going to the market to buy food for everyone, tasting porcupine, palm-rat and monkey meat, helping run a Bible club for children, practising greetings in the local language, etc.

In January we spent 4 days camping at the coast, which involved digging latrines; making showers with a bucket, palm branches and bamboo; cooking over open fires, etc.

### Congo News

**Two** families here at AOC, as well as Andrea and myself, hope to travel to Brazzaville at the end of March to start our work there, but the situation in the capital is quite unstable at the moment. We are very sad to hear of ethnic tensions, and looting and shooting around Brazzaville. The devaluation of the currency (same currency as in Cameroon) means that both economically and politically, things are very difficult.

We do not know right now how God will be exalted in Congo, but we are praying that He will bring good out of the situation. He is also the God of miracles and can bring about reconciliation and stability. We can only place the country in His hands.

At this stage we do not know whether we will be able to leave for Congo in March. It is possible that we will be advised to stay in Cameroon until things become more stable. The decision will have to be made by the Wycliffe Director in Congo. He really needs wisdom from God to make a good decision.



**Finally,** a BIG THANK-YOU to all of you who have written to me! I am no longer able to write personal notes on my newsletters, since a friend in England is photocopying them and mailing them out for me. However, I have appreciated your news and your prayers.

Being here IS a challenge. Although I have visited Africa twice before, this time it feels different, since I am here for much longer, and I need to make it "home", rather than being just a visitor. It will of course take time to make the adjustment.

"The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." May you know the presence of the Almighty God with you!

With love,

*Ruth*



TEXT OF A LETTER RECEIVED FROM GHANA ON 2nd FEBRUARY 1994

(No attempt has been made to alter the spelling or grammar because this would have spoiled the 'flavour' of the letter).

Dear Mr. Hidder,

We hope by the grace of almighty God everything is going on well with you. We are happy to inform you that everybody is fine and everything is going on well with us and hope the same to you over there too. May the God almighty richly bless all our effort to uplift the work to win more for God.

I wish to apologise for keeping long in writing, though we have received all your letters. This delay is due to the fact that I'm no more at the village. I have resign from Education Service and have taken up a new appointment at Accra. This came about when my employers wanted to take me from Foso to head a school at another village. I resign mainly because I can't in any way help the church at Nsuta considering the distance. More over at the time of Transfer we were preparing for the Annual Festival which was Hosted by Nsuta Church. We are happy to inform you that by the grace of God this Festival was successful. Members from others villages in the Foso District came in their numbers. We were able to accomodate and fed them without any problem. Just after the Festival came the 'X'mas and the new year. Despite my movement up and down I thanked God that all the activities organised during the Festival & the Xmas & new year was very successful.

It will interest you to note that a New Catechist has taken over from me from the beginning of this year. This means that the subsequent letters will be written by the new Catechist Mr. Thomas Friempong. I worked with him during my time and can confidently say that he is a man of God who can do more for the church. He comes from the village and work at our clinic.

We hope to see a pastor in our Church when our Mission is ready. We once again thank you very much for the money sent to us. The money is being use for the purpose ment for. Our aim is to make ready at least two rooms as soon as possible.

The members of the Church have agreed to spare two days in a week to work on the project. This means that labour cost has reduced. The enclosed pictures show a section of the church members on the work. It's unfortunate I was not around when the pictures was taken.

The year 1993 was a successful year for the Church. This was due to strong unity exhibited by the members. It's my prayer that such attitude will continue despite the change of leadership.

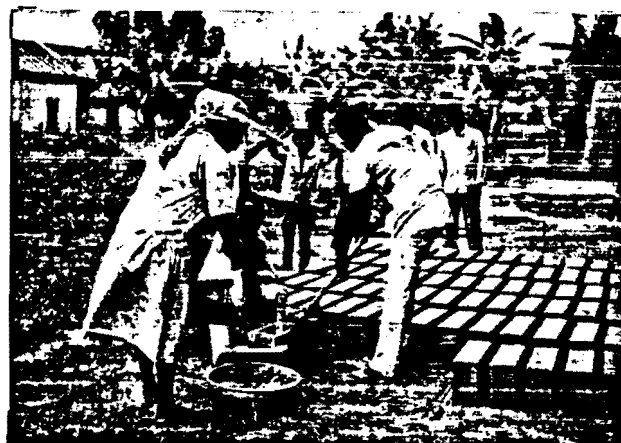
I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and financial help to the Church during my time. I may say your prayer and that that help contributed to my successful work done.

Thank you very much.

We end with Christian love in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We wish you a happy and successful new year.

Yours in Christ

Richard O. Asante

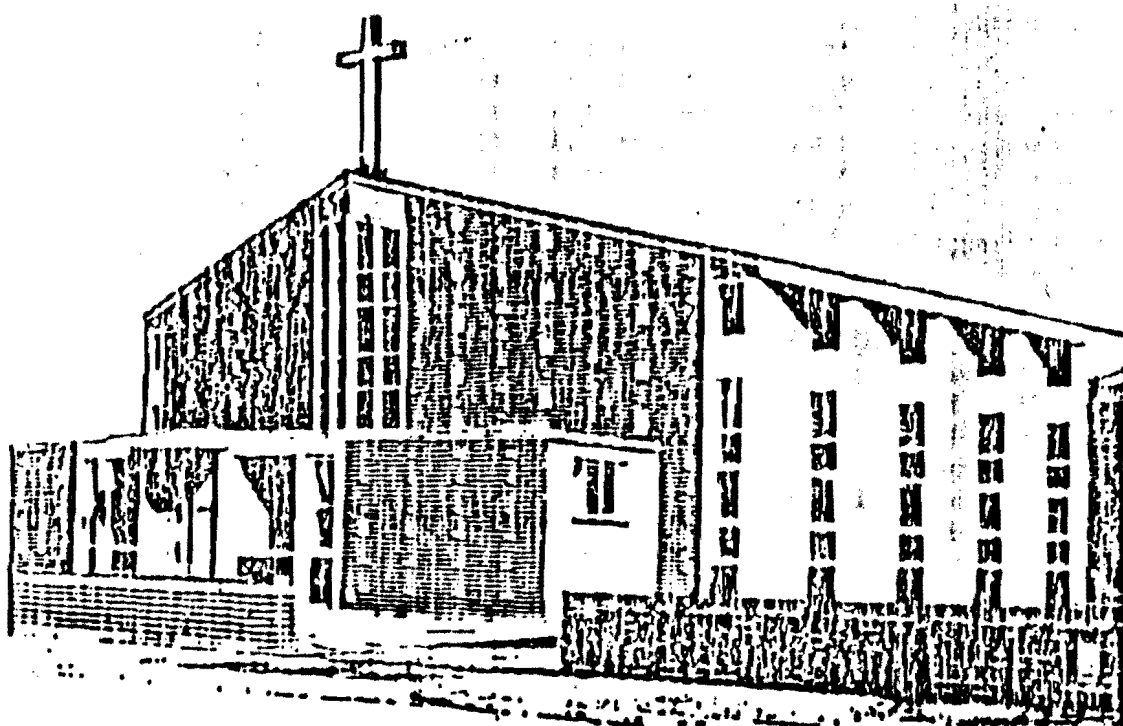




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**CHURCH SERVICES**

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

Minister: Rev. Peter Heckels. 17 Drummond Road. Tel. 248259

Secretary: Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley. 60 Princess Avenue. Tel. 690996

Acting

Pastoral Secretary: Mrs. Hilary Redman. 5 Salvington Hill. Tel. 260568

Treasurer: Mr. Roy Gooderham. 15 Harvey Road. Tel. 506452

**ELDERS VISITATION AREAS:**

1) Aldsworth	Mr. B. and Mrs. J. Bond	244157	9) Terringes	Mr. G. Dearsley	690996
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3) Parklands	Mrs. S. Gooderham	506452	11) Lakeland	Mrs. H. Redman	260568
4) Wallace	Mrs. E. Rhodes	248263	12) Durrington	Mr. K. Merritt	262609
5) Heene	Mr. G. Dean	240376	13) Salvington	Mrs. I. Tuley	265319
6) Trent	Mrs. R. Hitchin	249580	14) Findon	Mr. M. Smith	821843
7) Marlborough	Mrs. R. Bradley	240908	15) Ferring	Mr. C. and Mrs. P. Taylor	246523
8) Melrose	Mrs. C. Hunt	265047			

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:**

Boys' Brigade	Mr. Don Stewart	243787
Girls' Brigade	Mrs. Margaret Craghill	873806
Women's Guild	Miss Audrey Gerlach	501153
Men's Fellowship	Mr. Alex Blackford	502821
Monday Evening Fellowship	Mrs. Doreen Norris	830048
Christian Aid		
Reform Magazine	Mrs. Sheila Gooderham	506452
Ark Parent & Toddler Club	Mrs. Val Gill	267655
Kestro Stroke Club	Miss Margaret Briggs	245034
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	Mrs. Florrie Freeman	248014
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Mission Secretary	Mr. Sidney Hider	243832
Social Secretary	Mrs. Sheila Gooderham	506452
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The Bible Society	Rev. Ron Christopher	230330
Beano Club	Mr. Ken Arkinstall	263157
Choir Secretary	Mr. Michael Ebeling	240448



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Dear Friends,

With the joy of Easter just behind us, I find myself looking towards Pentecost, for the Risen Jesus must now Ascend to take His place with His Heavenly Father; and yet, through the power given by the Holy Spirit, His presence remains with us. Pentecost is a day of joy and celebration as God once again pours out His power to His people. It is a day of new beginnings in our relationships with our Heavenly Father.

Some see Pentecost as the 'birthday' of the church, the day when the followers of Jesus became the beginnings of the church as the Spirit touched their lives. It is interesting that the Acts of the Apostles records the first actions of this new 'church' to be their attempt to share with others what had happened. Those who would contain the church to an hour on Sunday should take note. The new 'church' saw a spiritual desert which they aimed to fill with the Good News of Jesus. We too can look out on desert conditions.

The day of Pentecost saw the Apostles gathering a crowd because people were curious to see what was happening. They were greeted with confusion and derision, but by the end of the day about three thousand had been added to their number. There will be many in the church today who want to tell you that this was an event of long ago and that it doesn't happen now. Well, gladly it does happen today even if it's not our experience. Equally there will be those who will say that such a harvest must have produced many nominal converts who soon lost their way, and that we shouldn't set too much store by numbers anyway. Well, Jesus Himself knew the dangers as God's word was spread – read the parable of the sower (Luke chapter 8 vv 5-8) and its explanation (vv 11-15); and why disregard numbers? Surely God wants to draw people to His love. What rejoicing there must have been among the Apostles and what joy that God had so blessed their work with such a rich harvest.

People have always needed to hear that they are loved. There is always a need to show God's love to those who haven't been able to hear before. Pentecost provides us with just such a reminder. Once again let us remember that the church is an organisation that looks out. The day we stop doing that we will no longer be the church. The whole nature of our call is to bring the Good News to those who have not heard, to share what God has done through Jesus with all those we know. After all it was Jesus who said "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere." The Apostles took that task seriously as God equipped them at Pentecost.

Today Jesus commissions us to continue this task of sharing with those whom we meet. So let us look at our opportunities: for some there are our families or neighbours (literally the people next door); for some there are the people we meet at work; and for others there are those we meet in our leisure pursuits, be it at night class or sporting activity, or just when we go out for a meal or a drink. There is not one of us who does not know somebody outside the church and they are the crowd we should gather. Will three thousand come? Perhaps not, but why not? God will put His hand on what we do if we are willing to be led by Him, and who can say what God's power can achieve? Pentecost is a time of new relationships with God, with our neighbours and, of course, with one another.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's purpose in our lives, since the events of Pentecost did not end when everyone went to bed – you need to read on!

Your servants in Christ,

*Peter and Eileen Heckels*



SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT LEWES ROAD URC BRIGHTON 14.4.94

Opening devotions led by the Minister, Rev George McCleave centred on our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Rev David Helyar and Rev Raymond Singh were welcomed. Prayers were said for the Churches of Pulborough, Petworth and Billingshurst, for Rev John Flack recovering from an operation, Rev Brian & Jenny Sturtridge resuming light duties and Wendy Walker (Youth & Children's work Trainer) awaiting a kidney transplant, also for our Moderator and the Moderator of General Assembly. The President asked us to pray for the elections in South Africa on 27 April. On Saturday 24 September the county forum for "Churches Together" meets at Brighthelm.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS for at least one year.

Pastoral Care Committee Convenor - Rev Graeme Allan and PCC Secretary Rev Frank Cochrane. District Youth Secretary - Mrs Darryl Sinclair. A District Treasurer is still required.

SOUTH LONDON INDUSTRIAL MISSION - Rev Raymond Singh.

There are now 200 lay and ordained missionaries in this country who seek to encourage the faith of Christians in their workplace, and share that the Word of God is alive and relevant to our world today.

PASTORAL REPORT

Clermont - Rev George Musgrave is appointed for a further year to March 1995.

Sompting - Brian Dyer allowed to conduct Communion Services for 1 year.

Rev Patrice Sessions appointed Interim Moderator for 1 year from April 1994.

East Wittering - Jim Bailey is allowed to conduct Communion for 1 year.

Rustington - All welcome to attend opening of new entrance on 4 June at 10.30.

Bognor & Pagham - Elders of both Churches are meeting together and will share a joint Elders Training day in November with Rev Kate Compston.

Brighthelm - New projects 1) "Halo" caters for Homeless and Alone youngsters, 2) Counselling project for young gambling addicts in Brighton, 3) Prince of Wales Trust project working with Sussex Youth Clubs to develop personal development skills of young employed and unemployed.

PROPERTY REPORT

Lewes Road - Application approved to sell existing site and move to Preston Barracks site. Prayers are asked for as the financial cost will be great.

Littlehampton - Approval of grant/loan of £12,000 for necessary rewiring.

Portslade - Approval of £6,000 grant/loan to integrate new premises with existing Church.

Sompting - Application approved to lease the manse during inter-regnum.

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEE

There will be one big District event each year - which will be a part weekend camp at Goring URC on Saturday & Sunday 22 & 23 October 1994.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

An encouraging meeting of all Church Treasurers.

CHURCHES AND MISSION REPORTS

Rev Peter Southcombe inducted part-time Minister and part-time Provincial Evangelism Enabler. Goring's Holiday Club - "Jesus in Me" - has over 80 children attending. Kaleidoscope Children's Training Day at Shelley Road on 17 September - names wishing to attend to Rev Sessions by 1 May. Women's District Day at Goring on Monday 25 April "Exploring Prayer". Urban Churches Support Group Conference on 10-12 May "Managing Conflict in the Church".

BANNER MAKING

Each Church to contribute a panel to make a large District Banner for display at General Assembly at Eastbourne in 1995.

ALL CHURCHES are asked to respond to West Sussex County Councils proposals for change in area and name of West Sussex, by 29 April.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 9 June at Sompting.

The meeting ended with The Grace.

Irene Tuley



## CALENDAR FOR MAY 1994.

- 1 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Service Mr. John Wetherell/Rev. Peter Heckels
- 2 Mon Bank Holiday.
- 5 Thu Ark Parent & Toddler Club. Church Hall 10.00am  
Praise & Prayer Meeting 2.30 pm in Church
- 7 Sat Church Ramble round and over Cissbury Ring 2.30 pm  
Torch Fellowship Mtg. St. Columba's URC. 2.30pm
- 8 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Church Parades  
3 pm Service of Holy Communion in Church  
6.30 pm Service Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tuley/Rev. Peter Heckels
- 9 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room. 8 pm
- 10 Tue Durrington High School Prayer Meeting. Little Chapel 2-2.45pm
- 12 Thu Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 am  
Ark Parent & Toddler Club. Church Hall 10.00 am  
Ascension Day. 7.30 pm Evening Workshop. 'Welcoming People'
- 15 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Divine Service  
6.30 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion  
Mr. Paul Archer/Rev. Peter Heckels
- 16 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
Christian Aid Week to 21st May
- 19 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club. Church Hall. 10.00 am  
Praise & Prayer Meeting 2.30 pm in Church  
Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm
- 21 Sat Torch Fellowship Mtg. Jubilee Hall. Durrington. 2.30 pm
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- 22 Sun Pentecost. 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Divine Service  
6.30 pm Service. Mrs. Eileen Heckels/Rev Peter Heckels
- 23 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room. 8 pm
- 25 Wed Action for Dysphasic Adults. Church Halls. 2.15 pm
- 26 Thu Ark Parent & Toddler Club. Church Hall. 10.00 am  
Church Meeting 7.30 pm
- 
- 29 Sun Trinity Sunday 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Divine Service  
6.30 pm Service
- 30 Mon Bank Holiday
- June 25th 'MARCH FOR JESUS' World-wide. CARDIFF. EDINBURGH. LONDON.  
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THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT DO NOT STEAL.

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR IN THE CHRONICLE A FULL COPY FOR THE MONTH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR. MICHAEL EBELING OR YOUR DISTRICT ELDER.....

WHY NOT PATRONISE THE ADVERTISERS AT THE BACK OF THIS CHRONICLE?

SEWING CIRCLE

Do you have an hour or two to spare? We have started a sewing group to make banners for the Church. Did you see the one we'd done, in Church over Easter? (I did and I thought it was stupendous. Ed.) We are hoping to finish one for Pentecost.

We meet at 1.30 pm on Mondays in the East Hall, so if you feel you would like to join us or have oddments of fabric you have no use for, please let us know. We would love to hear from you. Caroline Hibbs and Joy Williams.

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### THE 'JESUS' VIDEO FILM.

A shortened version of this video film, based on the words of Luke's Gospel, is available for use in the home. It lasts for 77 minutes. It does not replace personal contact, but is intended for evangelism use to promote personal inter-action. The film ends with an invitation to accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord and to pray the 'believer's prayer'.

Christians could form groups, to invite and come with non-Christians, to a home or an already formed group, like an area fellowship, or discipleship group could use the film in the same way. The film is also a tool to enable Christians to find and help those seeking, or potentially seeking, a relationship with God.

Everyone who sees the film can, subsequently, be invited to a Discovery Jesus Bible Study or a similar follow-up. (Our Elders are considering this)

People of the Fellowship should be encouraging: but if you decide that you might need help in counselling those who make a decision please let me know.

So, be bold and support each other in this form of outreach by your friendship with non-Christians and come together as a group to pray and join in mission together.

If you are the representative of a group you have formed for this purpose, or of an existing group, willing to pray and act together, please contact me for availability of this video.

God Bless. Michael Donnelly.

PS. Of course, you need to have a video machine in the first place.

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### THE END OF 'LONDON ADVENTURE'

In September 1984 I left Goring U.R.C. and Worthing to become the Minister of 2 small south-London Churches, having completed my training in Manchester. After 8½ happy years in the multi-racial City I returned to Worthing and semi-retirement in April 1993, but my 'London Adventure' was not quite over for, on March 26th 1994, I returned to Streatham for a very happy occasion. The Dedication of the new BRIXTON HILL U.R.C.

In November 1991 that Church, with very few active members, had to decide whether to close down or re-build. They decided to re-build, but could not afford more than half a Church - part of the new building envisaged - because finance would not permit putting up the whole building until land was sold.

Stage 1 of the building was erected and dedicated in February 1993, from which time it was used for worship. With the help of a Provincial Loan Stage 2 has now been added - a sanctuary leading off the original hall and having a stained glass window, given in memory of a former Member. Our Provincial Moderator, Rev. David Helyar, dedicated the new Church on March 26th and we all gave thanks to God that a vision had become a reality.

Many Members and Friends of Goring U.R.C. have taken an interest in, and given support to, my Ministry in London. I am pleased to be able to share with them the final chapter of the saga, and wish to thank them for their prayerful encouragement and practical help.

The two London Churches now have a new Minister, Rev. Robert White, who has come from America with his wife, Allyson. As these two Churches begin a new chapter in their history let us pray that they will continue to be blessed by God, and go from 'strength to strength' in their life and witness.

(Rev.) Beryl A. Chatfield.

Half-time Minister at Durrington Community Centre Church.

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## SPRINGTIME

"Rough winds do spoil the darling buds of May"  
so wrote dear William sadly, in his day;  
but now no gusty winds or driving rain  
have killed the blossom or washed out the grain.

For bounteous nature with her lavish hand  
has scattered colours bright throughout the land.  
Across the fields the growing crops are seen.  
The forest trees show many shades of green.

At first forsythia was a golden glow,  
while spiky blackthorn gleamed in each hedgerow.  
Magnificent the chestnut candles shine  
above the hawthorn red and white most fine.

And now the glorious lilacs scent the air  
and gold laburnum tassels dangle fair.  
While we appreciate such loveliness  
we worship Father God in lowliness.

D. E. BULSTRODE.

MAY 1976.

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THURSDAY MAY 12th 7.30 pm "WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH".

At the day conference on Church Growth the comment was made 'I hope we don't just leave it here'. Well, we are having an evening on 'WELCOMING' as part of our ongoing programme. We all know of Churches where we have been made welcome and, probably, to even more where we were not. How do we do our job here? The responsibility falls on each one of us at every Service, not just those on the door. Perhaps you can remember the first time you came to the Church? How did you feel? Who made you feel welcome? These are the sort of issues we will look at, as well as thinking about those who come week by week.

Do come and share that we may all learn and grow together.

May 12th - it's a Thursday - at 7.30 p.m.

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## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We have enjoyed an interesting series of meetings for our Spring programme and thank all our members and friends for their support. We appreciated the help given by our Speakers, and now look forward to our Autumn programme which starts on Tuesday September 6th at 2.45 pm in the East Hall with a talk by our Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels.

We were pleased to see our member, Mr. Ron Pownall in Church at a recent Sunday morning Service and wish him better.

We have only one rule - Be friendly.

.....Alex Blackford.....

## JUNE 25th 1994.

At the 'March for Jesus' in Cardiff, Edinburgh and London, there will be the launch of 'Pray for Every Home' which will then be the major thrust of the March in 1995.

11,000,000 people are likely to participate in praise marches or prayer-walks on that day, internationally.

Further marches are planned for the years 1996, 1998, and 2000!!

At the 'Day to change the world' on June 25th there will be over 100,000 persons marching in Lima, Peru.

Why don't you make a note of the address for further details printed in our May calendar?

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## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

Our application on 24th February 1994 to install a set of 12" high non-illuminated letters on the east elevation of the Church has been approved by the Borough of Worthing on 28th March, for a period of five years.

QUINQUENNIAL SURVEY:- Following consultation with Mr. Colin Redman we have now instructed builders to carry out repairs to the concrete gutters and echelon walls. R.J.Surridge, Builders, will repair gutters for £486.00 (labour and scaffolding only). Commercial Protective Systems Ltd., of East Sussex will supply the Thortex Wall-Tech materials for £546, plus carriage. They have provided a detailed specification. Mr. Surridge will repair the cracks on the echelon wall based on the specification provided by Mr. Redman. Cost of repairs is £46.50. Only ONE of the echelon walls is to be repaired. The repair is to be left for a period of 12 months and if it proves successful then the other 7 echelon walls will be repaired.

The lowest estimate for hot water heaters in some cloakrooms was £904.75. The Committee felt the cost was too high and we will be undertaking the work ourselves.

The floor of the stage has a number of splinters. The cheapest way of solving this problem is to lay carpet. A member has given the carpet and a carpet fitter will trim and fix the carpet for £50.00 plus VAT.

Our list of priorities for 1994 budget is :-

1. Repair gutters and cracks.
2. Church members to redecorate the Sanctuary.
3. Replace stained glass windows.

Renewal of the Church heating system and carpeting the Sanctuary would be outside the scope of our budget.

The Committee is arranging for library and bookstall to be transferred to vestibule area at front of Church.

Colin Nodes.

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## FOR SALE.

AMSTRAD PCW8256 PRINTER with ribbon connector,  
for Personal Word Processor.

Purchased February 1994 for £100.00                      £95.00

Leslie Montford Flat 5, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Worthing

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## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

May 9 "Sussex Tokens" a talk to be given by Mr. R. KERRIDGE, the local historian and author. This is an open evening. 8 p.m.

May 23 Annual Supper. 8 p.m.

Our speaker for May 9th is Mr. Ron Kerridge, well known locally as a historian and author of books dealing with 'our' part of Sussex. He is to talk to us about 'Sussex Tokens'. I am sure that it will be most interesting and informative and we open our doors to anyone who would like to join us on that evening. You will be made VERY welcome.

Doreen Norris.

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## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Baptism 20th March 1994.

Alexander William Gordon NELSON.

Congratulations to Julian and Christine Brewer on the birth of a son  
JOSHUA DAVID on Tuesday 5th April 1994.

## HOLY COMMUNION.

For all those who find it difficult to sit through our usual Sunday  
SERVICES

You are warmly invited to share in a shortened Service of Holy Communion  
in our Church on Sunday May 8th at 3.00 pm.

The Church will be warm, and there will be a number of comfortable  
chairs available. Following the Service tea will be served in the Hall.

If necessary transport will be provided.

Please let your visiting Elder or Eileen Rhodes know if you would like  
to come. Worthing 248263.

## 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

CHURCH PARADE SUNDAY MAY 8th at 11 am.

As I write this we are in between terms, enjoying the Easter break and  
planning for the Summer term. By the time you read this we will have had our  
JUNBLE SALE, and taken part in our first District event of the year - THE  
ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH PARADE SERVICE - this year held in Horsham.

Our BRIGADE WEEK FUNDRAISING IDEA is a sponsored SUNFLOWER GROW and,  
before the Easter break, each girl went home armed with a healthy seedling,  
with instructions to nurture it into a winner!

The measuring date is in September and if you would like to SPONSOR one  
of the GIRLS it would greatly encourage them. An Officer or Helper would be  
pleased to help you choose someone to sponsor. The Funds raised from the  
Sunflower Grow will be divided between the Ferring Country Centre Riding for  
the Disabled, and GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Many of you will know that our CAPTAIN, MARGARET CRAGHILL, has been  
unwell and had to have a stay in hospital. She has decided (with gentle  
persuasion) to have a break for this term to try to rest and get her full  
health back. We will be remembering her in our prayers and would hope that you  
will, too.

We are grateful to have DENISE ELLIOTT's help this term during  
Margaret's absence.

The thank you letters we have received in response to our Easter Gifts  
have been wonderful. My postman has never been so busy, and the letters of  
encouragement have been uplifting and heartening in what we strive to do for  
these Girls.

Alison Baldwin. (Lieutenant)  
EXPLORER LEADER.

TO 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR ..... (OR A GIRL)

FOR THE SUNFLOWER GROW DUE TO BE MEASURED IN SEPTEMBER FOR.....

AN INCH..... A FOOT..... Signed.



## HOLIDAY CLUB

### RED GROUP

*We started our week by finding out about Jesus and learnt a poem to share with everyone on Sunday. Just as we can only see air when it is inside a balloon or blowing a windmill, so we can see Jesus by the way He changes our lives. We made windmills and planted cress seeds to remind us of Jesus. Wednesday we made and cooked bread rolls after which there seemed to be more flour on the floor than the tables! Next we heard the story of the boy with the five loaves and two fish and talked about the thoughts we put into our minds. We finished by playing a loaves and fishes team game. Thursday began with the leaders and helpers showing the children items that were valuable to them. This was followed by the story of ME, the lamb who got lost and was found by the shepherd, and how special we each are to Jesus. We finished the morning making books about ourselves.*

*On the last day we thought about Jesus' friends and what it means to be friends of Jesus. We then made a large collage to show how Jesus cares for each of us.*

### YELLOW GROUP

*We divided into four teams each led by a Gladiator, Warrior, Cobra, Hunter and Saracen. During the week points were awarded to each team by Jet. We looked at the life of JESUS, using a football quiz game. The first half- birth of Jesus, second half -His death and resurrection. During half time we looked at Jesus ministry and as a drama acted the story, Jesus heals a paralysed man. We also talked about how we know Jesus is alive. After prayer we ended by making a finger puppet. Wednesday we looked at what we put IN our minds and bodies, who do we trust? Our story was Jesus heals a roman officer's servant. We then made bottle gardens. Thursday we looked at ME, how precious we are to God, that He made each one of us different. We heard the story of the feeding of the 5,000. We then had great fun making plaster casts of our hands. Friday morning we watched a short drama followed by the story of Zacchaeus as we learnt what it means to have JESUS IN ME. We put our fingerprints on to the hand casts. The prizes for the best team went to Warrior!.*

### GREEN GROUP

*The green group consisted of 18 ten and eleven year olds plus leaders. We (which includes the leaders) enjoyed each morning—how could we not enjoy it when we were participating in such activities as making a gift box, a Jesus placard, a plaster of Paris hand (which was then painted using only red, yellow and green, the JIM colours –of course!), a clipboard and a bread roll each. We also wrote and performed a rap, and made a space station out of a blanket, a broom, a washing up bowl and other bits! But most importantly of all (in addition to many relationships which were started with the kids), were the short bursts of 'Christian input' where the children learnt; that the Bible was actually a true and reliable historical document which is still relevant to them today; that they were unique, (they studied their fingerprints to realise this) and special to God; and that they could in fact get to know Jesus personally, which was what the holiday club was all about J.I.M. JESUS IN ME.*



## YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds

Hayley ARCHER	Cardiff.	Biochemistry
Jane BICKMORE	Portsmouth.	Sociology.
Elizabeth BOND	Southampton.	Biology.
Victoria CARRINGTON	Aberystwyth.	French.
Kirsty CRAGHILL	Anglia. Cambridge.	Law & Sociology
Nicola CRAGHILL	City University London.	Nursing and Social Science
John GORDON	Northern College Manchester	Ministerial Training
Anna HUDNUT	Loughborough	Chemistry
Kerry McCARTHY	Cheltenham	Teacher Training and P. E.
Zoe RHODES	Bath	Religion and Sociology
Giles TEWKESBURY	Portsmouth	Electrical Engineering/ Robotics

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## THANKS.

I wish to express my thanks to Miss Vera Trew for typing so nicely my pages for April Chronicle. You will have seen her expertise in April Chronicle.

Thank you Vera.

Leslie Montford.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone very much for all your prayers, support, cards and letters of sympathy I received after the sad loss of my dear husband, George. Thank you all so very much for all the kindness everyone has shown me. Ivy Berry.

We wish to thank everyone who has sent cards, messages, flowers etc., and made enquiries as to Audrey's well-being. Her condition has not deteriorated - at present she cannot sustain a conversation - and we have been warned that full recovery may take a long time. Hospital tests are being undertaken to try to find the cause of the attack so that suitable treatment can be given. Meanwhile we are supported by the knowledge that we are in the thoughts and prayers of our friends.

Audrey and Sidney Hider.

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## RAMBLE - SATURDAY MAY 7th at 2.30 pm.

This year the ramble will be to, round, and over Cissbury Ring, parking at Findon. We think about 3½ to 4 miles. Look for details in Welcome or telephone Sheila Gooderham on Worthing 506452 on the morning of May 7th for parking details, etc.

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OPERATION MOBILISATION has many job vacancies at home and abroad, including the two ships, LOGOS and DOULOS which need professionals. Please see the detailed schedule in the Church porch.

Regarding Trainees Operation Mobilisation says: 'We want to help you to discover your gifts. Our land and ship-based teams will enable you to :-

Be trained in creative evangelism.

Dig into the depths of Scripture.

Grow in your personal walk with God.

Learn new skills and languages.

Be involved in refugee and relief ministries.

Rudi Schmitt and a number of the galley staff of DOULOS had an ingenious idea as we approached the Maldiv Islands. As evangelism of any kind is prohibited there, and no Christian literature is allowed in the country, why not 'float the Gospel' to the islanders? Bottles and jars with secure lids were found and pieces of literature put in them. At 2.30 a.m. on February 10th a hundred were thrown overboard. In 1986, off the coast of Albania, a similar event happened. The Doulos was then sailing from Italy along the Albanian coast. Years later a piece of literature was found to be on display in an Albanian Literature Exhibition. (From an O.M. bulletin.)

A case of 'cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days.'

Please pray for the Maybridge Christian Fellowship who were planning to open their new Church on Saturday 23rd April.

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#### WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB.

##### KNOWN AS KESTRO CLUB

May 6 Bring and Buy Sale

May 13 Outing to Wisley

May 20 Musical Favourites

May 27 Re-cycled glass - talk and slides by Eunice Flynn

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#### ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS.

The next meeting will be on May 25th at 2.15 pm  
in the Church Halls.

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THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please note that the Chronicle may be full up by then so do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words.

Thank you.

Editor.

FEBA RADIO - A MAY MAILING will take place at our offices. Help is needed to collate the information and put it into envelopes. We love to see new faces and would value as many folk as possible to come along and help us.

The dates are:- MONDAY 9th to TUESDAY 10th from 9 a.m to 5 p.m.

You are invited to join with staff for office prayers from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. Tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied during the day. If you are staying all day please bring your sandwiches.

It is a time of fellowship, meeting folk from other churches and, at the same time, helping this missionary radio outreach which is to bring news of Jesus' love to the people of over 30 countries around the Indian Ocean.

For more details please phone Ann Hall on Worthing 237281.

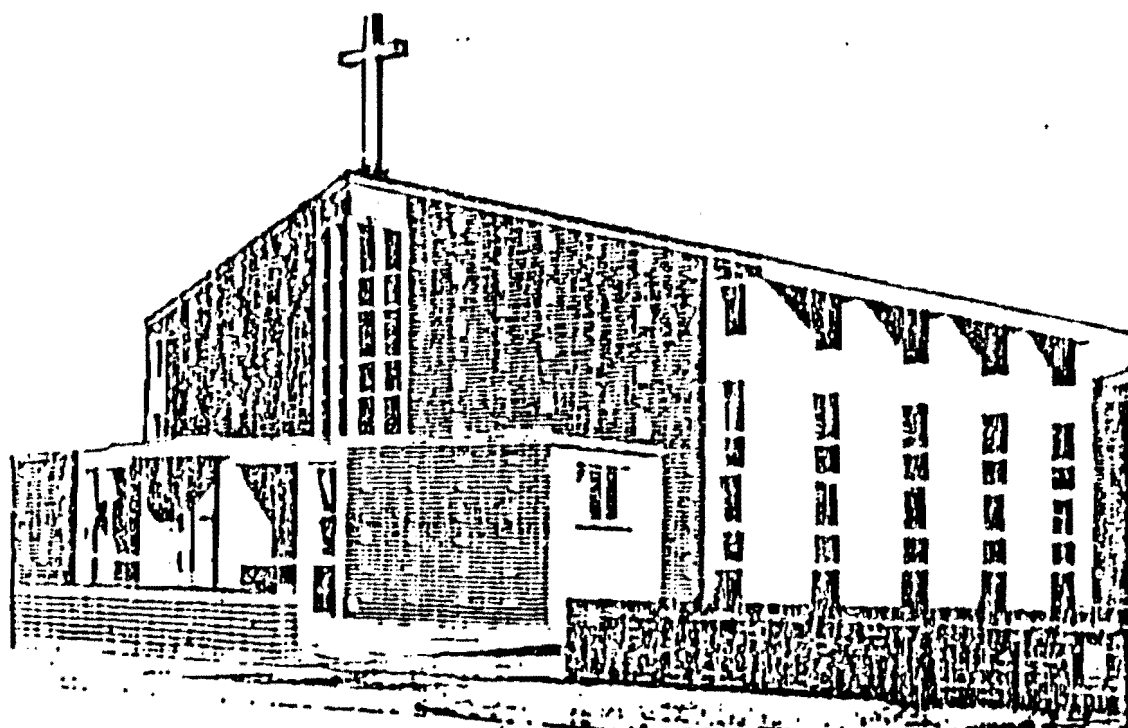
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## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

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Acting

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JUNE 1994

Dear Friends,

The church meeting in April made two decisions I would like to write about and encourage your support.

First and most important, at least in my view, was the decision to have a monthly day of prayer. Most important because unless we can give time to come before God and listen to Him in prayer, then nothing we do is of any value. It was Lord Tennyson who said "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of", and as we come together before God we need to ask ourselves what we dream of, and wait to see what God wants to do. This really will be a day of prayer from 7 am until 9 pm, although the final hour will bring the day to a close in a time of praise. There will be specific themes for different parts of the day to help us, but no one needs to feel that we can only pray for those areas of our life at these designated times, the hope being that we will give time to come before God in prayer for our church and its people, and share what we hear with one another. You must feel free to come and go as you are able through the day. This is not new, but is, I believe, an important decision we have made for the future life of the church, so please support this proposal if you can - we begin on June 9th.

Secondly, we decided to go ahead with replacing the heating system, which will cost us about £17,500. To help us finance this we have applied to the URC for a grant and a loan so that we can go ahead. However, we also decided to have a gift day on Sunday, 19 June when we shall seek your financial support for this work. We shall, of course, take money in any form, but we shall also like promises of money, interest free loans, or promises for regular payments to help us repay any loans we incur. The decision to hold a gift day is what I wish to address here, for I believe this too is an important moment for the church. Those at the church meeting left, I hope, believing that the decision had been made as God had directed us, and we have to believe that God does want us to have this work done. We must also know that God will provide for all the needs of His church and on this occasion it is up to us to be the agents that will allow Him to provide. I am very aware that many people have thought very seriously about their level of weekly giving over the past few months, and that to some people this need for extra money will not be the best news in *Chronicle*. Yet we all need to remember that God will honour our giving to Him, and that it is His will that we should not only give generously, but cheerfully. We must all in a prayerful spirit seek what God wants of each of us in this matter, and respond accordingly. I hope that we shall be able to announce the result of this gift day towards the close of the evening service - and we shall follow this with a time of praise for all God has provided.

Now let us talk about sharing gifts. Not all will be at the prayer day for 14 hours; indeed I suspect that most of us will spend only the time that we feel we can afford to give when we sort out our other priorities. Yet most of us know we can give some time during the day and will try to give as much as possible. The same is true for the gift day; most of us will give what we feel we can afford once we have sorted out our other priorities. Yet most of us know we can give something and will try to give as much as possible. All I ask is that we do all seek God's will for us in these matters of time and money, remembering that God will honour all we give to Him. This really is a gift sharing exercise.

We remain your servants in Christ,

*Peter & Eileen Heckels*



## **AUTUMN BAZAAR**

There has been much talk recently about different people possessing different gifts and I suspect many will think that it has nothing to do with them at all. Perhaps this is because when we talk of gifts we tend to think more along the lines of prophesy, healing, teaching etc. and don't readily think of the many practical skills and talents that God has given us as a fellowship. However this year we hope to remedy this and truly bring our talents to the Lord so that He may use all that He has given us to His glory and provide fun, fellowship and outreach on the way.

Sheila and I have discussed this and she feels it is a good way forward but asked if I would explain it all to you so here goes! The Autumn Bazaar this year we propose will only have new and hand made goods for sale ---no jumble, no second hand toys or books, no bric-a-brac or white elephant stalls. ALL things will be new.

SO if you can make anything at all something knitted, crochet, or sewn perhaps you can make things from wood or you can cross stitch the list is endless when we put our minds to it, then you can be part of all that will go on. Remember everyone doesn't have the skill that God has given you and they would be very grateful if you could help them by making something that they might need. The idea of an order day is quite simple. For example if I could make a rabbit glove puppet then I would make one to show on the order day and say I could make another ten. Once all the orders have been taken then that particular item would be withdrawn I would know that the ten puppets had all been sold and I would not have wasted time etc. producing unwanted gifts. The converse of that, naturally is that if I make something and nobody orders then I know that there is not a market for that particular item this year and that saves a lot of unnecessary work. When it comes to the day itself there will be one of everything that has been made over the year to sell on the day. Until we get a reputation for what we do then it will mostly be church people who are ordering, but we will of course always need to have items to sell on the day for all those who will come. In order for this all to happen we are proposing to hold an order day on September to display items that will be for sale. So get cracking, thinking caps on, tools to the ready let's meet the challenge and be amazed at the many different skills God has placed in our midst. I have been privileged to see many of the things people have made as Peter and I have been visiting so I know a lot of what to expect already and pray that you won't be disappointed with the quality and variety of what we can produce. Of course some things like cakes and preserves can only be made for the day unless you can make something special that you are prepared to take orders for.

This may all seem very new and revolutionary but it does work. If you want to know more about it or what sort of things you could make then don't hesitate to get in touch with me or Sheila and we will try to explain more.

Eileen Heckels 248259    Sheila Gooderham 506452



## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Mrs. Doris Wilmot of Tenby House was 94 years of age on May 14th  
We wish her well.

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HANDBOOK 1993-4 Alteration:

Miss Manix's telephone number on page 22 should be 245318.

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IF you would care to write to Miss KIRSTY CRAGHILL  
her address is 5 WOLSEY WAY, CHERRY HINTON, CAMBRIDGE  
while she is on a course at Anglia University Cambridge.

## NEWS FROM BANGLADESH.

Mariam Baroi, whom many of you will remember, is working in the Diocesan Office of St. Thomas' Church in Dakar, mainly among the women of the district. On May 13th she was married to James Talukder who works in the same office.

She sends her love to all her friends at Goring URC whom she knew and remembers and asked that you all remember her in your prayers that her future may be filled with happiness in her marriage and in their work for God in future days.

Ethel Dearsley.

## INDUCTION OF REV. EDWARD W. SYMMONS.

Four from Goring URC attended Rev. Edward W. Symmons Induction into St. John's URC, Bexhill-on-Sea on Saturday 23rd April, having enjoyed lunch with Edward and Jean and their family at their spacious Manse. Rev. John and Mrs. Barbara Titlow came from Sittingbourne to share the day.

We were given a very warm welcome by the members of St. John's. The Church was full. The choir sang 'Jubilate.' Rev. Charles Martin of St. Mary Cray gave an excellent address to the Minister-Elect and Church based on Ephesians 2 vv 1-13. 'As servants of Christ we depend upon the Grace of God and the working of His power, so we need to be open to the Holy Spirit.' He said that Edward is a good pastor and encouraged the Church to value him and his family.

Rev. Ron Talmei, the Interim Moderator, introduced Edward, and the Church Secretary spoke of how they had come to invite Edward to be their Minister. Edward then spoke of how God had led him and shared that he believed that they need to seek God together, hear Him and obey His call to reach out and pray in young people and their families.

They hope to start a Pilot Company soon, and have a Holiday Club in August, and Edward will be involved in the ecumenical Ministry of Healing.

Rev. David Helyar warmly commended Edward as he inducted him into St. John's, and the Mayor of Bexhill, amongst others, welcomed Edward.

At the excellent tea afterwards greetings were given by local Ministers, the Church Secretary of Andover, and Richard Tuley, on behalf of Goring URC, who told how Edward was called into the URC Ministry after meeting and marrying Jean at Goring!

Please continue to uphold Edward and Jean in your prayers, and Mary and Ruth, their children, settling into new schools and making new friends.

Geoffrey and Glen Dean and Richard and Irene Tuley.

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## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

June 6 'NILE CRUISE' Mrs. P. Markwick

June 20 Members' Evening.

Cornwall Room 8 pm

You will be made VERY welcome.

Doreen Norris.

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## CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1994.

- 2 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club 10 am Church Hall (NOT TODAY)  
Praise and Prayer Meeting in church 2.30 pm
- 3 Fri FAMILY CAMP AT SOUTHWATER to 5th June
- 4 Sat Torch Fellowship St. Columba's URC 2.30 pm
- 5 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Service Mr. Giles Tewksbury/
- 6 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall 1.30 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship 'NILE CRUISE' Mrs. Pat Markwick  
OPEN EVENING ALL WELCOME.
- 9 Thu Monthly day of prayer and Holy Communion 7 am to 9 pm  
Ark Parent & Toddler Club. Church Hall 10.00 am  
Praise & Prayer Meeting 2.30 pm in Church
- 11 Sat Church Ramble 2.30 pm
- 12 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Church Parades  
6.30 pm Service
- 13 Mon FEBA RADIO Mailing to 15 Wednesday 9am to 5pm  
Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm
- 14 Tue Durrington High School Prayer Meeting. Little Chapel 2-2.45pm  
Sixth Form College Prayer Group 7.30 to 8.30 pm in church
- 16 Thu Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 7 am to 9 pm  
Ark Parent & Toddler Club. Church Hall 10.00 am
- 18 Sat Torch Fellowship Jubilee Hall. Durrington. 2.30 pm
- 19 Sun Fathers' Day 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Divine Service  
6.30 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion
- 20 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship Members' Evening Cornwall Room 8pm
- 22 Wed Special Growth Meeting Church Hall 7.30 pm
- 23 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club. Church Hall, 10.00 am  
Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm
- 25 Sat MARCH FOR JESUS WORLDWIDE 0932/789681 for details  
JUNIOR CHURCH OUTING.
- 26 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Service JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY with Kevin Cooke  
6.30 pm Service.
- 27 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship. Cornwall Room. 8 pm
- 30 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club Church Hall 10 am  
Church Meeting 7.30 pm Church Hall
- July 5th Tuesday Women's Guild Cream Tea 2.30 pm
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THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

DO NOT ACCUSE ANYONE FALSELY.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR IN THE CHRONICLE  
A FULL COPY FOR THE MONTH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR. MICHAEL EBELING OR YOUR  
DISTRICT ELDER.....

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## THANKS.

We have been very conscious during the past weeks of being surrounded by much love and the many prayers of our friends while Will has been in hospital, and would like to thank all for the support given to us. To those who phoned, sent cards or visited, and especially Geoffrey and Keith who so willingly made themselves available when needed to take Florrie and Norah to visit at the hospital and for arranging the use of a wheelchair from the church, and for your continuing prayers - a very big THANK YOU!

Will and Florrie Freeman.

Vera and Ken Irving wish to thank their friends for the cards and messages of congratulations on the occasion of their GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, and for the beautifully decorated basket brought to them by Mrs. Jean Webb on behalf of the Church.

May we say thank you to all members and friends of the Church who so kindly contributed towards a retirement gift. It has been greatly appreciated. I was appointed Pastoral Secretary and Handbook Editor on September 1st 1979, taking over from Jane and Eric Bond. We have enjoyed the Pastoral work and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the Fellowship. I would like to say thank you to Hilary Redman for her help during the time when the Church was without a Minister.

Thank you all. Jean and Fred Marsh.

The Worthing Accordion Band would like to say 'thank you' to those who joined in with the 'Songs of Praise' in the Church Hall on Sunday 15th May.

We had a lovely afternoon and were able to send £37.50 to St. Barnabas Hospice, Columbia Drive, Durrington. Val Gill.

My warmest thanks to all those who were so much concerned for my well-being during my recent indisposition and sadness. It is very comforting at such a time to receive so much kind attention.

Again, thank you all. Marjorie Fallowfield.

## CHURCH RAMBLE.

Was anybody intrepid enough to turn out for the Ramble on May 7th? I hope not, as it rained all the morning, so there was really no doubt as to what we should do. However, we will try again, this time on Saturday JUNE 11th, so all of you who had prior engagements last time will be able to come. We shall meet at 2.30 pm in the car park at the top of Coombe Rise, Findon Valley. Take the turning from the A24 called Lime Ave. It has the Baptist Church on the North side and the Library on the South side and leads into Coombe Rise. Don't forget to bring your SUN GLASSES and Factor 15 SUN TAN LOTION!!

Shelia Gooderham 506452.

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JUNE 25th 1994.

At the 'March for Jesus' in Cardiff, Edinburgh and London there will be the launch of 'Pray for Every Home' which will then be the major thrust of the March in 1995.

11,000,000 people are likely to participate in praise marches or prayer-walks on that day, internationally.

Further marches are planned for the years 1996, 1998, and 2000!!

At the 'Day to change the world' on June 25th there will be over 100,000 persons marching in Lima, Peru.

Why don't you make a note of the address for further details printed in our May calendar?

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## BIBLE EXPLORATION 1994.

THEME : A Church Like Ours.

Earlier this year children in Junior Church, ranging from 6 - 12 years, once again followed the Bible Exploration Scheme set by the National Christian Education Council.

We looked at passages in 1 Corinthians under headings like: People, Communion, the Church as a Body, and Mission, and saw how they relate to our church today. It was a challenging task both for the teachers as well as the children! But as we learnt how people are different and yet can support each other and work together to share the Good News of God's love and salvation we believe that a foundation has been laid that will be built on in the coming years.

We say 'thank you' to those who helped in every way and WELL DONE to the children who worked so hard to complete the work book and take the examination and have gained the achievements listed below.

## ORANGE GROUP

Kezia BREWER	Honours
Ruth WILLIAMS	1st Class
Siobhan SMITH	1st Class
Graham VARD	1st Class
Jonathan ARKINSTALL	1st Class
Nicholas ANDERSON	1st Class
Kerry GILL	1st Class
Gavin READ	1st Class
Kate BYERLEY	1st Class
Siobhan CAPPELLA	1st Class
Dean REYNOLDS	1st Class

## YELLOW GROUP

Mark BYERLEY	Honours	Shield
Stephen ARCHER	1st Class	
Ricky MITCHELL	1st Class	
Paul ARKINSTALL	1st Class	
Laura SIBLEY	1st Class	
Trevor WILLIAMS	1st Class	
Robert DOUGLAS	1st Class	
Susan EAMES	2nd Class	
David WARD	2nd Class	

## GREEN GROUP

David MITCHELL	2nd Class	Shield
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## PURPLE GROUP

Claire WEBBER	1st Class	Shield
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## A WORD OF ADVICE!

One word wont tell folk who you are,  
 you've got to keep on talking.  
 One step wont take you very far,  
 you've got to keep on walking.  
 One inch wont make you very tall,  
 you've got to keep on growing.  
 One trip to Church wont tell you all,  
 you've got to keep on going.

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## YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love.

Hayley ARCHER	Cardiff.	Medicine.
Jane BICKMORE	Portsmouth.	Sociology.
Elizabeth BOND	Southampton.	Biology.
Victoria CARRINGTON	Aberystwyth.	French.
Kirsty CRAGHILL	Anglia. Cambridge.	Law & Sociology
Nicola CRAGHILL	City University London.	Nursing and Social Science
John GORDON	Northern College Manchester	Ministerial Training
Anna HUDNUT	Loughborough	Chemistry
Kerry McCARTHY	Cheltenham	Teacher Training and P. E.
Zoe RHODES	Bath	Religion and Sociology
Giles TEWKESBURY	Portsmouth	Electrical Engineering/ Robotics

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 WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB.

KNOWN AS KESTRO CLUB

June 3 All day session plus Jills Fashions

June 10 Pencil and Paper Games

June 17 O U T I N G

June 24 Q U I Z.

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 ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS.

The next meeting will be on June 22nd at 2.15 pm  
 in the Church Halls.

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Thank you.

Editor.

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### WOMEN'S GUILD.

What does the word 'fellowship' mean? I have looked in Collins Thesaurus and I can't find a word to describe the wonderful atmosphere on the coach that left our Church on Tuesday May 10th. We travelled along the coast road to Shoreham, and then inland through lovely country until we reached Hilliers Nurseries.

After a wander round the Garden Centre we were entertained by the trainer of the birds of prey which are housed there. The demonstration was arranged just for our party and what a wonderful display it was. Like children the birds sometimes obeyed the commands, other times not so co-operative. When spoken to they seemed to answer back. What patience is needed to train these birds!

We marvelled that when flying free they did not fly over the tree tops and be free - they obviously knew they were well fed and looked after.

Another short drive and we were being warmly welcomed by ladies of the Horsham URC who had a much appreciated and appetising tea for us. We looked round their beautifully furnished Church.

Then it was homeward bound, a happy band of travellers who had enjoyed the outing.

May I remind members and friends that our Cream Tea will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday July 5th. Joan Burrage.

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### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

This is an early notification that on SUNDAY JULY 10th we will be holding a 'Ghana Sunday'. The morning Service (Parade) will be as normal except that emphasis will be on Christianity in Ghana. At about 3.30 pm in the Church Hall we will show TWO videos recently made by the Rev. Peter Loveitt concerning the life and worship of Ghanaian Christians. There will be tea at about 4.30 pm. We are hoping that the evening Service will contain a mention of Ghana. We invited the Rev. Dzandu-Hedidor to join us but he will be at the URC General Assembly, so we are seeking a visiting Speaker from elsewhere. More details will appear in the July Chronicle.

### MYSTIQUE OF MONGOLIA - BEYOND THE GREAT WALL.

The Worthing Tabernacle is holding a seminar on Saturday 18th June which will include video and news reports plus an address by Richard Clark, chairman of the Joint Christian Services, Mongolia. Food will be provided from 6 pm and the proceedings will start at 7.30 pm and last about 2 hours. Pam Hinderwell, the organiser, will need to know the numbers attending so, if you would like to know more about this mysterious part of the world, please telephone her in advance on Worthing 230728.

### WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE.

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### THE LEPROSY MISSION.

Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Rhodes joined me at St. Paul's for tea and the Annual Meeting of the Worthing branch of The Leprosy Mission on Friday May 6th. Before tea we had a talk and slides by Dr. and Mrs. Ian Cockrane on their work as missionaries in India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

A cheque for £9,128.28 was handed over to pay for the 1993 project which was for motorcycles to take paramedics out to the sick to ensure they received their medication at regular times.

The aim this year, 1994, is to raise £10,000 to enable the mission to keep two ladies working in the Sudan. This work is headed by GWEN IDLE of Chichester.

We extend grateful thanks to all who have helped with the projects in the past and hope you will be as generous in the future.

Mary Luckin Florrie Freeman.

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### THE ARK.

The ARK Parent and Toddler Group has just celebrated its FIFTH BIRTHDAY! Unbelievable! Where has that time gone?

We meet on Thursday morning in the Church Hall between 10 and 11.30. During the session we have playtime, getting to know Mums and Dads better, coffee, fruit juices, and biscuits ably made and served by Olive Bushby. We also have a craft and talktime every week telling of a Bible story and of God's love shown to us in everyday things.

Our Music Time is something to be heard!!

We would like to thank all who have given their time, encouragement and prayers for the group over the last five years, especially our faithful helpers who turn up each week. Thank you all. Val Gill and Sue Mitchell.

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### WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY?

"Are we nearly there yet?" The question every parent dreads when taking children on a long car journey, especially when it's asked as soon as you turn the first corner. Our favourite holiday destination when the children were small was Wester Ross in Scotland. A truly beautiful area, but an eight hour journey by road meant we had to be well prepared to keep the children occupied. Word games were among the favourites, including word associations. I don't recall the word 'stewardship' ever being used but I know that among the adults the immediate response is 'money'. Money is an important part of stewardship but the word embraces so much more.

I have been invited on many occasions over the last five years to preach about stewardship and have tried to help congregations deepen their understanding of it. After one such Service someone said to me, 'That was more about discipleship than stewardship.' "Is there a difference?" I asked, particularly as I had defined Christian Stewardship as the response we make with the whole of our lives to the love God has shown us in Jesus.

In large churches and small churches, in the north and the south, the constant cry on the lips of ministers and elders alike is, "We need more people to be involved. Too much is being left to the same small group of willing people." None of us doubts that God has a purpose for each of the individual people who make up the church. It is as we seek to know and do what God wants us to do that He fulfils His purpose for His church, but more than that, much more, He pours His blessings upon us in ways we cannot begin to imagine.

Bill Wright.      Advocacy & Stewardship Secretary.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.  
CHURCH PARADE SUNDAY JUNE 12th at 11 am.

I would like to start my Girls' Brigade news on a personal basis by thanking everyone for their kind wishes for my speedy recovery to full health. I am grateful to my fellow colleagues at Brigade for managing the Session without me - I can assure you that I haven't been idle though - I've still been involved with District matters and in the preparation for CAMP.

CAMP this year is to be from 31st JULY to 6th AUGUST, staying at the Croft Study Centre at Etchingham, East Sussex. As the Centre sleeps 38 we will be joined by 13 Girls and Officers from 2nd Worthing Company, so the friendships forged at last year's District Camp will be continued.

As preparations are being made we ask for your prayerful support for this CAMP that it will not only be an opportunity for fun and fellowship, but for the Girls to receive our Lord into their hearts, and really know Him as their Saviour and friend.

I understand the SUNFLOWERS are growing well and, if you would like to sponsor a Girl please either sign the form on the Girls' Brigade Notice Board in the Church Hall, or contact me on 873806 (evenings, please). Half the proceeds will go to FERRING COUNTRY CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED SCHOOL APPEAL and the other half to supply new uniforms for the Company, so sponsorship, however small, will be much appreciated.

God Bless. Margaret Craghill. Captain.

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5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

There will be a JUMBLE SALE on Saturday July 2nd in the Church Hall at 2 pm.

We will be pleased to collect any items for this  
if you will telephone me on 243787.

Don Stewart. Captain.

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SUNFLOWER GROW

TO 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR ..... (OR A GIRL)

FOR THE SUNFLOWER GROW DUE TO BE MEASURED IN SEPTEMBER FOR.....

AN INCH.....A FOOT.....Signed.....

SEWING CIRCLE

Do you have an hour or two to spare? We have a sewing group to make banners for the Church.

We meet at 1.30 pm on Mondays in the East Hall, so if you feel you would like to join us or have oddments of fabric you have no use for, please let us know. We would love to hear from you. Caroline Hibbs and Joy Williams.

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Thank you. Editor.  
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# RUTH's CHAT

## (from the FIELD)

### Next stop ...

### Zaire!!

A number of translation and literacy teams are working in NW Zaire and they need us to run a small "base" for them, deal with administration, guesthouse, finances, etc. A couple will come from the States to do this work in a year's time, so next Easter we would be able to come back to Congo to start our own language project.

As you can imagine it came as quite a surprise to us to be suddenly asked to go to Zaire, and it has taken us a bit of time to adjust to the idea, but we now feel that this is what God would have us do, and that it will be good to have the opportunity to serve other Wycliffe teams and to see what God is doing in the churches there. We will also learn to speak Lingala, which will be very useful for Congo.

#### New Address:

Ruth Chatfield (Gemena)  
B.P. 1377  
BANGUI  
Central African  
Republic



Therefore, on 27th April, Andrea and I will take a plane to Bangui in the Central African Republic, and we will then be flown by a "missionary plane" (owned by the Mission Aviation Fellowship - MAF) across the border into Zaire. We will live in a town called Gemena, where the Wycliffe base is located, and we will divide between us the tasks of administrator, centre hostess, kitchen supervisor, book-keeper, etc.

Gemena is a fairly isolated town with few goods coming in from outside, and post will be brought to us from Central African Republic by MAF plane. This means that the postal address you should now use when writing to me is in Central African Republic, not Zaire. Mail may take quite a long time to reach me, but please don't let that discourage you from writing!

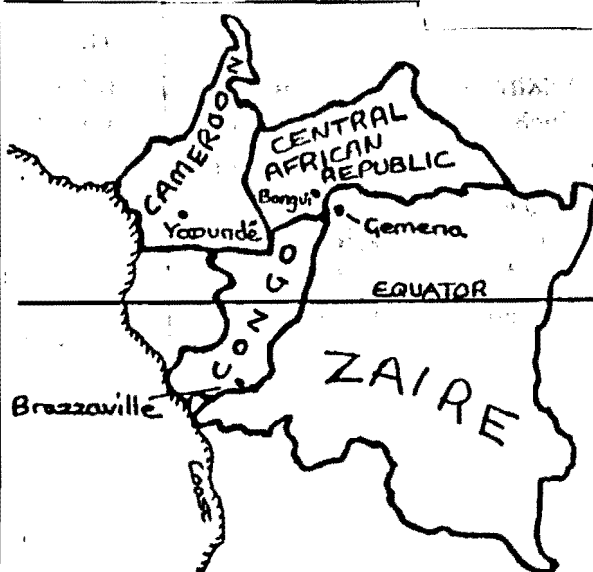
*I am grateful to God for the good time of orientation in Cameroon and for bringing us (and our barrels) safely to Congo. We especially praise God for bringing peace to Brazzaville at the present time. As Andrea and I trust Him for the year ahead, we are asking Him to:*

*\* help us in making the transition to Gemena, Zaire (By the time you read this we should have arrived there!)*

*\* give us grace to be good "servants" in our new jobs, so that the work of God in the area can progress.*

Thank you for praying with us! Warm greetings to all of you,

*Ruth*

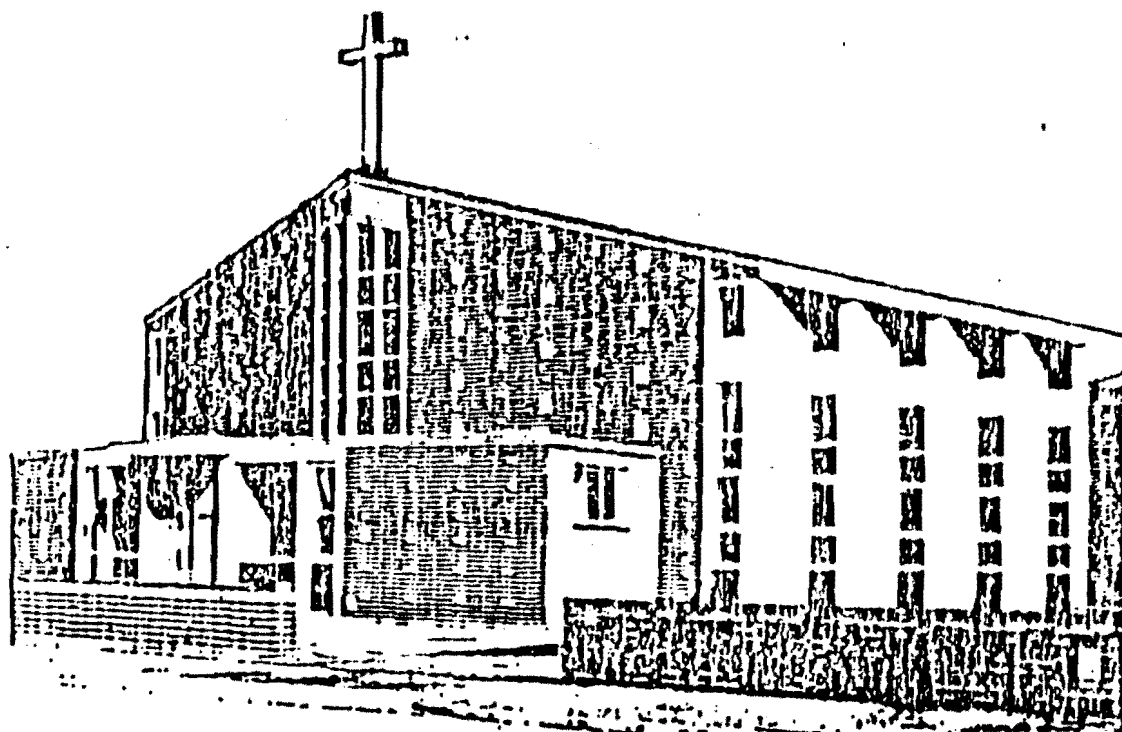


On the move again!



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## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

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JULY 1994

Dear Friends,

We shall be into that holiday period for many when you are reading these words. Perhaps you are even reading them on your return. This is a time for relaxation and reflection for us all. Looking backwards is a strange thing really; indeed, time is strange the way it plays tricks on us and manages to dominate our lives. The calendar on my desk says Wednesday, 16th March! It has just appeared from under a great pile of papers and books as I have been sorting out my desk top. March seems a long time ago now and many things that were being prepared for then have now happened. This is true of much of life; we plan for the future and the planning becomes very important until the day comes and goes. It is now over twenty years ago that I was ordained and began my ministry in the church, with many plans and ideas. Some of these ideas have become practice within ministry and some of the plans we now work out as second nature as we work among you, while others have been abandoned or drastically altered as experience and time moulds the sort of people we all are.

Yet this surely is the nature of our faith and the way in which we proclaim the Gospel entrusted to us. We must make plans for the future and we must be prepared to examine them again as time passes. Ours is not a faith which stands still but is the proclaiming of the living, eternal God, a bold explanation in a world that is ever changing. Too often we forget that God wants to speak to our age; indeed He has some very important things to say to us all, yet we too often want to trap Him in history where we can confine Him and make Him manageable. However, God will not allow this to happen and rises up out of history to speak with us and challenge us today – this surely is one of the joys of our faith, the hallmark of a living faith.

So each of us must open our hearts and our ears to hear what God is saying, and at the same time open our eyes to see Him in the world and all the events we see around us. As we listen and seek God so we become aware of our responsibility to proclaim the coming Kingdom of Jesus and to prepare ourselves for that Kingdom. Twenty years ago at my ordination I was reminded that I have a responsibility for my own salvation as well as everyone else's, and of course this is true for us all. We need to pray and study our Bibles, on our own and in groups, as well as worship together. These things we neglect at our peril; indeed, maybe much of what is wrong with our age is that most people no longer do any of them. Yet, even many Christians no longer see these as important. In a recent conversation someone said "Of course, my father was a regular churchgoer; never missed a Sunday. We had to be there two, three times on a Sunday, but I don't go much now. The truth is, I'm too busy; and if I'm not too busy, I'm too tired. But I may go once occasionally and I try to live a decent life and do a good turn when I can." To this I replied, "I'm sorry for your son!"

Do you live as if Jesus will come soon? Are you prepared? We need to live as though Jesus is coming tomorrow, or even today! In our prayer life and Bible reading we should prepare ourselves and through our worship express our hope to the world. We must, of course, make plans for the future and our life and work together (perhaps that is why the desk is always in such a mess!), yet we must also be aware of the promise that Jesus will come again and be prepared for it – even on holiday.

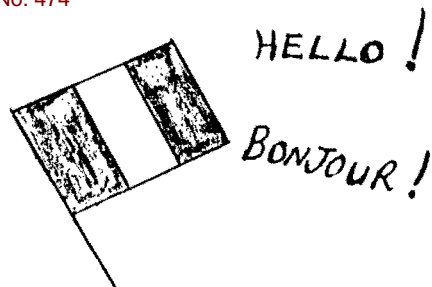
Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's guidance and His plan for our time together here at Goring.

Your servants in Christ,

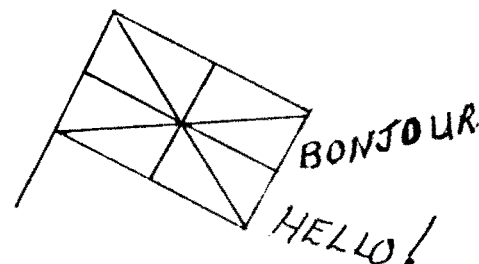
*Peter & Eileen Heckels*

P.S. Eileen has put the calendar right now.





EGLISE REFORMEE DE FRANCE  
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Sunday 29th May 1994

DEPARTURE WORTHING 6.30am

ARRIVAL DOVER 8.30am

Met with other members of our party under the leadership of David Helyar, all present and accounted for.

DEPARTURE DOVER 9.30am

ARRIVAL CALAIS 10.45am Englishtime 11.45am Frenchtime.

All aboard for the Place D'Armes, on the local bus, with map in hand, for directions to Notre Dame de Calais.

A warm welcome awaited us, with lunch provided by the French people. After lunch, we had an opportunity to chat with one another before going into workshops. Michael joined the Anglo-French Choir, whilst Jenny and Cathy went to the group discussing the history of the URC and ERF. There was a third choice, the video of Songs of Praise from the Channel Tunnel.

Afterwards, all met in the Church for a time of worship and Communion. People sang in their native language and it was beautiful and moving to hear well known hymns sung in English and French simultaneously. Our GURC Banner was displayed with other URC and ERF Banners.

The Rev. Jane Stanz spoke the English translation of the sermon, written by Pasteur Michel Bertrand, President of the French ER, who spoke his sermon in French, based on Acts 16.vv 1-40 "What kind of Europe for what kind of world?" and left us with the challenge that:

"Our whole lives are in the Lord Jesus's hands - joys, sorrows, certainties and doubts, successes and failures everything..... Dare we believe and let ourselves be renewed by Him so that He opens our eyes and hearts to all those who cry out and pray in the night..... so as to welcome all those who seek Him, and that He gives us the courage to proclaim with Paul that in the name of Jesus the world is ever given over to hope."

With this challenge rooted in our hearts, together we released many balloons, attached to each a scriptural message of hope for a world in desperate need of Him.

Au revoir ERF et A Bientot.

Michael, Cathy, and Jenny.



SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT SOMPTING URC ON 9TH JUNE 1994

Opening devotions were led by an Elder, Brian Dyer on Judges 7 vv 15-21. Prayers were said for Patrice Sessions, Tony Shields and Alan Whillis's sister who were ill and for the Churches of Petworth, Pulborough and Billingshurst, for the General Assembly and our representatives - Rev Roy Parkington, Rev Brian Stone, Rev George McCleave, Lang Popley, Nancy Welch and Paul West.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS District Treasurer and President Elect still vacant.

Pastoral Care Committee Secretary - Mr Ian Sinclair appointed for 1 year.

PASTORAL REPORT

1) Ministerial Changes - BRIGHTHELM - District approved Rev Frank Cochrane's move to St Georges URC Carlisle. HOUNSOM & PORTSLADE - District approved Rev Peter McIntosh's move to be Director of Windermere Centre. CHRISTCHURCH, CHICHESTER - District approved Rev Stuart Bidmead's move to Wilmslow URC, Cheshire. The District was grateful for all they had done and wished them God's blessings. PAGHAM - Rev Marion Kennard appointed to the District for 3 years as non-stipendiary Minister with special responsibility for Pagham and linked with Rev Brian Sturtridge and with Rev Bob Murray in Brian's Sabbatical. The President led in prayer for them and for all the Churches involved and their Interim Moderators.

2) Interim Moderators - Provided all the Churches agree -

BRIGHTHELM - Mr Ian Sinclair. HOUNSOM - Rev Peter Heckels. PORTSLADE - Rev Graeme Allan. CHICHESTER - Rev Roy Parkington in conjunction with Rev Bob Boulter.

3) Elders Authorised to preside at Holy Communion -

CHICHESTER - Mrs Nancy Welch and Mr Maurice Young during Rev Sturtridge's sabbatical. BILLINGSHURST Mr Brian Brazier - also for Pulborough & Petworth if required.

HOVE CENTRAL'S Church Meeting proposed a change in the rules of the URC, 'That the District Council, on recommendation of a local Church, may authorise an Elder, who has undertaken the prescribed training, to preside at the Lord's table in Churches and at other locations within the District - initially for 3 years but extendable for 3.' After much discussion this motion was not put, because it was for discussion at General Assembly in July.

4) TELSCOMBE CLIFFS - Rev Alan Whillis's part-time pastorate for 1 year is under review.

PATTERNS OF MINISTRY

This will be discussed at General Assembly and all Churches and District Councils will consider the report between Oct-Dec and the final report is due in May/June 1995 for July Assembly. The District felt that the timescale was too short for proper discussion and will send a letter of protest to General Secretary.

PROPERTY REPORT - GORING - approval for £3,000 Grant and a £6,000 Loan for heating.

FINANCIAL MATTERS - Maintenance of Ministry Fund. Suggested that the amount should be determined per capita in each Church. LEWES ROAD - Gratitude to Province for £200,000 Grant for building new Church; permission given for them to approach other Churches in the District for help.

OTHER NEWS - CWM/LMS 200th Anniversary in July 1995. CWM Preacher at Bognor July 16th.

Women's Meetings - A good Women's Day at Goring in April with 83 ladies.

SOMPTING are using The Church Down Your Street pack for "fringe" folk.

GORING has started a new monthly day of prayer, a gift day and the Day of Prayer for URC on Sat 2 July 10-12 noon.

DURRINGTON LEP - celebrating 10th anniversary this year.

BANNER - The Secretary asked for contact names for making each Church's panel for the new Sussex-West District Banner.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 8 Sept at Petworth. The Meeting ended with the Grace.

Irene Tuley



## EXTRACTS FROM RVANGELISM TODAY JUNE 1994:-

LOGOS 2 plans to visit 5 ports in the British Isles during 1995!  
 Dun Laoghaire, Ireland in March, Northern Europe April to June,  
 Aberdeen and Newcastle in July, Cardiff and Southampton in August.

Operation Mobilisation U.K. Field Leader Dave Thomas has confirmed this, as have Church leaders in each city that the 4000 tons vessel will visit. Preparations are already being made in each location. Three million (3,000,000) people had visited the ship by May 1994.

More than 300 Operation Mobilisation Leaders came from 6 continents and 32 different countries to Operation Mobilisation's first ever International Board Member's Conference in Cornwall. Their theme was 'ADVANCING TOGETHER'.

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 RWANDA - NOW IS THE TIME TO DO SOMETHING IF YOU WANT TO.

Franklin Graham of Samaritan International says "I've just returned from Rwanda, where the killing goes on. Things are changing all the time, but I'm determined that we'll do all we can, while we can, to help people in the name of Jesus Christ. Our team, based on the Ugandan border, is going into Rwanda daily, taking food and medical help to the desperate displaced people who have nothing. With your help we can make a difference - not to all the people, but to some of them." Donations, please, to him at 41 Dace Road, London. E3 2NG. Cheques etc., made out to Samaritan International and crossed.

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 AUTUMN BAZAAR.

This is a follow up letter about our ORDER DAY which will be held alongside a COFFEE MORNING on SEPTEMBER 10th 10 am to Noon. It's a Saturday.

On that morning we hope you will come along with either patterns or outlines of the sort of items you can make or an example of completed gift so that we can place our orders.

This is not as complicated as it sounds. Please contact me or Sheila if you need any advice or clarification on anything. We would be happy to talk to you or your group.

Summer, perhaps, is here at last! Long hot sunny days, and evenings, to sit in the garden and make lists of lovely gifts and gain inspiration for others. It is encouraging to know that people are beginning to be excited in this work and can see the thinking behind it.

EILEEN HECKELS 248259

SHEILA GOODERHAM 506452.

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 MANIFESTO.

"The more I study the Christian Gospel the more incredible I find it that anyone who has the least glimmering of its truth could possibly want to apologise for it, water it down, explain it away or try to adapt it to the ephemeral notions of their own generation. The more I know of the world around us and the greater my experience of the Christian faith the deeper becomes my conviction that there, and there alone, lies the truth." H. F. R. Catherwood.  
 Director General of the National Economic Development Council in an article in 'Inter-Variety'.

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 CAKES FOR THE WORTHING NIGHT SHELTER.

THE FRIDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP GROUP will be taking home-baked cakes and pies to the BYRON ROAD NIGHT SHELTER on FRIDAY JULY 15th.

As we are only FIVE in number we ask for anyone's help to bake a CAKE or PIE (sweet or savoury) and bring it along to the HARRIS ROOM between 10.30 and 11.30 am on JULY 15th.

A cup of tea or coffee will be waiting for you, if you have time to stay, with a welcome and a word of thanks.

We look forward to seeing you.

Bett Swierk. Liz Stilwell.



## 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

CHURCH PARADE SUNDAY JULY 11th at 11 am.

As I write the sun is shining brightly and the summer is definitely here! We are looking forward to summer activities.

The first of these happened on Sunday June 12th. After Church Parade our Seniors and Brigaders had a lovely barbecue at Captain's house and then went for a walk to Findon Church and up on to the Downs and back to Captain's via Salvington Mill for a well-earned drink and biscuit. This was part of their Badgework for a physical point called 'outdoor girl'.

We also have the West Sussex District Sports to look forward to on July 9th when the girls will be taking part in Potato and Spoon races, Three-legged races and 100 metres sprint relay for the Brigaders.

We miss having Captain around on a Tuesday evening but she is always in our prayers. Mind you, she has still been very busy in her preparations for Camp in August. This year we will be joining with 2nd Worthing from West Worthing Baptist Church and I am sure a good time of fun and fellowship will be had by all.

Caroline Hibbs. Auxiliary Helper.

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## 5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

There will be a JUMBLE SALE on Saturday July 2nd in the Church Hall at 2 pm.

We will be pleased to collect any items for this  
if you will telephone me on 243787.

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We had a very good Camp over the Spring Bank Holiday week-end, especially after the atrocious conditions during the week preceding. We had a bit of a hiccup when the Minibus got stuck in the mud at the site when I should've been picking up the Boys at the Church! Anyway, parents and friends rallied round and rescued us. Thanks to Sue, Malcolm, Brian and Chris Byerley for helping to make the Camp such a success, and thank you, Boys, for behaving yourselves. It was good to welcome several visitors on the Sunday. Don Stewart. Captain.

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GHANA SUNDAY

The date for this event has had to be changed from July 10th. It will now take place early in October, most probably on the Parades Sunday 9th. Mission Committee.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

Just a reminder of our Cream Tea in the Church Hall on July 5th at 2.30 pm. Price £1.25. There will also be a Bring and Buy Stall.

## SEPTEMBER GROW

TO 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR ..... (OR A GIRL)

FOR THE SUNFLOWER GROW DUE TO BE MEASURED IN SEPTEMBER FOR.....

AN INCH.....A FOOT.....Signed.....



## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

June 6 Patricia Carol Tyler married Christopher Arthur Porter.

June 12 Baptism of Alice Isabel McQuillen Granddaughter of  
Church Members Mr. & Mrs. F. Jay

IF you would care to write to Miss KIRREY CRADDELL  
her address is 5 WOLBRY WAY, CHERRY HINTON, CAMBRIDGE  
while she is on a course at Anglia University, Cambridge.

## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

July 4th A day in the life of an American policeman.

Speaker: Mr. P. Callum. Open Evening.

July 18th A.G.M. and refreshments. Cornwall Room 8 pm

All will be made welcome. Dorset Rooms.

Extract from Christian Herald 14.5.94 :-

Any theological books, Christian novels, biographies, children's Bible stories  
and Christian magazines are required for use in an English missionary language  
college in Poland. If there are too many to send by post a collection point  
in Britain can be arranged. Please contact Mr. Graham P. Wilkinson, ul  
Reymonta 4, 40-029 KATOWICE, POLAND.

Oswald Chambers says:- It is much easier to do something than to trust in God;  
we mistake panic for inspiration. That is why there are so few fellow-workers  
with God and so many workers for Him. Phyllis Wheeler.

## SEWING CIRCLE

Do you have an hour or two to spare? We have a sewing group to make  
banners for the Church.

We meet at 1.30 pm on Mondays in the Hall, so if you feel you would  
like to join us or have oddments of fabric you have no use for, please let us  
know. We would love to hear from you. Caroline Hibbs and Joy Williams.

Many churchgoers have expressed admiration for the BANNERS made by the  
SEWING CIRCLE and they have left it to me to proclaim our thanks in writing.  
This I feel privileged so to do. The ideas, discussions and the carrying out  
of this 'labour of love' is all first rate. Please keep sending me your  
remarks on the BANNERS and don't just take them for granted. They are made  
with such love for our Lord, and to give pleasure to those who see them in  
Goring United Reformed Church. WILL DUNE SEWING CIRCLE. Les Montford.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR FOIL IN THE KITCHEN - IT WILL BE REMOVED BY ROY VRIED.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORTHING.

## PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY.

Professor Richard Whitfield, a noted Christian speaker on issues  
affecting family life, has been invited by Churches Together in Worthing to  
speak at a public meeting in July.

Professor Whitfield is Chairman of the National Family Trust, a charity  
which writes educational materials, and also researches the effect of  
government policies on families. He is very concerned about many pressures  
today that can lead to family breakdown.

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES IN A DISINTEGRATING CULTURE.

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR RICHARD WHITEFIELD.

WEDNESDAY JULY 13th 7.30 pm.

ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL.

SACKVILLE ROAD, WORTHING.

Parents, teachers, youth workers, Church members and people working in  
the social or health services are warmly invited to come. EGR.



FAMILY CAMP.

This year something unusual happened - it rained! In fact, Saturday was a complete wash-out. We do apologise to our brave visitors for having to change the programme of events because of this. In the hope that the weather would brighten up in the afternoon half the camp went swimming in Horsham, leaving most of the women behind to do what they're best at - talking, sorry, holding discussions. We are extremely grateful to Sue and Pete Mitchell for bringing their spare tent (affectionately known as the Community Tent) as most of the afternoon was spent sheltering together under canvas. A few children were transformed into tigers, spiders and princesses after a spot of face painting. Then the rain eased slightly to allow the food to be barbecued. The night turned chilly as the skies cleared, so blankets were a common sight in the Community Tent as the annual Trivial Pursuit Challenge took place. (For those of you who take an interest in such matters the ladies maintained their early lead right to the end which just goes to prove that you can have brains as well as beauty!

Sunday was different this year, too. Having had to teach in Junior Church that morning at Goring the teachers in our party returned eagerly looking forward to the barbecue which was to be well under way. However, as we approached the camp there was no sign of smoke or cars, only a few bewildered visitors. The rest had decided to go on the Forest Treasure Hunt intended to celebrate Graham Ward's birthday on the Saturday. It took longer than anticipated to find the trail of sweets hidden up trees, in bushes, etc. Actually, I believe, two clues and sweets were never found! The afternoon turned out to be gloriously warm and sunny enabling the ground and canvas to dry out.

Once again God's love shone through - perhaps even more so this year because, despite the weather when frustrations usually rise to the surface, there were no cross words, not even amongst the children.

FOR YOUR 1995 DIARY:- Next year's Camp is already booked for the weekend after the May Bank Holiday - so you have no excuse for not being there!

Sue Arkinstall., (Official Camp Reporter)

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G.A.L.L.S. CLUB.

(Girls Are Let Loose)

As was announced at the last Church Meeting it is intended to start up a Ladies' Club to be run along similar lines to and with the same purposes as the men's BEANO CLUB. This looks likely to be held once a month on a Monday evening. A meeting will be held shortly in order to find out how many Ladies are interested in this venture and suggestions for activities.

Meanwhile, if you are absolutely bursting with ideas and can't wait for the meeting the people to contact are Julie Ward, Jenny Merritt or me.

Sue Arkinstall.

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PRAISE AND PRAYER MEETING.

IN CHURCH 2.30 pm

JULY 28th. Next month this will appear in Calendar.

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## CALENDAR FOR JULY 1994.

- 2 Sat Day of Prayer for URC 10.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Boys' Brigade Jumble Sale, Church Hall 2 p.m.  
Torch Fellowship Outing meets St. Columba's URC 2 pm
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- 3 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Service of Holy Communion Rev. V. Connolly  
6.30 pm Service Mrs. Bobby Hitchin/Rev. John Flack.
- 4 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall 1.30 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship OPEN EVENING ALL WELCOME.
- 5 Tue Women's Guild Cream Tea Church Hall 2.30 p.m.
- 7 Thu Ark Parent & Toddler Club, Church Hall 10 to 11.30 am  
General Assembly of URC at University of Lancaster to 11th
- 9 Sat Girls' Brigade District Sports Day, Bignor Regis. 2 pm

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- 10 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Church Parade Service  
6.30 pm Service Mr. Charlie Ward/Rev. Peter Heckels
- 11 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm
- 12 Tue Durrington High School Prayer Meeting, Little Chapel 2-2.45pm
- 14 Thu Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 7 am to 9 pm  
Ark Parent & Toddler Club, Church Hall 10 to 11.30 am
- 16 Sat Torch Fellowship Jubilee Hall, Durrington. 2.30 pm  
~~10.30 am to 4 pm. Theme: The Unleashed led by Rev. Peter Heckels~~

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- 17 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Divine Service  
6.30 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion  
Mr. Paul Archer/Rev. Peter Heckels
- 18 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship AGM & Refreshments Cornwall Room 8pm
- 21 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club, Church Hall. 10 to 11.30 am  
Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm

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- 24 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Service  
6.30 pm Service. Mrs. Eileen Heckels/Rev. Peter Heckels
- 25 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm
- 27 Wed Action for Dysphasic Adults Church Halls 2.15 pm
- 28 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club Church Hall 10 to 11.30 am  
Church Meeting 7.30 pm Church Hall
- 31 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Service  
6.30 pm Service Mr. Simon Richards  
Girls' Brigade Camp at Etchingham to Aug 6th.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT DO NOT DESIRE ANOTHER MAN'S HOUSE, NOR HIS  
WIFE, HIS SERVANTS, HIS PROPERTY, OR ANYTHING THAT HE OWNS.

## GIFT DAY JUNE 19th

You will be pleased to know that on the Gift Day we received cash and promises from about 80 Members and Friends amounting to £13,580, plus loans of £2,700, for the Church Heating, making a total of £16,280.

With your generosity, Rev. Peter Heckel's encouragement and God's blessing we shall be able to go ahead with the installation of the new heating system.  
Roy Gooderham, Treasurer.

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FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR IN THE CHRONICLE A FULL COPY FOR THE MONTH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR. MICHAEL EBELING OR YOUR DISTRICT ELDER.

WHY NOT PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS AT THE BACK OF THIS CHRONICLE?

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## THANKS.

Dear Mr. Stewart. Thank you very much for Camp. I enjoyed it very much. The tuckshop and outings were great. I enjoyed the bonfire and getting to sleep late. Also I'd like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls and Mr. White for their hard work. The food was really good.

From RICHARD BROWN. 'Slick Rick'

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I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks for the love and care expressed through your prayers during the last few weeks when I had to return to hospital for further surgery.

Both Alma and I were deeply aware of the power of your prayers which sustained us in the love of Christ throughout what proved a testing time. Thank you again.

To all of you who visited, sent cards, and telephoned, an extra word of thanks. To you Jean, for the gift of the Church flowers, just when they were needed most, a special 'thank you'. Norman Prattent.

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THANK YOU for the prayers and thoughts so warmly expressed through visits, cards, phone calls, and very beautiful flowers. They have greatly strengthened and uplifted me in my recent bereavement. I am deeply grateful to you all.

Ella Robertson.

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## TO LEADERS OF ALL ORGANISATIONS

## FROM THE CHURCH FAMILY COMMITTEE

Will leaders of all organisations please note that at the next meeting of the Church Family Committee in mid July it is our intention to discuss the document 'Good Practice' which was recently circulated to you by the Church Secretary for your comments.

This is a very vital document affecting us all but, so far, I have had only one response to the suggested guidelines sent down from the URC.

Will you please make sure that you let me have your comments and suggestions for discussion by the Church Family Committee not later than JULY 15th NEXT.

Thanking you in anticipation, Norman Prattent.

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## CHURCH LEAFLET.

The leaflet giving details of our Services and activities has now been printed and is available for distribution. It is hoped this can be given to visitors to our Church and others likely to be interested. These could include members of baptismal and wedding parties and neighbours who have recently moved into the area.

Geoffrey Dean.

## CHURCH RAMBLE JUNE 11th 1994.

Well, this time we made it! 22 people of assorted ages and attire met in the car park of Coombe Rise and climbed the steep hill (one at least puffing and panting) and, at the top, rested and appreciated the views which lay before us. When we reached Cissbury Ring, after a refreshment stop and photo call, we separated, rejoining to make the descent. (Peter wondered whether there could be a subject for a sermon in this!) We walked and talked for about 1½ hours and a request was made for another walk next year. It was a pleasant afternoon.

Sheila Goudersham.

## A FAVOURITE PRAYER OF KING GEORGE VI.

O Lord, grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change; the courage to change things that I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

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# OUR BELIEVERS' LIBRARY FROM MICHAEL DONNELLY, YOUR LIBRARIAN :-

Hallo Readers! Some news for you. You probably know the Library is in a sectioned off part of the Gents' Cloakroom off the main entrance to the Church building. Wow!

a) Although the library organisation of books and other items, like magazines, videos, tapes and outreach materials is not yet complete please take an interest by going in and looking. I don't wish you to borrow something unless you really wish to. Please enter anything borrowed in the blue library lending record book.

b) The main sections of books are:-

HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYER

BIBLE

HEALING (including DELIVERANCE)

BIOGRAPHY

FAMILY (including F. MEMBERS)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

EVANGELISM (which includes WITNESS and TESTIMONY.)

GROWTH (which includes PERSONAL G. and FELLOWSHIP G.)

c) I am putting the EVANGELISM (including WITNESS and TESTIMONY) books, booklets, tracts and other materials in a separate section. There are Personal Workers Wallets containing tracts and other helps, together with Contact for Christ and Fisher's Fellowship items included.

d) I hope that I shall be able to give some help on how to use these personal outreach materials at a Church Meeting. Nearly all of us need help, encouragement and support in witnessing in our Lord's name. When we do our part and others do theirs, in 'making disciples', our Lord has promised to be with us. When He was taken away by the soldiers to be tried and sentenced in our place all forsook Him and fled: yet He will never leave us nor forsake us - isn't He a marvellous Saviour?

e) Will others - because of us - be able to say, with us 'I've found a risen Saviour. He's in the world today?

f) God bless.

## ..... WORTHING & DISTRICT STROKE CLUB.

### KNOWN AS KUSTRO CLUB

July 1 All the fun of the fair

July 8 Play reading

July 15 O U T I N G

July 22 What's my line?

July 29 Card bingo

## ..... ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS.

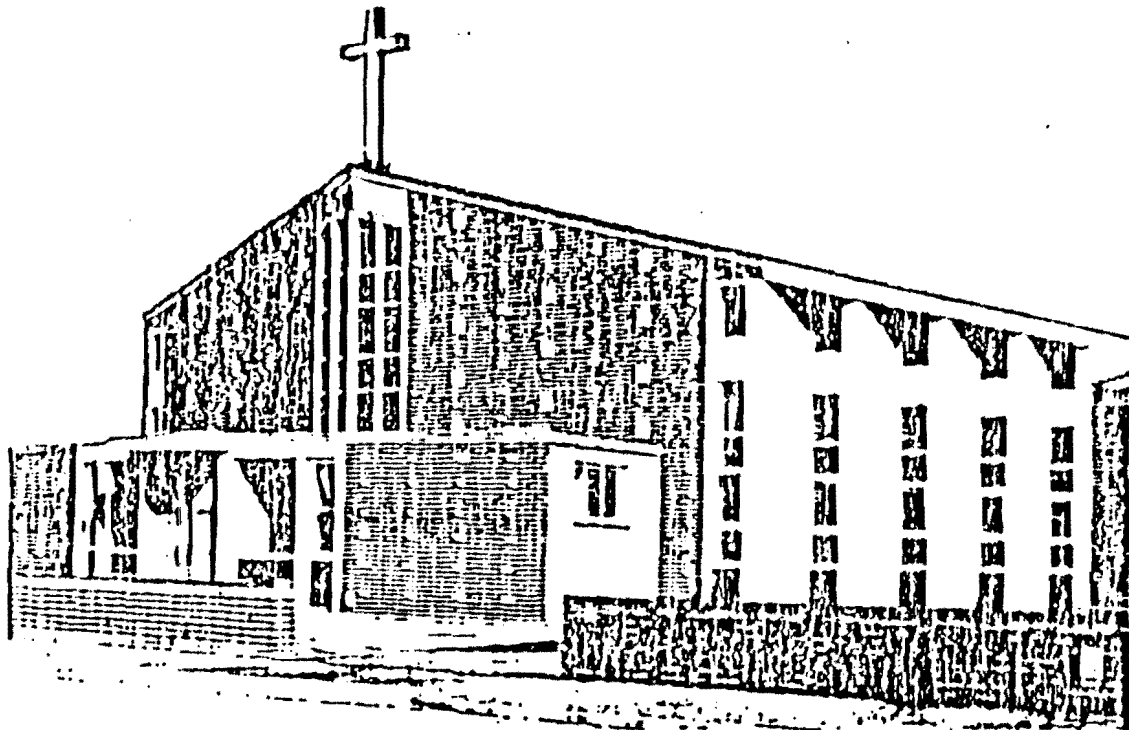
The next meeting will be on July 27th at 2.15 pm  
in the Church Halls

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THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please note that the Chronicle may be full up by then so do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. Thank you. Editor.  
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## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister: Rev. Peter Heckels. 17 Drummond Road. Tel. 248259

Secretary: Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley. 60 Princess Avenue. Tel. 690996

Acting

Pastoral Secretary: Mrs. Hilary Redman. 5 Salvington Hill. Tel. 260568

Treasurer: Mr. Roy Gooderham. 15 Harvey Road. Tel. 506452

## ELDERS VISITATION AREAS:

|                |                            |        |                |                              |        |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------------|--------|
| 1) Aldsworth   | Mr. E. and<br>Mrs. J. Bond | 244157 | 9) Terringes   | Mr. G. Dearsley              | 690996 |
| 2) Alinora     | Mr. N. Prattent            | 240031 | 10) Strand     | Mr. D. Stewart               | 243787 |
| 3) Parklands   | Mrs. S. Gooderham          | 506452 | 11) Lakeland   | Mrs. H. Redman               | 260568 |
| 4) Wallace     | Mrs. E. Rhodes             | 248263 | 12) Durrington | Mr. K. Merritt               | 262609 |
| 5) Heene       | Mr. G. Dean                | 240376 | 13) Salvington | Mrs. I. Tuley                | 265319 |
| 6) Trent       | Mrs. R. Hitchin            | 249580 | 14) Findon     | Mr. M. Smith                 | 821843 |
| 7) Marlborough | Mrs. R. Bradley            | 240908 | 15) Ferring    | Mr. C. and<br>Mrs. P. Taylor | 246523 |
| 8) Melrose     | Mrs. C. Hunt               | 265047 |                |                              |        |

## FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

|                           |                        |        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Boys' Brigade             | Mr. Don Stewart        | 243787 |
| Girls' Brigade            | Mrs. Margaret Craghill | 873806 |
| Women's Guild             | Miss Audrey Gerlach    | 501153 |
| Men's Fellowship          | Mr. Alex Blackford     | 502821 |
| Monday Evening Fellowship | Mrs. Doreen Morris     | 830048 |
| Christian Aid             |                        |        |
| Reform Magazine           | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham  | 506452 |
| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs. Val Gill          | 267655 |
| Kestro Stroke Club        | Miss Margaret Briggs   | 245034 |
| Leprosy Mission           | Mrs. Mary Luckin       | 245846 |
|                           | Mrs. Florrie Freeman   | 248014 |
| Church Warden             | Mr. Don Stewart        | 243787 |
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| Lettings Secretary        | Mrs. Lily Collison     | 248861 |
| Junior Church Secretary   | Mrs. Wilma Smith       | 821843 |
| Youth Club Leader         | Mr. Paul Archer        | 267749 |
| Mission Secretary         | Mr. Sidney Hider       | 243832 |
| Social Secretary          | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham  | 506452 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary     | Mrs. Sue Arkinstall    | 263157 |
| The Bible Society         | Rev. Ron Christopher   | 230330 |
| Beano Club                | Mr. Ken Arkinstall     | 263157 |
| Choir Secretary           | Mr. Michael Ebeling    | 240448 |



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Dear Friends,

It really is wonderful when you read in books or church magazines that people have prayed and discovered that God does great things. Often people in churches seem faced with problems that would test their faith and yet they move forward much stronger when they see what God can do in their midst. Well, we are always encouraged by what God does in other churches, but we are much more encouraged by what He does in ours, which is why we are still so excited about the gift day and the way God used the rather mundane matter of the heating system to show us just what a powerful Lord we have, and how He will use us, His people.

The result of the day was tremendous in itself, and our thanks go to all who gave as God enabled through money and through prayer. To achieve our target was really a cause for great rejoicing, but to do it in response to God's call to so many people was a real lesson for us as a church. God does not work by expecting each of us to do everything on our own; rather He wants us to be a body of believers who come together in His name, using the gifts and resources we have as individuals in a shared way. This means we must grow together and we must learn to trust one another to respond as God asks. This we believe was one of the greatest causes of rejoicing to come from the gift day as each one who had listened to God could be content with what they had done.

We have seen what God can do, and we have seen what God can do through His people together. It is easy to feel divided in a church the size of Goring; it is easy to be critical of others in the fellowship who seem to have different concerns to us; it is easy to get locked into our small areas of work and not ever know what others are doing. Yet here God has shown us that together we can do what He wants, that without knowing what response any individual has made we can all rejoice together. We are unable to judge anyone and so are able to share together in our praise. Let us learn from this that we should be content to praise God for all He does without letting our judgement of others detract in any way.

Now if God has done this in an area of money and buildings, let us pray that we can now go on to grow as we see God working with all the gifts and talents He has put in our midst. Now is the time for us all to begin to pray that God will direct us to find the right people to come forward in our new structure. We need to pray not only that we will find the right people to serve as elders and as church meeting appointments to our committees, but in every area of our life together. We need to recognise that there are all sorts of areas in which we need God's guidance to find the right people to do the right work for the Lord so that the right gifts are in the right area.

It is never too soon to start praying; that is one thing you learn from reading the books which speak of growth through faith, so we must begin to pray for God to show us the people He wants in every situation and be prepared to respond to His word just as we did over the gift day. The lesson, we believe, has been shown to us – God wants to do great things. God can do great things, but together in unity we must listen to what He says and trust one another to respond to what is heard. This must be the core of our prayers of thanksgiving and petition as we come before our Lord following this great time in our life together.

Yes, It's wonderful to read in books what God does in other churches, but how much greater to be involved with what He is doing here. Please continue to pray for us as God increases the vision of what He wants to do in this place.

Your servants in Christ,

*Peter & Eileen Heckels*



3 Wed Day of Prayer with Holy Communion in Church 7 am to 9 pm  
7 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Service of Holy Communion,  
New Members received into Church  
6.30 pm Service Mrs. Irene Tuley/Mr. Richard Tuley  
8 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall 1.30 pm  
11 Thu Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 am  
Praise & Prayer Meeting Little Chapel 2.30 - 3.30 pm  
14 Sun 8 am Holy Communion... 11 am Service  
6.30 pm Service Rev. Peter Heckels  
15 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
18 Thu Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm  
21 Sun 8 am Holy Communion... 11 am Service  
6.30 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion  
Rev. Roy Parkington  
22 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
25 Thu Praise & Prayer Meeting Little Chapel 2.30 - 3.30 pm  
28 Sun 8 am Holy Communion... 11 am Service  
6.30 pm Service. Mr. John Gordon



## THANKS.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your prayers, cards and support on the recent sudden death of my brother.

A special thank you to Jean for the gift of flowers, but more especially for her love and care at this sad time.

Brenda Brunton.

Dear Friends, Never have I been surrounded by so much love and kindness for a birthday. It was a week of complete happiness and love from all quarters near and far.

I have so much to thank God for for you brought His love with you. Thank you for all you did for me.

My special thanks to Geoff and Irene who worked so hard before-hand to make everything possible, and to Julie and her workers and her team of helpers in providing such a wonderful meal served with such quietness and efficiency.

Thank you also for supporting Richard's gammy leg to the tune of £7 for his mission effort!

With Love, Ethel. (Dearsley)

Audrey, Amanda and I thank you all for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits and for Jean bringing along the Church flowers during my recent spell in hospital and convalescence time afterwards. It certainly goes to prove that we belong to a loving and caring Church by the many blessings we receive.

Donald Stewart.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all their prayers and practical help and concern over the last month or so when Joshua was born and we had Whooping Cough. You greatly blessed us!

Above all we give thanks to the Lord for keeping little Joshua safe.

Psalm 91 was very special: "He will cover you with His pinions (flight wings), and under His wings shall you trust and find refuge. His truth and His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler (small round shield)."

God was Joshua's shield and He showed us that He really is our helper! It is good to look back and see how God intervened and helped us in that situation!

Christine and Julian Brewer.

## MVOUMI HOSPITAL.

I would like to thank everybody who came and supported me at the fun day for Mvoumi Hospital. WE RAISED £93.

Ruth Williams.

THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. Thank you. Editor.

## IT'S A KNOCKOUT.

Worthing Churches' Homeless Projects are organising an It's a Knockout competition for SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd. They are hoping that every Church in town will get a team together to take part in the event, as well as provide administration back-up. If you can help in any way please contact Colin Greenfield on Worthing 219499.



### WOMEN'S GUILD.

By mid-day on Tuesday July 5th the tables in the Church Hall were dressed with attractive posies of Sweetpeas, and were laden with scones and cakes provided so generously by the ladies of the Guild.

The afternoon saw us welcoming between 80 and 90 members and friends who had come to enjoy our annual CREAM TEA, together will all the fun and fellowship that went with it.

The whole event was a tremendous success and our grateful thanks go out to all those ladies who gave so unstintingly of their time and energies towards the preparations, also to those of you who came in the afternoon to support us.

Our thanks to one and all and we hope you really did have a happy time!

Women's Guild opens TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6th at 2.45 pm in the CHURCH HALL. Audrey Gerlach. Secretary.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We are looking forward to starting our Autumn Programme with a talk by our Minister. Rev. Peter Heckels on Tuesday September 6th at 2.45 pm. in the East Hall.

We would like to make an appeal to all our retired members and friends to join us at our Fellowship Meetings. We have a varied programme of subjects, and leave time afterwards for a cup of tea and a chat.

We appreciate our Speakers giving up their time to share their experiences with us.

We need your support to make their effort worthwhile. You know that we have only one rule - BE FRIENDLY. Why not come and join us?

Alex Blackford. Secretary.

### SEPTEMBER SUNFLOWER GROW

#### BY 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Have you entered your name on the Sponsor Lists pinned up on our notice board in the Church Hall? Time's running out. If you can't get there, please fill in the slip in June or July Chronicles and send it in by anyone. It will be given to someone to put on the forms.

(L. M.) ?????????????????????????????????????????????????????????????

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

D. J. HARBER, A. I. P. Plumbing and Heating Engineers of Rustington, will commence the installation of the new heating system on Monday July 25th 1994.

Every effort will be made to minimise the disruption to Church activities but, obviously, there may be times during the next two months when we will not be able to use parts of our premises. Alternative rooms and halls may be available.

Colin Nodes.

### TO ALL WHO USE OUR PREMISES

#### RECORDING OF ACCIDENTS.

A FIRST AID BOX is to be found in the kitchen (a white box with a red cross on it) and with it is a First Aid book in which all minor accidents should be recorded.

There is, also, a folder of Accident Forms for recording more serious injuries. As these forms may contain confidential information they should be handed to the Church Secretary, when completed, at the first opportunity.

Robin Bradley. Eileen Rhodes.

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EXTRACTED FROM A CHRISTIAN MISSION TO THE COMMUNIST WORLD  
MAGAZINE - NOT A RECENT COPY, SAYS PHYLLIS WHEELER:-

The underground church of Russia spread widely the following poem written by the soldier Alexander Sazepa. It was found in his coat when he died in battle in 1944.

Hear me, O God, I never spoke with you before.  
Today I tell you the first time 'Welcome'.  
Since we were children they brainwashed us:  
'There is no God!'  
And I, like an idiot, believe it.

I never mused about your creation.  
Today it is as if I could see for the first time the stars  
from my hole made by a grenade.  
Here I understand suddenly how terrible a deception can be.  
I speak to you, though not knowing if you will give me a hand.

You'll understand me.  
How strange that your light appeared to me in this hell  
and that I can experience you.  
I'll tell you this one thing, that I am joyous to have  
known you.

At midnight they will sound for attack, but I don't fear,  
Your look will rest on us.  
Hear the signal! I go. I felt so well with you.  
Just one more word: You know the battle will be fierce.  
Maybe I'll knock at your gate tonight.

Though I was not your friend, will you allow me to enter?  
I weep, and, low, my eyes open.  
Goodbye, my God.  
I go and probably will not return.  
How strange! I look death in the eyes without any fear.

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#### AIR MILES ARE RUNNING OUT.

Since the AirMiles Scheme was launched by F.E.B.A. in 1989 an amazing 226,901 Air Miles have been donated to them. That has enabled F.E.B.A. to purchase 41 AIR TICKETS for people to fly to the SEYCHELLES and various reception area locations.

The Stock of vouchers has now dwindled to 12,180 Air Miles. It takes 10,000 Air Miles to buy a ticket to the Seychelles.

AIR MILES are becoming harder to obtain, but F.E.B.A. can still use them.

FEBA RADIO IS AT IVY ARCH ROAD, WORTHING. BW14 8BX.

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#### CONFIDENT WAITING.

"Neither has Thou delivered the people at all" (Exodus 5. v 23) was the prelude to the Exodus.

"He answered her not a word" was the first step to the answer to the Syrophoenician woman's cry (Matthew 15. v 23.)

Trust in a Christ who is not working. ("He answered her not a word.")

Trust in a Christ who seems to have failed. ("He that should have redeemed Israel," Luke 24 v 21)

Amen, if such be the path by which He leads.

Lillias Trotter

(Phyllis Wheeler)

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RECYCLED ALUMINIUM.

Did you see that strange one-liner in July '94 Chronicle? 'PLEASE PLACE YOUR FOIL IN THE KITCHEN - IT WILL BE REMOVED BY ROY WEBB.'

I wonder who put it in? What did it mean? I'll explain. You ecoconscious readers know recycled aluminium is a valuable resource. A considerable amount of energy is saved re-using scrap aluminium, compared with extracting the metal from bauxite ore. VALUABLE is the key word = money.

My daughter is kennel manager for Guide Dogs for the Blind at Exeter training centre so, naturally, I was pleased to find the Ark parents and toddlers were collecting foil for this good charitable cause. I have now undertaken to bag up the foil you bring to the Church Hall kitchen and pass it on to the Ferring collection point.

FOIL : WASHED milk bottle tops, yog pot tops, pie cases, kitchen foil etc., but PLEASE, no flimsy aluminised plastic film packaging, e.g. flimsy yog pot tops, coffee packaging, tablet blister (press through) packs. Roy Webb.

RECYCLED POSTAGE STAMPS.

I will pass on used British and Foreign postage stamps, another source of income. Please bring them, in recycled envelopes, of course, addressed to me. (and not stuck down!) Thank you. Roy Webb.

ONE WORLD WEEK 1994.

Details supplied by Gill Ashley-Smith, 3 Woodmancote Road, Worthing BN14 7HT and Denis Lucey, 82 Sea Lane, Goring. BN12 4PU will appear in September Chronicle, D.V. Editor.

Change of address shortly:-

Rev. and Mrs. Peter McIntosh.  
Director. The Windermere Centre.  
Lake Road. Windermere. LA23 2BY.  
05394 44902 Fax: 05394 47218.

THE ARK PARENTS & UNDER 5's.

We are writing this at our last meeting before the summer holidays. The children are having a 'TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC with teddy-shaped biscuits to enjoy with their juice.

We have now completed 5 very happy years and thank you all for your support.

The ARK meets again on September 15th and we look forward to welcoming any new mums, dads and children along with those we'll miss over the next few weeks.

Val, Sue and helpers.

FEBA RADIO - AUGUST MAILING.

The next FEBA Mailing will take place on TUESDAY 30th to WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST between 9 am and 5 pm. Help is needed to collate information and put it in envelopes.

Some friends enjoy a full day with us, others join in for only an hour or so. Every little bit of help is important.

We have staff prayers from 12 to 12.30 - come and join us! This is an opportunity to find out up-to-date news about our Ministry and pray for current needs.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied during the day - this is a very important part of the day! It is a time of fellowship, meeting folk from other churches in Worthing and, at the same time, helping this missionary radio outreach which is bringing news of Jesus's love to the peoples of over 30 countries around the Indian Ocean.

If you're not sure if this type of work is for you, and want to know more, please telephone Ann Hall on Worthing 237281, to chat about it. She'd love to hear from you.

CHRIST TO THE WORLD BY RADIO,



**WORTHING STROKE CLUB. KESTRO.**

We have enjoyed three outings so far this year:

On May 13th to Wisley Gardens.

On June 17th to Seven Sisters Sheep Centre, East Sussex.

On July 15th to Earnley Gardens, near Chichester.

We are very fortunate in being able to use a hoist to put those members who have had a stroke safely into the coach without having to lift them bodily as we had to at one time. Sometimes we have as many as 12 invalid chairs in the coach boot and we use these to push members round the various sites if they are unable to walk. The majority of these chairs are the property of the club, but if members of the church need to use them permission will always be granted. You only have to ask.

On each occasion we have enjoyed the weather and each other's company, and now we have a break during August and return to the club in September.

Recently I read that each year 100,000 Britons suffered a stroke. 30% of them die within weeks and of the survivors about 60% are left with some disability.

We have over 50 members who have had strokes and about 15 helpers. We could do with more helpers.

Les Montford. A helper.

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**5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.**

Saturday July 9th was District Sports Day at Bognor Regis. The Girls had a great time and many won certificates for their achievements in the races. Overall our Company came 4th in the competition. The day was blessed with good weather and we finished off with a lovely barbecue.

We are now eagerly awaiting Summer Camp - we're off to Etchingham on Saturday July 31st. We are looking forward to a week of fun and fellowship.

Please remember our Captain, Mrs. Margaret Craghill in your prayers, as she is still in need of healing.

God Bless. Julie Gray. Lieutenant.

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**5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.**

Thank you to so many of you who gave us good support in lots of ways at our recent Jumble Sale in the Church Hall. We were able to raise £200 to go towards expenses in fitting the mini-bus with seat belts, and something for our Mission Fund.

Our Summer Programme is coming to a close and the Officers, in particular, are looking forward to the break for a few weeks.

We are planning a CAMP over the August Bank Holiday week end but haven't decided to which Camp Site we will be going.

We look forward to the next Session, starting SEPTEMBER 9th for COMPANY SECTION, and the 19th for JUNIORS. Any enquiries regarding helping us in a section, or Boys wishing to join, please contact me on Worthing 243787.

Thank you all. Donald Stewart. Captain.

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**HOUSE SHARE.**

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NEWS FROM GHANA.

After a long interval of silence we have recently received two letters from Ghana. The first, dated May 30th but not received until June 30th, was handwritten, so it has been typed. The second was typed and explains the delay to the first. We shall, of course, reply to both. In addition we shall write to Richard Asante thanking him for maintaining the link during his time at the Hope Church.

"We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who has made it possible for us to maintain our correspondence with you.

I received your letter in late April and it was read to the people in the Church. Now, as you are aware, Mr. Asante left us early in this year as he took up a new job. We are happy to inform you that he still remembers us by writing to us with his word of advice and, on two occasions, paid us a visit to worship with us. He is interested in every activity of the church, especially our project. When he was leaving at first he couldn't give his address because he was not sure of where he was to be posted after a course at their Head Office. He promised to write when he had a station, which he did. This is his address: Mr. Richard O. Asante, Social Security Bank Ltd., (Accra Main) P.O.Box 13119. Accra.

We are happy to inform you that our project (our Mission) is in progress and hope to send you pictures of it in my next letter. This year our District hosted Western Presbytery at Assin Foso from 16th to 21st April and all the Nsuta members were there in their numbers.

I end with warm greetings to all the members. What we are saying is that keep praying for us to enable us to stand firm in the Lord despite all the problems in this country. May God bless us all. Amen.

Yours in Christ, (Catechist) Thomas Frempong."

Dear Mr. S. A. Hider, May God bless you about our good friendship. We are sorry that our letter had not reached you. Our letter was delayed for some time because of Mr. Asante's address you wanted not being available. I wrote to Mr. Asante in Accra asking him to post it to you, so the letter will come immediately.

When we got your letter to say that you have not received our letter it pained us a lot because we don't understand why. We are sure it must be in the post coming to you. We got our letter on June 22nd 1994.

Thank you about what you are saying. You will get my letter even if Mr. Asante failed to write to you.

Thank you very much.

Your brother in Christ.

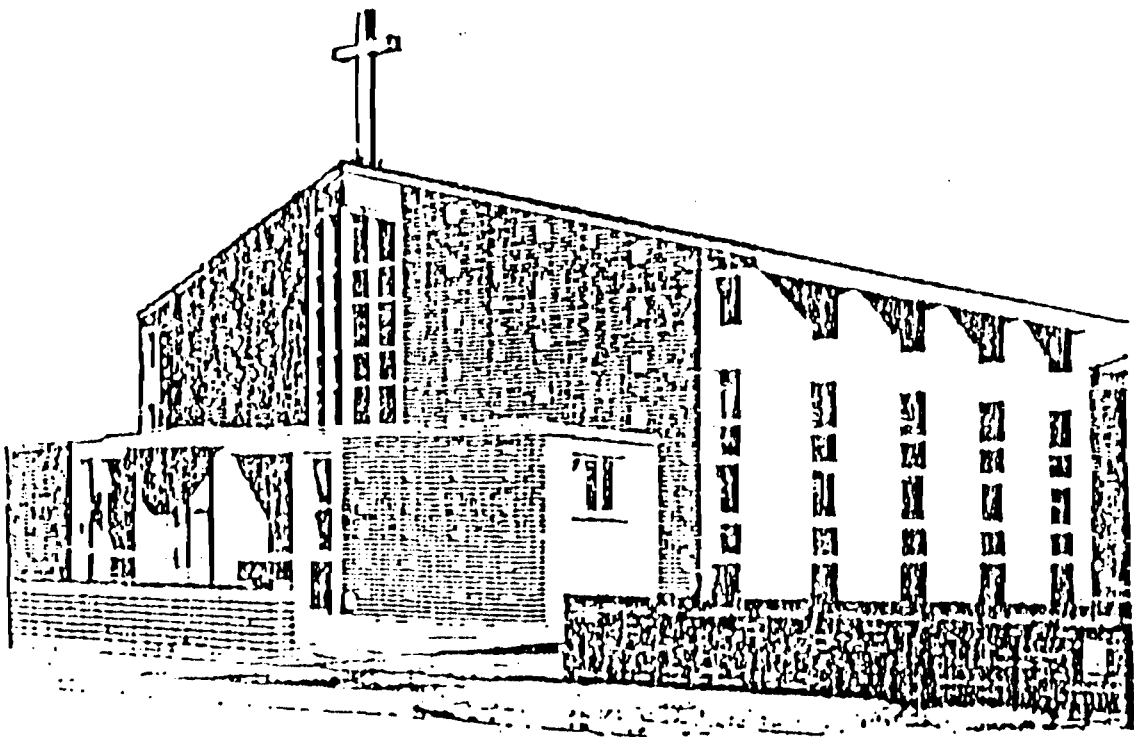
THOMAS FREMPONG.

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GORING  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SILAFESBURY AVENUE • WEST WORTHING



## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister: Rev. Peter Heckels. 17 Drummond Road. Tel. 248259

Secretary: Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley. 60 Princess Avenue. Tel. 690996

Acting

Pastoral Secretary: Mrs. Hilary Redman. 5 Salvington Hill. Tel. 260568

Treasurer: Mr. Roy Gooderham. 15 Harvey Road. Tel. 506452

## ELDERS VISITATION AREAS:

|                |                         |        |                |                           |        |
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| 1) Aldsworth   | Mr. E. and Mrs. J. Bond | 244157 | 9) Terringes   | Mr. G. Dearsley           | 690996 |
| 2) Alinora     | Mr. N. Prattent         | 240031 | 10) Strand     | Mr. D. Stewart            | 243787 |
| 3) Parklands   | Mrs. S. Gooderham       | 506452 | 11) Lakeland   | Mrs. H. Redman            | 260568 |
| 4) Wallace     | Mrs. E. Rhodes          | 248263 | 12) Durrington | Mr. K. Merritt            | 262609 |
| 5) Heene       | Mr. G. Dean             | 240376 | 13) Salvington | Mrs. I. Tuley             | 265319 |
| 6) Trent       | Mrs. R. Hitchin         | 249580 | 14) Findon     | Mr. M. Smith              | 821843 |
| 7) Marlborough | Mrs. R. Bradley         | 240908 | 15) Ferring    | Mr. C. and Mrs. P. Taylor | 246523 |
| 8) Melrose     | Mrs. C. Hunt            | 265047 |                |                           |        |

## FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

|                           |                        |        |
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| Boys' Brigade             | Mr. Don Stewart        | 243787 |
| Girls' Brigade            | Mrs. Margaret Craghill | 873806 |
| Women's Guild             | Miss Audrey Gerlach    | 501153 |
| Men's Fellowship          | Mr. Alex Blackford     | 502821 |
| Monday Evening Fellowship | Mrs. Doreen Norris     | 830048 |
| Christian Aid             |                        |        |
| Reform Magazine           | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham  | 506452 |
| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs. Val Gill          | 267655 |
| Kestro Stroke Club        | Miss Margaret Briggs   | 245034 |
| Leprosy Mission           | Mrs. Mary Luckin       | 245846 |
|                           | Mrs. Florrie Freeman   | 248014 |
| Church Warden             | Mr. Don Stewart        | 243787 |
| Chronicle Editor          | Mr. Leslie Montford    | 243698 |
| Flower Secretary          | Mrs. Jean Webb         | 240546 |
| Transport Officer         | Mrs. Bett Swierk       | 243194 |
| Publicity Officer         | Mrs. Christine Sharpe  | 212535 |
| Lettings Secretary        | Mrs. Lily Collison     | 248861 |
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| Mission Secretary         | Mr. Sidney Hider       | 243832 |
| Social Secretary          | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham  | 506452 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary     | Mrs. Sue Arkinstall    | 263157 |
| The Bible Society         | Rev. Ron Christopher   | 230330 |
| Beano Club                | Mr. Ken Arkinstall     | 263157 |
| Choir Secretary           | Mr. Michael Ebeling    | 240448 |



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SEPTEMBER 1994

Dear Friends,

During this month we will be asked to nominate people to stand as elders in the elections at the church meeting on December 8th. Can it be stated at the outset that the elders are not appointed by the minister, but elected by the church meeting under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps, however, it is appropriate to share the qualities we should be looking for as we come to these important decisions and offer nominations.

The most important consideration is that we nominate men or women of God. People in whom we see God's Spirit working. These are not necessarily very vocal, noticeable people; indeed, often they will be quiet, unassuming in their nature and, perhaps, their faith. However, they will be obviously people whose faith is important and whose love of Jesus should shine through all they do. Elders are to be spiritual leaders of the church: unless these qualities are seen in their lives we cannot expect them to lead, under God's direction.

We shall nominate some as Pastoral Elders. An easy test seems to be, could I share with this person, knowing that they would pray for my need? To do this we need to feel comfortable in their presence - that we will feel able to share, and to recognise that they see prayer as an important part of life - so that we will know they will pray for our needs.

We shall nominate some as Administrative Elders. Their task will be involved with the committee structure of our church. A test for such people could well be that they have an overview of the whole work of the church and have a real vision for the direction in which God is leading the church here in Goring.

There is one thing we must all now do and that is to pray earnestly that our church will call the people to eldership that God wants. The elders will need to be called by God and anointed with His Spirit as they lead us under His Power. So let us come to prayer that we may heed what God is saying.

Finally, perhaps you will be asked to stand and not recognise the qualities needed in yourself - that is, perhaps, not important as long as others do. You need to pray for God's confirmation. Maybe some of you will hear God call you and wonder what to do. In that situation do come and talk with Peter or any of the elders; we need to feel able to share all that God is saying about these important positions in His church.

So let us all turn to the Lord in prayer for His guidance; prayer which will need to continue throughout the months up to the elders' elections and beyond.

Your servants in Christ,

*Peter & Eileen Heckels*



## TESTIMONY OF FAITH.

Hello! If anyone had said to me back in February '93 that I would be standing here today pledging my life to God I would have totally disbelieved them. I came here just to get married. My attitude was 'You're not going to get me!' However, after coming for a few weeks, much to my surprise everyone was very friendly and helpful. I was very sceptical of everything and felt unworthy, not really understanding what was happening to me.

As time went by, and our wedding day drew nearer, I began to accept more of the Christian faith and a need to put my roots in this Church.

Looking back now I'm sure it was God's calling. I came to a supper in the Church Hall and the Speaker was Vic Jakobson. That man made a tremendous impression on my life. The next day, when he took the Sunday Service, I became a Christian - and so did my future wife, Sarah. This was a week before our wedding - God's perfect timing! God gave us a wonderful wedding. I would like to thank everyone here for their love and support.

I thought 'now I am a Christian everything is going to be wonderful. All I have to do is ask.' I have to admit, I was a rather selfish, self-righteous and very impatient person.

Over the last year, through attending a Bible Study Course and associating with fellow believers, spending a lot of time in prayer and learning the ways of Jesus, I am becoming to feel a lot more at peace with myself. As my wife would say - I'm a much nicer human being now. I've still got a lot to learn. My life with God is only just beginning.

In closing I would like to relate a short story about a man and his 5 year old son.

The Father was always too busy to play with his son. One day the Father cut up a picture of the world from a magazine and gave it to his son saying, 'When you've finished putting this jigsaw puzzle back together I'll play with you.'

Five minutes later the son returned. 'Daddy, I've finished the picture.'

The Father said, 'That's impossible! You don't know where all the countries of the world are.'

'Well,' the son said, 'on the back is a picture of a man. I guess, if you get the man right the world will be right.'

I feel that's what God is saying to me.

Read out by me, BRYAN JUPE, on the Sunday I became a Member of Goring United Reformed Church, August 7th 1994.

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A VOLUNTEER NEEDED.

For many years Mrs. Joan Burrage has kindly sent out, each month, copies of The Chronicle, to a number of people. Some of these are former members who like to keep in touch, and others are various people for whom it is helpful to receive news of our church. Joan feels that now is the time to hand over this responsibility, and would like to do so by the end of September. We are very grateful to Joan for what she has done over the years, and would also be very grateful if someone else felt they could take on this important task. Should you wish to know more about the work Joan would be only too happy to fill you in. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to respond.

Thank you. Geoffrey Dearsley.....

## FLOWER POWER.

I shall be on holiday from August 31st to September 14th.

For all matters Floral please contact Mrs. ROSEMARY EVANS, at 27 Nutley Crescent, Goring. 501870, during that time.

Thank you and bless you. Jean Webb. Flower secretary.



Revelation chapter 3. verse 20.

"A Saviour not quite God is a bridge broken at the farther end."

Bishop Moule.

"A Saviour not quite a man is a bridge broken at the nearer end."

F. F. Bruce.

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"BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK!"

A POEM BY MRS. E. JOY BLACKFORD.

Some seek Him here, some seek Him there,  
some seek Him not at all,  
but those who seek and find declare  
that God is all-in-all!  
There is a strait and narrow Way  
that leads to Heaven's Gate,  
and there's a light as bright as day  
for all who on God wait.

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Lift up your eyes - there stands your Guide,  
the Way, the Life, the Truth;  
who for your sake was crucified  
when scarcely past His youth!  
Christ, One with God, yet One with Man,  
God's Son, our Saviour, Friend.  
Light of the World since time began  
who leads to Journey's end!

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He intercedes for all mankind  
and now, with God, He reigns!  
Their Holy Spirit, Love-inclined,  
the Universe sustains!  
Jerusalem caused His tears to fall,  
as does our war-torn world.  
When will His Flag of Peace o'er all  
His people be unfurled?

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Shekinah radiance of His face  
as through a veil we see,  
and falling on our knees, embrace  
vows of fidelity!  
Oh come and visit us, dear Lord,  
you will not knock in vain!  
We'll welcome You with one accord  
and beg you to remain!

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Please note SHEKINAH means Visible glory of God  
resting over the Mercy Seat. E.J.B.

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Mr. Alex Blackford is in Worthing Hospital. On Tuesday August 9th he had an operation. Mr. Frazer Finlay informed me that he was sitting up and taking notice soon afterwards, drowsy, but fighting to get back to normal. Frazer asks us to pray for him, which we will do with the greatest of pleasure. We trust he will be out of hospital when you read this, and well on the way to a full recovery. Editor.  
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SERENDIPITY. (formally GALLS)

This is a new Social Group for Ladies to be run along similar lines to that of the BEANO Club. The idea is to create an informal atmosphere to show outsiders that the freedom given to us by Jesus means we are allowed to have fun, also to encourage our non-Christian friends to participate alongside us. The name of this group, SERENDIPITY, means 'making happy discoveries by accident'. We hope not only to make happy discoveries about ourselves but that our non-Christian friends may discover for themselves the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Chapter 2 of Ruth shows her gathering the corn alongside the other women: she was seen to be different just by the way she conducted herself, and by her love in actions towards Naomi. In like manner we pray that our actions, our conversations, etc., will be a witness to the other women. In view of this there is to be no actual religious content, but will be backed by prayer within the group so that individual needs may be brought before the Lord. We hope that the Church as a whole will also lend its prayerful support to this new group.

We are to meet every third Monday in the month for which there will be a 50 pence subscription. Our first meeting will be on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19th at 8.15 pm in the Church Hall where the programme of events will be unveiled (refreshments provided). Ladies of all ages are most welcome to come along and join us in this exciting venture.

Julie, Jenny and Sue.

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AREA FELLOWSHIP GROUPS.

As the above groups are open for all who find the day and time convenient to them, whether they live in the local area or not, it has been decided to drop the word 'AREA' and, in future, the Groups will be known as 'FELLOWSHIP GROUPS.'

The day of the month and time are shown in the current Handbook but, as some will have had a break for the summer, the September dates are given underneath:-

ALDSWORTH AND ALINORA - Eric and Jane Bond W.244157.

Second Wednesday evening. September 14th.

PARKLANDS AND TRENT - Roy and Sheila Gooderham W.506452

First Tuesday evening. September 6th. 7.45 pm.

A social evening to plan the Autumn session.

MARLBOROUGH Irene Kitto W.243237

First Wednesday afternoon 2.30 pm September 7th.

MELROSE AND TERRINGES - Geoffrey and Irene Dearsley W.690996.

Third Tuesday evening. September 20th.

FERRING - Charles and Pheniah Taylor W. 246523.

Second Thursday afternoon 2.30 pm September 8th.

Subject for discussion and debate 'THE MYSTERY OF GOD'

Please telephone any of the above names if you wish to find out more about the group.

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STUDY GROUPS.

Within our church there are a number of groups who meet for study, either sharing Bible Study or following one Christian course or another. The Church Family Committee has been gathering information about these groups to gain an overall picture of our life in this area. The next step in this process will be to hold a meeting on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12th at 7.30 pm in HARRIS ROOM for those who lead or would be interested in leading such a group to share ideas and resources, and to seek God's way forward.

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## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

## ALTERATION TO HANDBOOK.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 5 Mrs. Doreen NORRIS 1 Kingfisher Court. 45 Downview Road.  
Worthing. BN11 1PW. 503783

## NEW MEMBERS AUGUST 7th SERVICE

- 2 Mrs. P. BAILEY St. John's Villas.  
9 Mrs. I. BERRY 36 Carolyne House, Littlehampton Road.  
14 Mr. F. DEAKINS  
5 Mr. B. JUPE Flat 5, 34 Rowlands Road.  
15 Mr. E. POPPLESTONE 22 Singleton Crescent  
15 Mrs. B. POPPLESTONE 22 Singleton Crescent  
12 Mrs. J. SHELDON 8 Winton Lodge, Arun Close

## BIRTH

To Mr. & Mrs. Alex Cameron on August 2nd a son Ewan James,

## FUTURE MARRIAGES

Eileen and Peter Heckels' son, Paul, is to be married to Louisa on September 3rd at Great Chesterfield, Cambridge.

Sheila and Roy Gooderham's daughter, Ann, is to be married to Michael on September 17th at Arnold, Nottingham.

Your prayers are asked for each of these couples that the Lord will bless them and keep them.

## DEATH

William Freeman (83) on Monday July 25th.  
Our loss is our Lord's gain.

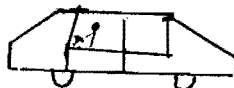
## CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to two of our Members

Mr. Geoffrey Redman on attaining a distinction in his recent organ examination, and Mrs. Nicolette Jackson a 2(1) B.Ed. degree.

WELL DONE!

## TRANSPORT FACILITIES.



Don't forget, if you can offer transport or need transport for Sunday Services mornings and/or evenings Mrs. Bett Swierk would be pleased to hear from you. She is our Transport Officer. 243194.

This is a verse from the favourite hymn of Miss Rosemary KITTO Congregational Praise no. 21. by Thomas Binney. 1798-1874.

The inclusion of favourite hymns has been brought back to the Chronicle by popular request.

Eternal Light! eternal Light!  
How pure the soul must be  
when, placed within Thy searching sight  
it shrinks not, but with calm delight  
can live and look on Thee.



Dear Friends,

WANTED: A Captain to lead this excellent team. Do you have time to spare and a sense of humour? Girls' Brigade will train you, and the Lord will provide the rest. We can assure you of a warm welcome. Come and feel the 'Love shared amongst us' theme in action..... The Girls are lovely and they NEED YOU!

We are very grateful to Alison for all that she has done with the EXPLORERS and, indeed, within Brigade generally. Her love of Brigade, sense of humour, and loyalty will be much missed.

Thank you, Denise, for taking over the EXPLORER SECTION - we know that they will continue to flourish under your loving care.

We ask for your prayerful support at this time and, if you are interested in learning more of Brigade, please telephone me, after 6.30 pm. on 873806.

Margaret Craghill. Captain.

While we are thanking God for the beautiful summer we also thank Him for our holidays. On Aug. 6th we returned from Camp at The Croft Study Centre, Etchingham, East Sussex.

Once it was a beautiful Manor House, but has now been converted into a Centre for children who live in London to come for holidays in the country. We were very lucky to find such a place for our Camp '94. We had beds with duvets (no more church hall floors for us!). The grounds were a joy, with beautiful gardens, an assault course, a small swimming pool, sportsfield and a pond. We spent the week sharing with 2nd. Worthing Company Girls' Brigade and all the Girls got on so well you would not have realised they were from two separate companies.

We enjoyed day trips out to Bewt Water, Rye and Camber Sands, and Tunbridge Wells. All three were super days out. We had lots of activities at The Croft, too. Sports games, pond-dipping, treasure hunts and, of course, there was the night when some of our night clothes were mysteriously hung on the bushes! We had the last laugh, though. We all had spares! The Juniors are still wondering who sewed up their night clothes!

Captain led our open-air parade on Sunday with a lovely story and choruses.

Mrs. Mann and Mrs. White led our morning 'Thought for the day', and our own Lt. Julie Gray led our evening devotions, based on the road signs we see everyday. The one I pray the Girls will remember is GIVE WAY TO JESUS.

We enjoyed many laughs and many tears of fellowship which will remain in my memory, and I feel privileged to have been part of this wonderful week. Thank you, Captain. Caroline Hibbs.

I am deeply concerned about the future of our GIRLS' BRIGADE COMPANY since hearing of Captain. Mrs. Margaret Craghill's resignation before the end of this year.

If there are those willing to help, but without 'work experience' in the Brigade, help is available if required. The Brighton and Hove Division has a TRAINING DAY in Hove on SEPTEMBER 10th, also a Young Leaders and Prospective Officers Training Weekend FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30th - SUNDAY OCTOBER 2nd. Trainees must be members or prospective members of this church. I am sure they would welcome the opportunity of extending the area of their care, and share their resources. (MRS) ELSIE FLACK 0273 455224



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EXTRACTED FROM A CHRISTIAN MISSION TO THE COMMUNIST WORLD  
MAGAZINE - NOT A RECENT COPY, SAYS PHYLLIS WHEELER:-

Hear me, O God, I never spoke with you before.  
Today I tell you the first time 'Welcome'.  
Since we were children they brainwashed us:  
'There is no God!'  
And I, like an idiot, believe it.

Please note this should have read: believed it.

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September Mailing is on Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st inclusive,  
between 9 am and 5 pm. For more details please telephone Ann Hall  
on 237281 at the above address.

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THANKS.

My family and I have been very conscious of being  
surrounded and uplifted by the love and prayers of our friends  
during the weeks of Will's illness and especially now he has gone  
to be with the Lord, and when there have been things to settle and  
arrangements made.

Our thanks especially to Geoffrey who so willingly took  
Norah and me to the hospital, and for his help and prayerful  
support since.

To Robin for seeing a wheelchair was once again available  
for hospital visits.

To Rev. Peter and Mrs. Eileen Heckels and Rev. William  
Connelly for their love and support, and to all who have visited,  
sent letters, cards and flowers, a very special THANK YOU!

Florrie Freeman, Alan, Christine and Norah.

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TEAR FUND writes of it's response to the suffering of the  
people of Rwanda:- "Their needs are so great as they flee ethnic  
conflict and political upheaval, only to be confronted by sickness  
and death caused by lack of food and water.

"From this small Central African Country, roughly the size  
of Wales, we have seen images of unimaginable cruelty and  
brutality. From a country that, sixty years ago, was central to  
the East African Revival, have come actions and attitudes that  
could only have drawn their inspiration from the forces of evil.  
Yet Christians in Rwanda have been at the forefront of initiatives  
to provide refuge and practical help. Even in the refugee camp at  
Benaco, Tanzania, they are faithfully witnessing to God and  
praising Him for His goodness.

"It has been a privilege for us to come alongside these  
Christians and support them in their practical initiatives to  
demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus to those who are  
suffering. Working with evangelical partners, both within Rwanda  
and in neighbouring Tanzania, Burundi and Zaire, we have been able  
to provide them not only with medicines, food, plastic sheeting  
and blankets for the refugees, but also Bibles, enabling them to  
feed those who are both physically and spiritually hungry.

"Please continue to pray with us that, out of this tragic  
situation, God will bring healing, hope, reconciliation and new  
life for those in Rwanda who have endured so much."

Phyllis Wheeler. ....



Across 177 Nations the first global March for Jesus saw colourful processions of praise or quiet prayer walks. In Tonga the King re-dedicated the Nation to Christ in front of 12,000 people. 850,000 danced and sang on the streets of San Paulo. 1,000,000 prayed in Seoul, Korea. 250,000 in Australia, and 1,500,000 in the U.S.A.

70,000 marched in London, 12,000 in Edinburgh, 5,000 in Cardiff, 2,500 in Drogheda where all Christian religions met and prayed together.

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#### OPERATION MOBILISATION.

More than 500 people are going out in evangelism teams with Operation Mobilisation under their Summer Challenge programme, working in Montreal, Austria, Finland, Hong Kong, Spain and other countries. Love Europe conferences will be in Sweden and Germany.

Operation Mobilisation is planning a series of concerts and events early next year under the title 'A NIGHT FOR CHANGE' to support OM Publishing's 'PRAY FOR THE WORLD' campaign. From January to April in forty venues across England and Scotland George Verwer, Patrick Johnstone, Bill Drake and others serving in various countries will challenge audiences to pray for the world.

#### \* Excerpts from Evangelism Today August 1994

##### PRAYERS FOR LIBERIA DURING THE COMING MONTHS.

LIBERIA is a country which has been caught in a web of destructive and disastrous civil unrest over the last decade. As the people battle on in the face of military power struggles, mounting casualties and a shattered economy, please pray for peace and recovery.

The estimated 1,000,000 people who have fled their homes in Liberia and are living as refugees in the capital, Monrovia, and the surrounding lands please pray for, too. Missionaries who are working among the refugee communities also need your prayers.

The literacy rate is 39.5%, Christians 67.7%, number of languages spoken 34. Official language is English. Your gifts of money will help in every possible way.

Bible Society Pamphlet.....

##### WORTHING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE. BOLSOVER ROAD. WORTHING. BN13 1NS

See leaflet in Church regarding the details of their new A/AS course Religious Studies Philosophy of Religion. If any member would be interested in joining this course please contact Peter Cole, Head of Religious Studies during the first week of September. The course will run on Thursdays 6.30 to 9 pm and will cost you £70 in fees for one year.

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#### DID YOU KNOW

the Jewish cubit was 21 inches?

the palm or hand's breadth was 3½ inches?

Ezekiel's Canneh or reed was 126 inches?

A Sabbath-day's journey was 3,500 feet?

A Jewish mile was 7,000 feet?

a Stadium or furlong was 700 feet?

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#### A COURSE ON JESUS BY PASTOR GRAHAM JEFFERSON.

NEW LIFE CHURCH. SALVINGTON ROAD. WORTHING.

For some considerable time I've been wondering whether it would be possible to run an Adult Education Class with JESUS as the object of study! Along with acupuncture and aromatherapy, car maintenance and Chinese cookery, why not a course on Jesus?

Finally I've done something about it. Beginning on Friday Sept. 23rd, as part of Northbrook College's Adult Education programme, I'm presenting a 10-week course entitled WHO WAS JESUS CHRIST? From 7 - 9 pm at the Adult Education Centre, Union Place, Worthing. It is set on St. Mark's Gospel with many varied questions. For more details see the full letter from Pastor Graham Jefferson in our church vestibule. Or phone 262313.



## WONDERFUL WEATHER. WONDERFUL WITNESS. WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP.

The open air Service on The Green at Goring seafront on August 14th was blessed with a beautiful warm sunny afternoon. Well over 30 from our church joined with those from the Durrington New Life and Goring Courtland churches in joyous worship surrounded by holiday makers and local people. Our Bobby represented Goring URC in the excellent singing group. We heard testimonies from an ex-policewoman who now witnesses to children in schools, of a miraculous healing from cancer, and our Geoff Dearsley told how he was, as a young man just engaged, called to go to Africa as a missionary.

Congratulations to those responsible for the amplification which was very good.

We even experienced the 'wind of the Spirit' for, as Pastor Jefferson was speaking of the love and forgiveness of God and how the Holy Spirit was in our midst - something happened! There was a sudden mini-whirlwind which disordered hair and sent hats, songpapers and miscellaneous items flying into the air. All present were obviously moved in spirit.

The final hymn, Amazing Grace, was followed by a time of christian, loving friendship between participants of the three churches. We went home refreshed and uplifted in spirit, looking forward to the next joint venture with our neighbouring churches.

Eileen and Ron Jordan.

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MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Our new session starts on September 12th at 8 pm in the Cornwall Room, as usual. Mrs. Eileen Heckels will be talking to us on that evening.

I am pleased to say that the Fellowship will be in the capable hands of Mrs. Bobby Hitchin as Chair-person, Mrs. Robin Bradley as Secretary, and Ms. Joan Purkiss as Treasurer. Thank you Ladies!

My three years as Chair-person were very enjoyable, but now I am happy to hand over the reins to someone else - and put my feet up!

My good wishes to Bobby, Robin and Joan and success to Monday Evening Fellowship.

Doreen Norris.

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ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS.

Our August meeting was a trip to Farham Park. Our first meeting in September is on 28th at 2.15 in the Church Halls.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

We are looking forward to starting our Autumn Programme with a talk by our Minister. Rev. Peter Heckels on Tuesday September 6th at 2.45 pm. in the East Hall.

We would like to make an appeal to all our members and friends to join us at our Fellowship Meetings. We have a varied programme of subjects, and leave time afterwards for a cup of tea and a chat. We look forward to seeing some new faces, too, not only retired, but those unfortunate to be unemployed at this time.

We appreciate our Speakers giving up their time to share their experiences with us.

We need your support to make their effort worthwhile. You know that we have only one rule - BE FRIENDLY. Why not come and join us? Alex Blackford. Secretary. Ian Hennell. Acting Secretary

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WOMEN'S GUILD.

We open on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6th at 2.45 pm in the CHURCH HALL. Audrey Gerlach. Secretary.



## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1994.

- 2 Fri Worthing Stroke Club re-opens today at 2 pm  
 3 Sat Torch Fellowship St. Columba's U.R.C. 2.30 pm  
 IT'S A KNOCK OUT Competition.  
 4 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.  
 11 am Service with Holy Communion  
 6.30 pm Service Mr.Geoff. Dearsley/Rev.Ron Christopher.  
 The number of Elders required will be given at both Services today  
 5 Mon Sewing Group meets East Hall 1.30 pm  
 6 Tue Women's Guild/Men's Fellowship 2.45 pm  
 7 Wed Day of Prayer with Holy Communion in Church 7 am to 9 pm  
 8 Thu Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 am  
 Praise and Prayer Meeting Cornwall Room 2.30-3.30 pm  
 9 Fri South West District Council Meeting at Petworth.  
 10 Sat AUTUMN FAYRE Order Day 10 am to Noon.  
 11 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
 11 am Divine Service.  
 6.30 pm Service Mrs.Elsie Flack/Rev. Peter Heckels  
 The number of Elders required will be given at both Services today  
 12 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall 1.30 pm  
 Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 pm  
 13 Tue Durrington High School Parents Prayer Group 2 - 2.45pm  
 Girls' Brigade Session starts 6 pm  
 15 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club Church Hall 10 - 11.30 am  
 16 Fri ALIVE '95 Evening of Prayer for Worthing at 8 pm  
 All welcome at Worthing Baptist Church, Christchurch Rd.  
 17 Sat Torch Fellowship. Jubilee Hall. Durrington. 2.30 pm  
 BEANO Club 7.30 pm  
 18 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. 11 am Divine Worship  
 6.30 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion  
 Mr.Julian Brewer/Rev. Peter Heckels.  
 19 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
 SERENDIPITY CLUB inaugural meeting Church Hall 8.15 pm  
 20 Tue Men's Fellowship/Women's Guild 2.45 pm  
 22 Thu Praise and Prayer Meeting Cornwall Room 2.30-3.30 pm  
 Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm  
 23 Fri Decorations for Harvest Festival in Church by Kestro  
 24 Sat Gifts for Church for Harvest Festival  
 25 Sun 8 am Holy Communion. HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY  
 11 am Divine Worship  
 6.30 pm Service Rev. Peter Heckels  
 26 Mon Sewing Circle meets in East Hall at 1.30 pm  
 Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 pm  
 28 Wed Action for Dysphasic Adults 2.15pm Church Halls.  
 29 Thu Church Meeting 7.30 pm  
 30 Fri Nominations for Elders must be received, in writing, by  
 the Church Secretary up to and including tonight. All nominees  
 shall be proposed and seconded and each nomination must include  
 confirmation that the candidate has consented to his/her  
 nomination. Only full church members are eligible to nominate  
 candidates for the serving eldership.

## FRIDAY MORNING LADIES' DISCIPLESHIP GROUP.

We would like to thank those people who so kindly brought along cakes, pies, etc., on Friday morning July 15th for the Worthing Homeless Shelter in Byron Road. They were so pleased to receive 10 or so home-made items that we were able to take to them.

Whilst writing we would also like to thank all those who have helped and supported us over the past 5 YEARS. Particular thanks must go to our various CRECHE LADIES who, in the early days, could have had as many as a dozen children at a time.

We feel that God has guided us to close the Group and we look forward, with anticipation, to what God will be doing in the near future, here at Goring. LIZ STILWELL. BETT SWIERK.



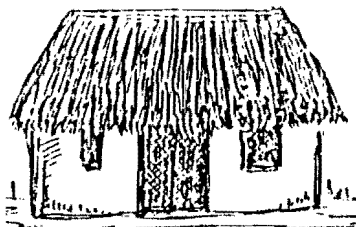
# RUTH's CHAT

## (from the FIELD)

Being the lightest passenger, I was strapped into the back seat of the 6-seater plane, with the luggage. There was certainly no room to swing a cat! The take-off was so smooth I hardly realised we'd left the ground. We saw the Ubangi River meandering beneath us as the MAF plane crossed over from Central African Republic into Zaïre. 45 minutes later we touched down in Gemena.

That was 3 months ago, and Gemena now feels like home - at least temporarily. It's a large town with a few dilapidated shops and a bustling market, selling brightly coloured cloth, second-hand clothing, charcoal and firewood, a number of imported Chinese goods, and of course food - rice, cassava, many green-leaf vegetables, corn on the cob, plain bananas, fish (fresh or dried), live chickens, freshly slaughtered pigs, etc.

Lingala learning has been keeping Andrea and me busy. Lingala is more widely spoken here than French, and thanks to the help and patience of our language teachers and other friends, we are slowly making progress. We are also grateful for dictionaries and written grammars for Lingala, which do not exist in many other local languages.



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to move out of your house and into your garden shed? That's a bit what it felt like in June when Andrea and I moved in with a Zaïrean family for two weeks. Imagine sitting in a dark hut, lit by one paraffin lamp, eating your evening meal with rain dripping through the straw roof in several places, and your chickens, ducks and cat also sharing the room with you!

Running the Wycliffe guesthouse and dealing with administration is proving quite a challenge! We want the house to feel welcoming for Wycliffe members coming in from their villages to recharge their batteries. Andrea is the guesthouse hostess and she has taken charge of the kitchen and purchasing supplies as well as organising the Zaïrean employees.

My responsibilities include: managing the cash box and making the books balance at the end of the month, paying the employees' salaries and taxes, driving people to and from the airport (I'm getting used to driving on the wrong - I mean, right side of the road and changing gear with my right hand!), dealing with immigration and customs procedures, keeping in contact with village teams by radio, oversight of Wycliffe vehicles, etc.

People seem to get sick frequently. We have to advise sick employees and help them to get appropriate medical treatment. We also need to communicate clearly with them in Lingala and try to avoid cultural misunderstandings - not easy!

On a wider level, we rejoice that the whole Bible has now been translated into one of the local languages and should be published next year. Translation is steadily progressing in 2 other languages, and 2 further language projects are in their beginning stages. People are enthusiastic about learning to read and there are many adult literacy classes operating through the churches. Our desire is that God's Word will have a greater impact on people's lives as they are able to read it for themselves.

Thank you for your support.  
In God's love,

*Ruth*

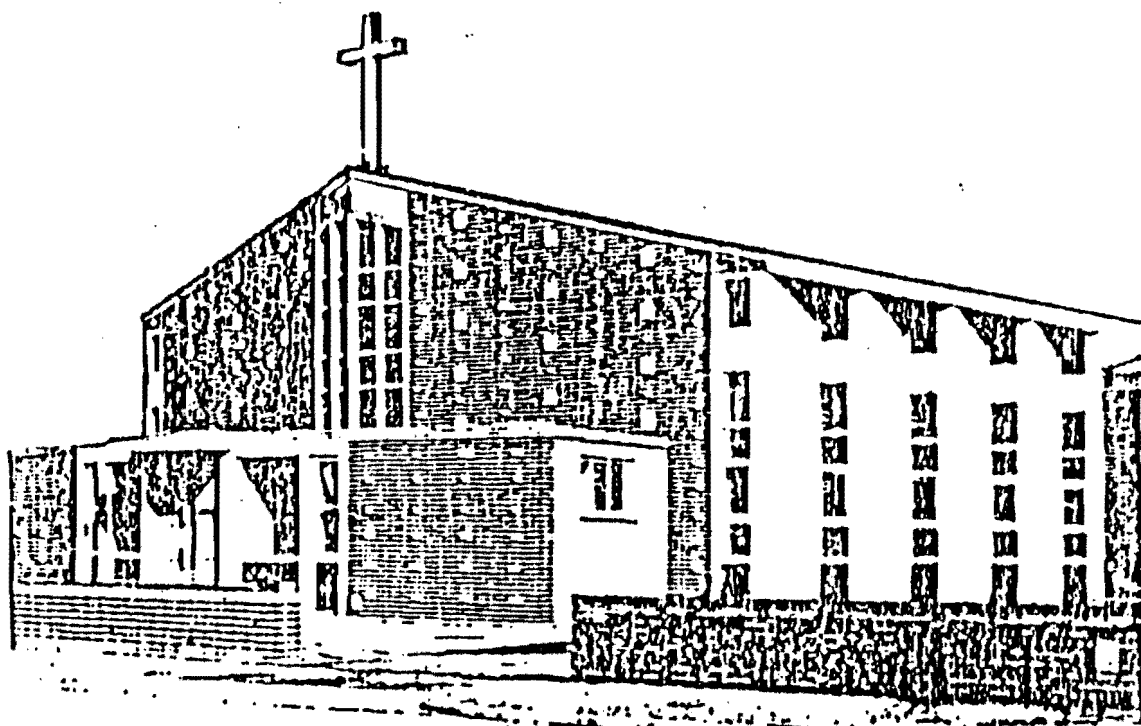
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## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister: Rev. Peter Heckels. 17 Drummond Road. Tel. 248259

Secretary: Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley. 60 Princess Avenue. Tel. 690996

Acting

Pastoral Secretary: Mrs. Hilary Redman. 5 Salvington Hill. Tel. 260568

Treasurer: Mr. Roy Gooderham. 15 Harvey Road. Tel. 506452

## ELDERS VISITATION AREAS:

|                |                         |        |                |                           |        |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------|----------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1) Aldsworth   | Mr. E. and Mrs. J. Bond | 244157 | 9) Terringes   | Mr. G. Dearsley           | 690996 |
| 2) Alinora     | Mr. M. Prattent         | 240031 | 10) Strand     | Mr. D. Stewart            | 243787 |
| 3) Parklands   | Mrs. S. Gooderham       | 506452 | 11) Lakeland   | Mrs. H. Redman            | 260568 |
| 4) Wallace     | Mrs. E. Rhodes          | 248263 | 12) Durrington | Mr. K. Merritt            | 262609 |
| 5) Heene       | Mr. G. Dean             | 240376 | 13) Salvington | Mrs. I. Tuley             | 265319 |
| 6) Trent       | Mrs. R. Hitchin         | 249580 | 14) Findon     | Mr. M. Smith              | 821843 |
| 7) Marlborough | Mrs. R. Bradley         | 240908 | 15) Ferring    | Mr. C. and Mrs. P. Taylor | 246523 |
| 8) Melrose     | Mrs. C. Hunt            | 265047 |                |                           |        |

## FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

|                           |                        |        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Boys' Brigade             | Mr. Don Stewart        | 243787 |
| Girls' Brigade            | Mrs. Margaret Craghill | 873806 |
| Women's Guild             | Miss Audrey Gerlach    | 501153 |
| Men's Fellowship          | Mr. Alex Blackford     | 502821 |
| Monday Evening Fellowship | Mrs. Robin Bradley     | 240908 |
| Christian Aid             | Mr. Charlie Vard       | 501949 |
| Reform Magazine           | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham  | 506452 |
| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs. Val Gill          | 267655 |
| Kestro Stroke Club        | Miss Margaret Briggs   | 245034 |
| Leprosy Mission           | Mrs. Mary Luckin       | 245846 |
|                           | Mrs. Florrie Freeman   | 248014 |
| Church Warden             | Mr. Don Stewart        | 243787 |
| Chronicle Editor          | Mr. Leslie Montford    | 243698 |
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| Mission Secretary         | Mr. Sidney Hider       | 243832 |
| Social Secretary          | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham  | 506452 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary     | Mrs. Sue Arkinstall    | 263157 |
| The Bible Society         | Rev. Ron Christopher   | 230330 |
| Beano Club                | Mr. Ken Arkinstall     | 263157 |
| Serendipity Club          |                        |        |
| Choir Secretary           | Mr. Michael Ebeling    | 240448 |



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OCTOBER 1994

Dear Friends,

This month we would like to share three parables of Jesus and ask a question after each.

You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead he puts it on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.  
(Matthew 5: 14-16)

Does our church shine with God's gifts of unity and love?

At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to go on a journey; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. He gave to each one according to his ability; to one he gave five thousand gold coins, to another he gave two thousand, and to another he gave one thousand. Then he left on his journey. The servant who had received five thousand coins went at once and invested his money and earned another five thousand. In the same way the servant who had received two thousand coins earned another two thousand. But the servant who had received one thousand coins went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The servant who had received five thousand coins came in and handed over the other five thousand. "You gave me five thousand coins, sir," he said. "Look! Here are another five thousand that I have earned." "Well done, you good and faithful servant!" said his master. "You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness."

Then the servant who had been given two thousand coins came in and said, "You gave me two thousand coins, sir. Look! Here are another two thousand that I have earned." "Well done, you good and faithful servant!" said his master. "You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!"

Then the servant who had received one thousand coins came in and said "Sir, I know you are a hard man; you reap harvests where you did not sow, and you gather crops where you did not scatter seed. I was afraid, so I went off and hid your money in the ground. Look! Here is what belongs to you."

"You bad and lazy servant!" his master said. "You knew, did you, that I reap harvests where I did not sow, and gather crops where I did not scatter seed? Well, then, you should have deposited my money in the bank, and I would have received it all back with interest when I returned. Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has ten thousand coins. For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than enough but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him. As for this useless servant - throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and grind his teeth."  
(Matthew 25: 14-30)

Do we as individuals use the talents God has given us, and do we, as a church, recognise and respect the talents of others in the fellowship?

Jesus told them still another parable: The Kingdom of Heaven is like this. A woman takes some yeast and mixes it with forty litres of flour until the whole batch of dough rises.  
(Matthew 13: 33)

Are we willing to be God's yeast in this place?

Please pray for our church as we continue to seek God's will and purpose for our fellowship.

Your servants in Christ,

*Peter and Eileen Heckels*



SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT PETWORTH URC ON 8.9.94

Opening devotions were led by the Minister, Brian Wroe, based upon 2 Corinthians 12, who shared his recent experiences of visiting the Reformed Churches of Ukraine and Hungary. Prayers were said for the widow of Rev Alan Whillis - Minister of Telscombe Cliffs, who died recently; for Wendy Walker after her kidney transplant; for Rev Marina Kennard non-stipendary Minister newly inducted into the District with responsibility for Pagham and for those Ministers moving away - Peter McIntosh, Stuart Bidmead and Frank Cochrane.

DISTRICT APPOINTMENT - Mr Roy Wearing of Saltdean as District Treasurer.

SOUTHERN PROVINCE EVANGELISM ENABLER - Rev Peter Southcombe.

In this decade of evangelism Peter has been appointed to disturb us into action to step out in faith to share the Word and to pray for growth. He is available for Elders/Church days and has much resource material. One idea is a "Badge Day" - and for people to be prepared to explain what the badge means.

PASTORAL CONCERNS OF CHURCHES

The Interim Report of the Patterns of Ministry is to be discussed in the Churches before it is discussed by the November District Meeting. Assembly decreed the timetable. All Brighton Churches will share in a Joint Service on the afternoon of 9th October followed by discussion.

Telscombe Cliffs - Rev George McCleeve appointed as Interim Moderator.

Authorisation for Presiding at Communion - At Brighthelm, Robert Jones, Margaret Ruxton & Ian Sinclair. At Hounsom, Bob Jackson & John Gillam.

Until December 1994 then to be reviewed. Concern was expressed over the uncertainty in this area. It would be discussed in November.

Shelley Road - Mobility scheme now in action and proving popular.

Sompting - Brian Dyer is recommended for training for the non-stipendiary ministry.

PROPERTY MATTERS - Approval was given to Lewes Road, Brighton to sell existing manse and buy a new one. Approval was given to lease the manse of Brighthelm during the interregnum. Goring was congratulated for raising the funds for a new heating system and not therefore needing a Provincial Loan/Grant.

FINANCIAL MATTERS - Ministry and Mission Fund - the Treasurer hopes to hear from the rest of the Churches soon about the amounts they will offer, but if those Churches follow the existing pattern then the District will be 6% short of its target.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY at Lancaster University July 7-11th 1994

Our representatives gave their impressions:-

Good fellowship, excellent worship. Sunday morning service broadcast on radio at which £2,000 was raised for Rwanda, Bible Study on 1 Peter in groups at the end of the morning session, the daily Fury Newsletter said it all and much was learned standing in the queues. This year's General Assembly Moderator Rev Jack McKelvey (formerly Principal of Northern College) gave an excellent address and next year's Moderator will be Rev John Reardon. Rev David Helyar was reappointed as Southern Province Moderator.

There were discussions and resolutions on the International Year of the Family, the arms trade and students grants and loans which are below the level of Income Support and Housing Benefit. Church members are asked to write to their MPs urging the Government to reconsider student grants and raise them above the official poverty level and to cover the costs of necessary books and equipment and to allow students to receive State Benefit with the rest of society. We are also encouraged to offer practical support to students in our own locality.

"Friends of Fury" has been set up for adults to support Fury and the new "Sounds of Fury" book has been published. There was an excellent presentation on TRIO - the responsibility is ours - on finance.



DISTRICT REVIEW GROUP - there will be a full report at the November District Meeting.

CHILDREN'S WORK - A new Secretary is needed. Kaleidoscope Day on 17th September has been cancelled. There will be a Children's and Youth Workers training on Friday evening and Saturday 14/15th October.

ECUMENICAL - Churches Together in Sussex are meeting at Brighthelm on September 24th. There is a Christmas Publicity Pack available for use by all Churches.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - District Youth Event at Goring on October 22/23rd - on Saturday afternoon 8-11yrs and 11+yrs on Saturday evening staying overnight and attending the Sunday Youth Service.

Fury Council needs a representative from this District to be in a support group. Fury Assembly at the Hayes, Swanwick - two representatives needed from this District.

THE PROVINCIAL DAY will be at Croydon on September 14th 1996.

SOMPTING has recently started a Chinese Christian School teaching the Chinese language and culture. Prayers are asked for the 35 children who come from a wide area.

THE SECRETARY encourages all Churches to discuss the Patterns of Ministry and the District Review Group Reports. If there are any specific needs for prayer or information within the Worthing Churches they are asked to let the Secretary know for the November meeting.

LOMAS HOUSE - The Assistant Warden is leaving shortly - it being a residential post - applications are invited.

CONFERENCE - Faith in Tourism at the Arthur Rank Centre November 8-11th 1994.

NEXT MEETING will be on November 10th at Bognor Regis. On February 2nd 1995 it will be at Goring.

Irene Tuley

#### GHANA SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th.

We are happy to report that we will have with us on this date TWO members of 'Action Partners' - David and Kate Register - who are on home leave after working in the Amadzofi Training College in eastern Ghana. They will take part in the morning (Parade) Service and will join us in the Church Hall at 3.30 pm when we will show TWO videos made recently by the Rev. Peter Loveitt (URC) about the life and worship of Ghanaian Christians. A light tea will be served at 4.30 pm and there will be time for questions. Mr. and Mrs. Register will also attend the evening Service.

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the country and people with whom we have had a long-standing link.

World Mission Committee.

#### BIBLE READING NOTES.

It will soon be time to order copies for 1995. The IBRA 'Words for today' and 'Light for our path' are each a twelve month reading plan costing £3.35. Excellent daily inspiration and guidance, and wonderful value for the money.

I will order for existing subscribers unless I hear to the contrary.

Anyone else who would like to know more please see the poster in the Church foyer or come and talk to me. Jane Bond.

Your prayers this month are asked for High school students and primary school children in Armenia who will be provided with Children's Bibles by the Bible Society of Turkey.



## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Please write to Mr. Ken Fish who will be in the ANGUS MACKINNON WARD, at Royal Northern Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore Middlesex for the next three months. Your letters of love and friendship will bring him closer to us all and save him from being lonely in isolation.

And if you want to drop Miss Kirsty Craghill a few lines to show that she's not forgotten her address is 229 Milton Road, Cambridge. I'm sure she'll be pleased to hear from you. LM.

## Recent Marriage.

Mariam BAROI to James Raton TALUKDER  
in the Baptist Church in DHAKA  
God's blessings on them from all her friends in our Church.

## 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

|                    |               |                    |             |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|
| EXPLORERS          | 5-8 years     | TUESDAYS           | 6 - 7.15 pm |
| JUNIORS            | 8-11 years    | TUESDAYS           | 6 - 7.45 pm |
| SENIORS            | 11-14 years   | TUESDAYS           | 6 - 8.30 pm |
| BRIGADERS          | 14 years plus | TUESDAYS           | 6 - 9.30 pm |
| NEXT CHURCH PARADE |               | SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th | 11 am       |

Our Autumn session is under way now with the Juniors and Seniors busy in craft activities as well as drill. The Seniors are also looking at the early years of a child's life, in the home, Church and community. The Explorers are learning about Girls' Brigade, their uniform and badges. I am enjoying leading them and grateful for all the hard work Alison has put in over the past three years and the help she has given me.

Please continue to support us in prayer as we work with the Girls week by week. If you are interested in learning more of Brigade, or can help in any way, please telephone Mrs. Margaret Craghill on Worthing 873809 after 6.30 pm. Lt. Denise Elliott.

## 5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

YES! The 5th Worthing Company Boys' Brigade flag is still flying despite various rumours. Our new session started in September with most of the Boys from the previous session staying with us. We welcome GAVIN READ, MICHAEL AND DAVID GREEN, and DANIEL TILLEY who have joined us. We would like a few more Boys to come along to make things more workable in the sections. We realise that in these days of vandalism, graffiti, agro, etc., that a Boy doesn't find it easy to live up to the object of the Boys' Brigade. We just pray that, with God's help, we will do our best to achieve our aims.

Boys' Brigade week - 19th to 26th November - will soon be here with a Coffee Morning and Sale on the 19th and a Jumble Sale on the 26th. We will appreciate your support by coming along, also contributing any items you have to spare for both functions.

Thank you. Donald Stewart. Captain

60 years in the Boys' Brigade! 32 years as Captain!

## PUMPKINS.

Just to be different I planted a PUMPKIN seed and now find myself the owner of TWO PUMPKINS. One is 72 pounds and the other 60 pounds in weight. What can I do with them? Has anyone a recipe to cook and eat them? Please send them to the Chronicle Editor for publication.

Someone has suggested I divide them into portions and sell them, with the proceeds going to Rwanda. If you are interested in solving my problem please let me know. Donald Stewart.



## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1994.

- 1 Sat Torch Fellowship St. Columba's U.R.C. 2.30 pm  
 2 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.  
 11 am Service with Holy Communion  
 6.30 pm Service  
 3 Mon Sewing Group meets East Hall 1.00 pm  
 4 Tue Women's Guild/Men's Fellowship 2.45 pm  
 5 Wed Day of Prayer in Church 7 am to 9 pm  
 6 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club Church Hall 9 to Noon  
 Praise and Prayer Meeting Cornwall Room 2.30-3.30 pm  
 9 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
 11 am Divine Service. PARADE SERVICE. GHANA SUNDAY  
 3.30 pm 2 Video Films in Church Hall  
 6.30 pm Service Rev. Peter Heckels  
 10 Mon Sewing Group meets in East Hall 1.00 pm  
 Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 pm  
 11 Tue Durrington High School Parents Prayer Group 2 - 2.45pm  
 13 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club Church Hall 9 to Noon  
 BEANO CLUB meets for Swimming  
 15 Sat Torch Fellowship. Jubilee Hall. Durrington. 2.30 pm  
 16 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.  
 11 am Divine Worship  
 6.30 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion  
 Rev. Peter Heckels.  
 17 Mon Sewing Group meets in East Hall at 1.00 pm  
 SERENDIPITY CLUB Video. (Venue t.b.a.) 8.15 pm  
 18 Tue Men's Fellowship/Women's Guild 2.45 pm  
 20 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club Church Hall 9 to Noon  
 Praise and Prayer Meeting Cornwall Room 2.30-3.30 pm  
 Elders' Meeting 7.30 pm  
 22 Sat/ **FURY:** District Camp at Goring  
 23 Sun United Reformed Church  
 Summer time ends Clocks back one hour 2.30 am  
 23Sun 8 am Holy Communion.  
 11 am Divine Worship  
 6.30 pm Service Rev. Peter Heckels  
 24 Mon Sewing Group meets in East Hall at 1.00 pm  
 Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 pm  
 26 Wed Action for Dysphasic Adults 2.15 pm Church Halls.  
 27 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club Church Hall 9 to Noon  
 Church Meeting 7.30 pm  
 30 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
 11 am Divine Worship  
 6.30 pm Service  
 31 Mon Sewing Group meets in East Hall 1.00 pm  
 For dates for One World Week see September Chronicle.

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 HOW TO BE A PARENT IN THE NINETIES!  
 WITH A SPECIAL LOOK AT FATHERHOOD!!

This teaching seminar is visiting 25 venues throughout the United Kingdom and it will be at DURRINGTON NEW LIFE CHURCH on FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4th.

Please contact Patrick Woodward on Worthing 693829 for details.  
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## DID YOU KNOW

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| Zereth or large span      | 10½ inches  |
| Small span                | 7 inches    |
| Inch or thumb's breadth   | 3½ inches   |
| Digit or finger's breadth | .875 inches |
| Orgya or fathom           | 84 inches   |

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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.**

President: Rev. Ron Christopher. Chairman: Mr. Tom Lyons.  
 Treasurer: Mr. Alec Read. Secretary: Mr. Alex Blackford.  
 Committee: Mr. Dick Josselyn. Mr. Frazer Finlay. Mr. Fred Deakins.

OCT 4th We join the Women's Guild for their Anniversary Service  
 OCT 18th Mr. Goodwin. Sea Defences. We join Women's Guild.  
 Both meetings will start at 2.45 pm All welcome.

Our autumn programme is now under way, and for our two meetings in October we shall be joining the Women's Guild. We cannot manage to outnumber the ladies but let's have a good representation!

Alex Blackford. Secretary. Ian Hennell. Acting Secretary

**WOMEN'S GUILD.**

President: Mrs. Lily Collison. Vice President: Mrs. Joan Finlay.  
 Secretary: Miss Audrey Gerlach. Treasurer: Mrs. Pheniah Taylor.  
 Committee: Mrs. I. Berry. Mrs. A. Cleal. Mrs. J. Hannant. Mrs. D. Lyons.  
 Mrs. J. Marsh. Miss B. Macpherson. Mrs. D. Miller. Mrs. T. Sanders.  
 Mrs. E. Taylor. Miss W. Trew.

OCT 4th Anniversary Service at 2.45 pm.

Rev. Peter and Mrs. Eileen Heckels with Men's Fellowship.

OCT 18th Mr. John Goodwin - Dover sea defences 2.45 pm  
 with Men's Fellowship.

The Guild's Anniversary Service will be conducted by our Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels, assisted by his wife, Eileen, on Tuesday Oct. 4th. The Men's Fellowship will join us, together with visitors from other Women's Guilds. We will be pleased to see any friends from our Church. Do come. Tea will be served in the hall after the Service.

It was good to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday Sept 6 when we held our first meeting of the Autumn Session. Norman Prattent, accompanied by his wife, Alma, joined us on this occasion. He gave an interesting talk about their visit to Australia, reminding us of the beauties of creation on that Continent, which he backed up with some colourful slides.

Norman went on to tell us of the coincidence of meeting so many people and the joy of discovering that they, too, loved the Lord and were serving Him in spreading the Good News, just as we are seeking to do here in Goring.

Thank you, Norman, for such a happy afternoon.

Audrey Gerlach. Secretary.

**MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP**

OCT 10 Sue Flynn - Aromatherapy Open evening.

OCT 24 Members evening. Beetle Drive and Bring and Buy.

Both in Cornwall Room. 8 p.m.

**DECEMBER 3rd FAYRE.**

There will be a plant stall at the Fayre, so to ensure that it will have a variety of items, it is suggested that preparation be made now. For example seed pods can be collected, cuttings from Viola and similar species can be inserted in sandy soil. Seeds of early bedding perennials sown in trays; Sweet Peas kept in a cold frame will flower early. When dividing overgrown perennials why not plant some in a pot? Pot up a few extra semi-hard cuttings for the stall. There may be a number of bulbs or tubers which are additional to your needs.

Just a few ideas. Doubtless you will have a number of your own to make the plant stall a success as it has been in the past.

Charles H. Taylor.



### TENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

Durrington Community Centre will be 10 years old in October. The Centre was built and opened in 1984, behind the Tesco Supermarket and shops. Shortly afterwards the Centre Church had its beginnings as an ecumenical venture. The Durrington Community Centre (DUCCA) had been formed back in 1980, before the building was erected, with Rev. Ron Christopher as its first Council Secretary and Councillor John Cotton as Chairman.

Today 38 organisations use the building and well over 1000 people pass through its doors each MONTH! A glance at the notice board in the entrance hall will show the wide variety of activities carried out there. The Coffee Bar is open every weekday and all are welcome.

Over the weekend of October 8/9 there are to be Tenth Birthday celebrations - exhibitions - demonstrations - and a Children's disco on the Saturday, and a Thanksgiving Service, followed by a Jazz Concert, on the Sunday. On November 27th the Centre Church will be holding its own Thanksgiving for God's providence over the past 10 years, and the preacher will be Rev. Valerie Chapman who, together with Rev. Ron Christopher, led the Church through the first years of its life.

Goring United Reformed Church has had many links with the Durrington Centre in the past, and we hope these will continue into the next 10 years at least.

Rev. Beryl A. Chatfield.

### SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

Thanks to the secret preparations of Audrey and Amanda Stewart, Mrs. Jean Easey and one or two other folk in the know, approximately 100 people met in the Church hall on Saturday evening September 17th to greet and surprise Don Stewart on the occasion of the celebration of his SIXTY YEARS as a member of the Boys' Brigade, THIRTY TWO of them as CAPTAIN of 5th Worthing Company here at Goring.

What a gathering of old and young Boys and their families, looking at old photographs and renewing old acquaintances.

Don was presented with the gift of a cheque and a statue of the BRIGADE ANCHOR; a combined gift from all those who have known and loved him during his long years of service.

After a most enjoyable supper a cake, made by Leslie Easey, decorated with the BRIGADE ANCHOR, was served.

The evening ended with the singing of the Brigade Hymn

"Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?"

After 60 years the answer is surely a resounding YES!

Robin Bradley.

### CATERING CONVENOR.

From October 1st I shall be standing down from my position as Catering Convenor; a position it has been my privilege and pleasure to fulfil for almost 12 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all those who have been such a help during this time, especially Margaret Briggs, Lily Collison and Rosemary Evans without whose help the job wouldn't have gone so smoothly, as well as all those ladies who have so willingly baked goodies.

We are fortunate that Mrs. Julie Ward has agreed to take over from me and, with our continued support, wish her every blessing in her new task.

(Mrs.) Robin Bradley.



## A REFUGEE WRITES .....

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I have a great desire to write to you. It's true, we have never met, but I'm aware that our Lord unites His family in His love. Because of this I feel free to write this letter to you.

My name is Zeljko. I am from that part of former Yugoslavia where war is raging, in Bosnia-Herzegovina. I left my home more than a year ago and came to Novi Sad, in Serbia.

In a new city with new people who live differently from the way to which I was accustomed, I lived in a small room where three of us stayed. There were only 2 beds and no bathroom.

One day two people appeared at the door. I discovered they were Christians from a church called 'Christian Fellowship'. Little did I know that they would soon become my pastor and sister in Christ. Very politely they introduced themselves and said they heard there was a refugee here needing help. They had a food parcel for me. That was a big surprise. 'How is it possible that during this war when many are stealing and struggling to stay alive there are people giving out humanitarian aid?' I asked myself. They told me the parcel was from Christians in Britain. I received it with thanks.

They invited me to their church, where I met other refugees like me. As I observed these smiling Christians and saw how they lived I knew there was something wrong with me that needed to be changed.

After a short while I gave my life to Christ. I met the God of the Universe and felt His love for me. Now I have strength to live every day. I realised the truth that the Lord has given me life by giving His life for me. I placed myself in His hands and now He directs my life. I'm so thankful to Him.

I found I wasn't alone. The church distributes humanitarian aid from Britain to hundreds of refugees. Knowing their needs I got involved in this ministry. Today I am one of many who bring parcels and hope to these people.

We would need much paper to list the hundreds of refugees who send greetings to you. Because of this, in the name of children, older people, the handicapped and sick, in the name of the 'Christian Fellowship', and in my own name, I want to express these words of thanks.

May the Lord truly bless your every effort, sacrifice and unselfishness in helping these unfortunate people.

Love and greetings from your brother in Christ.

ZELJKO.

PS. Zeljko was recently married to a fine Christian girl in Novi Sad. She has a wonderful singing voice and is also involved in Christian radio. Together they are committed to serving the Lord in Serbia. They are just two of many front-line Christians who, with your help, we are able to support.

'EUROVANGELISM'. P.O.BOX 50. KINGSWOOD. BRISTOL. BS 15 1 EX

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## ZAIRE CHURCH GIVES QUICK AND UNSELFISH AID AS REFUGEES POUR IN.

A Church Missionary Society worker has commended the Church in Zaire for its work with the refugees who have flooded into the area from Rwanda. CMS mission partner Patricia Nickson, who was in Britain for three days before travelling back to the refugee zone, said that the Church and people of Zaire had been quick and unselfish in offering practical help and opening their homes to refugees, particularly as, initially, they were dealing with the situation without the help of the aid agencies, which arrived some two to three weeks later..



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## BY PHYLLIS WHEELER

Children, students, the unemployed and others with little resources would contribute 1 penny per chapter; some others could afford more, much more. Individuals, families and groups could participate.

## CHAPTERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

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|----|-----------------|----|----|------------|----|
| 1  | Matthew         | 28 | 15 | 1 Timothy  | 6  |
| 2  | Mark            | 16 | 16 | 2 Timothy  | 4  |
| 3  | Luke            | 24 | 17 | Titus      | 3  |
| 4  | John            | 21 | 18 | Philemon   | 1  |
| 5  | Acts            | 28 | 19 | Hebrews    | 13 |
| 6  | Romans          | 16 | 20 | James      | 5  |
| 7  | 1 Corinthians   | 16 | 21 | 1 Peter    | 5  |
| 8  | 2 Corinthians   | 13 | 22 | 2 Peter    | 3  |
| 9  | Galatians       | 6  | 23 | 1 John     | 5  |
| 10 | Ephesians       | 6  | 24 | 2 John     | 1  |
| 11 | Philippians     | 4  | 25 | 3 John     | 1  |
| 12 | Colossians      | 4  | 26 | Jude       | 1  |
| 13 | 1 Thessalonians | 5  | 27 | Revelation | 22 |
| 14 | 2 Thessalonians | 3  |    |            |    |

THANKS.

Audrey, Donald and Amanda Stewart.

**Alex Blackford.**

C.P.A.S. LADIES' DAY.

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## YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love.

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| Hayley ARCHER       | Cardiff.                       | Medicine.                              |
| Jane BICKMORE       | Portsmouth.                    | Sociology.                             |
| Elizabeth BOND      | Southampton.                   | Biology.                               |
| Victoria CARRINGTON | Aberystwyth.                   | French.                                |
| Kirsty CRAGHILL     | Anglia.<br>Cambridge.          | Law & Sociology                        |
| Nicola CRAGHILL     | City University<br>London.     | Nursing and<br>Social Science          |
| John GORDON         | Northern College<br>Manchester | Ministerial<br>Training                |
| Anna HUDNUT         | Loughborough                   | Chemistry                              |
| Kerry McCARTHY      | Cheltenham                     | Teacher Training<br>and P. E.          |
| Zoe RHODES          | Bath                           | Religion and<br>Sociology              |
| Giles TEWKESBURY    | Portsmouth                     | Electrical<br>Engineering/<br>Robotics |

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THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. PLEASE, DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.

Thank you. Editor.

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FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE INCLUSION OF THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR IN THE CHRONICLE A FULL COPY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR. MICHAEL EBELING OR YOUR DISTRICT ELDER.

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WHY NOT PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS IN THIS CHRONICLE?

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## TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

I am appealing for people to come forward with offers of LIFTS to church. I know there are many of you who do so already, but I still need more volunteers who would, on their way to church, pick up someone and drop them off en-route. There are some who need a lift on a regular basis, and if you are willing to do this I would be grateful, but it is the offers of the occasional lift that is my main concern. There are a few who have responded in the past, but I am having to call on them time and time again. There is no obligation if I ring and you are unable to help. I can then call on someone else but, unless I have more volunteers, I am unable to do this. The need at the moment is in the DURRINGTON AREA, but I will be more than happy to hear from anyone who can help.

## A SPECIAL APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF OUR WOMEN'S GUILD.

Could anyone pick up and drop off a lady who lives in Chesterfield Avenue for your Tuesday Meeting, please?  
Many thanks. Bett Swierk. Transport Officer. 243194.

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This is a verse from the favourite hymn of Miss Stella Stone.  
Congregational Praise no. 452. by George Macdonald. 1824/1905.

Our Father, hear our longing prayer,  
and help this prayer to flow,  
that humble thoughts, which are Thy care,  
may live in us and grow.

The inclusion of favourite hymns has been brought back to the Chronicle by popular request

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'We search the world for truth, we cull  
the good, the true, the beautiful,  
from carven stone and written scroll  
and all old flower beds of the soul;  
and, weary seekers of the best,  
we come back laden from our quest  
to find that all the sages said  
is in the Book our Mothers read.' Anon.

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'Born in so low estate,  
schooled in a workman's trade,  
not with the high and great  
His home the Highest made:  
but, labouring by His brethren's side,  
life's common lot He glorified.' Anon.

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'Dwell deep! The little things that chafe and fret  
O waste not golden hours to give them heed!  
The slight, the thoughtless wrong do thou  
Be self-forgot in serving others' need  
Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep!' Anon.

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'Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve.'  
Joseph Joubert.



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 WORTHING STROKE CLUB. KESTRO.

OCT 7 'THE HISTORY OF TEA DRINKING'. A talk, with slides,  
 by Dr. Sally White of Worthing Museum.  
 OCT 14 Worthing Accordion Band entertain us.  
 OCT 21 Painting.  
 OCT 28 Play Reading.

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 ACTION FOR DYSPHASIC ADULTS

OCT 26th Meeting 2.15 pm Church Halls.  
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PRAYER FOR CHOIR VESTRY.

Dear Father God, our thanks we send,  
 our hearts we raise, our voices blend.  
 For, on this Your special day,  
 we bow in worship, and we pray  
 to our Lord and Saviour Christ the King.  
 On bended knee our gifts we bring.  
 No frankincense, no myrrh, no gold.  
 Just all our lives 'til we are old.  
 Please lay Your hand on all who need Thee,  
 all those bereaved, unhappy, may Your blessing be  
 peace of mind and rest for the body,  
 that all tongues will shout the Father's Glory.  
 May Your Word today tell heart and mind  
 to spread Your Gospel to all mankind,  
 for Your Holy Bible is our bread,  
 and YOU, dear Lord, this body's head.

Janet Wetherell.  
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THE CLOSING PRAYER AT OUR BIBLE STUDY MEETING  
 THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 7th BY ONE OF US

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for this time of fellowship together and for  
 all that Your Word teaches us.

We ask Your blessing on Irene as month by month she  
 welcomes us into her home for our happy time together.

We give You our humble thanks for all the joys of creation,  
 for the beautiful summer days we have had, and for the changing  
 seasons and the beauty of nature that surrounds us. Help the  
 whole of mankind appreciate Your goodness, and learn to live in  
 peace.

Be with us now, dear Lord, and bless us.

AMEN.  
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ON THE SHORE.

The lacey edge of the flowing tide  
     caressed my naked feet;  
 my eyes sought out the horizon far  
     where sky and ocean meet.

A little child was trying hard  
     her bucket small to fill:  
 despite repeated efforts, though,  
     it stayed half empty still.

We all stand on the shore of Time:  
     the wide sea is God's love  
 as limitless, encircling, vast,  
     as shines the heaven above.

Our tiny minds, like that child's pail,  
     can but a fraction hold  
 of all the boundless grace of God.  
     and mercies yet untold.

O Father-God, enlarge our souls  
     compassion to extend,  
 with thankful hearts to keep Thy laws  
     and our faults to amend.

D. E. BULSTRODE.

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 NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP FOR LADIES IN HARRIS ROOM WEDNESDAYS 10am  
 September 28th      October 12th and 26th  
 November 9th and 23rd December 7th and 21st.  
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Like other supporters of Action Aid I have been asked if I can find a sponsor for another child for £180 per annum, but rather than ask one person to make this commitment I would like to gather together enough people to act as group sponsors. I have been sent particulars of a 10 year old boy in Sierra Leone and I have in faith said that I will sponsor him. I should therefore be very pleased to hear from individuals, fellowship groups, or other organisations who would like to offer sponsorship at the rate of at least £1 per month. Please let me know if you would be prepared to do this, or if you would like to know more about Action Aid. Michael Ebeling. Worthing 240448.  
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ALIVE '95.

Alive '95 will take place during June and July 1995.

A central launch event will be arranged close to Ascension Day in MAY.

Alive '95 will be an opportunity for our Church to reach out to our local community, to explain and promote those Christian beliefs we hold as precious. We will have the freedom to do so in ways which best suit our local situation. Our Church can be harnessed to make the best of the opportunities we have.

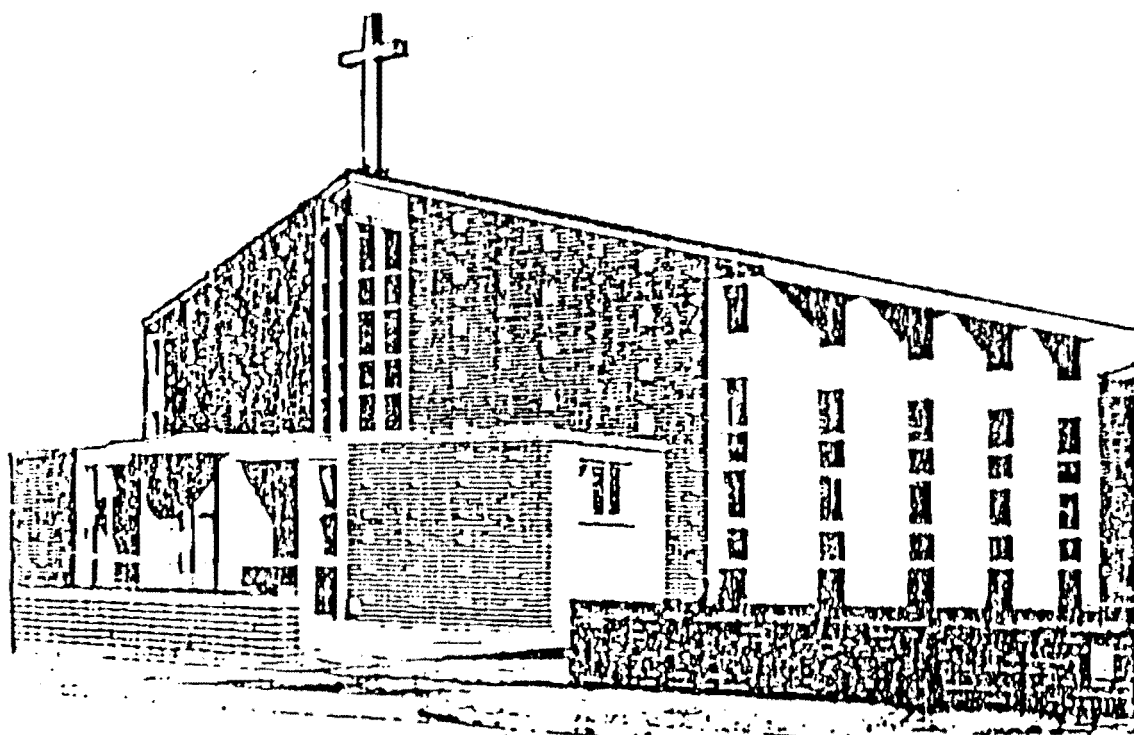
Alive '95 is about a whole variety of events and projects that Churches can put on in order to reach our community. Coffee mornings, barbecues, home meetings, youth events, young mums, helpful jobs; the list is (almost) endless, and part of the team's job is to inspire us with what can be done to reach our community in the most effective way. Don't just think 'Evangelistic Rallies - they have their place', but there's more to mission than that. Any ideas?

Contact Jackie Wood on Worthing 247340 and let her know!!!  
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## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

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Dear Friends,

Some time ago we were involved in helping a Vietnamese boat family who came to live near to us and needed some care as they settled into a completely different lifestyle. Even if you have never been involved in such situations, you can well imagine the first and main problem is one of language. Having no concept of Vietnamese or Cantonese, and with our refugee family having very little English, we found ourselves very limited in the words and phrases we used to communicate. Fortunately, sometimes there was a person available who could communicate in Cantonese, and would come in real emergencies, but most of the visits were done without this luxury. Of course, this had its lighter moments as we tried to explain to Mi Ling – the mother of the household – that concentrated orange juice needed water added, although our boys were trying hard to drink it and smile! But it also had some serious problems when it came to filling in forms and even, at first, just simply shopping.

Our task was to be 'befrienders' and to help the family settle into a new home and try to help with the problems that such a traumatic upheaval had caused in their lives. One morning Ba Loung – the father – said to me, "Peter, what your work?" Now Ba Loung was a sort of nominal Buddhist and so there were some problems to explain my work to him in simple language he could understand. Minister he would never understand, so I thought maybe priest. However, this drew a blank expression, (I guess I don't look like a Buddhist monk), as did church. Perseverance with church, however, began to get a response for he had seen the building, but it was not until I got him along to the building that I could begin to really have the feeling that he was beginning to comprehend a little. Yet I was left feeling the inadequacy of language to express what I did, as somehow what went on in the building was not fully recognised.

Through the care of many Christians, Ba Loung and Mi Ling became settled, as did their children, and they had another son around the time Philip was born, who bore the very English name, Eric. By the time Philip and Eric were at school, our regular involvement with the family had almost ceased, but Eric, along with other friends, was a regular visitor to our home. It was also a time when school assemblies were very much to the forefront of our ministry, and school work was very important. So as well as assemblies, there were some visits to classes at various stages. Visiting one class of six year olds, a little girl asked "Is your name Jesus?" "No," I replied, "I just tell people about Jesus – my name is Peter." Recounting this incident later it dawned on me that this answered Ba Loung's question. Yet it was not a complete answer.

The simple answer is that part of the minister's role is to tell people about Jesus. We also believe that it is to show people the love of Jesus in what we do. Ba Loung took years to have enough language to be able to talk about Jesus, but through action, he and Mi Ling could see something of Jesus's care for them and their family. Yet it does not end there, for it was not just us who showed them love, but many others, and part of our role was to support them too. So perhaps this is what ministry is about; telling people about Jesus; showing His love, and encouraging others to do the same. This, of course, is what church is too – people, not buildings – which is why I hope we will continue to seek God's help in finding people to serve on all our committees, that we may be organised to grow and encourage one another as we work side by side; a people seeking to do the work of Jesus no matter how many problems we seem to be faced with.

Please continue to pray for us and our family as we share this work together.

Your servants in Christ,

*Peter and Eileen Heckels*



## YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

Please remember them as they seek and strive to give the right balance to their studies and Christian activities. They may be out of our sight but they are not out of our minds, or the reach of our love.

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| Hayley ARCHER       | Cardiff.                       | Medicine.                              |
| Jane BICKMORE       | Portsmouth.                    | Sociology.                             |
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| Kerry McCARTHY      | Cheltenham                     | Teacher Training<br>and P. E.          |
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Thank you.

Editor.

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FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE INCLUSION OF THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR IN THE CHRONICLE A FULL COPY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR. MICHAEL EBELING OR YOUR DISTRICT ELDER.

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WHY NOT PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS IN THIS CHRONICLE?

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### SYNOD MEETING - 8 October 1994.

The Autumn Synod of the Southern Province was held at Sanderstead URC, Croydon, formerly Sanderstead Congregational Church before Union. Opening Worship was conducted by the Revd P Jones, Minister of Sanderstead URC. Bible Study was led by Revd P Southcombe, Southern Province Evangelism Enabler and Minister of The Vines URC Rochester, who directed our thoughts to the first part of Mark's Gospel and the calling of the first disciples as the best example of discipleship. There is no going back for Christians, this is the time for us all to be involved in the Decade of Evangelism before it is over, He stated that Conversion alone does not make disciples, we must follow this by caring development to make disciples.

In the report from the Provincial Council we were told:

1. The General Assembly had re-appointed the Revd David Helyar as Moderator of the Southern Province until 31 August 1999.
2. The next 'Provincial Day' will be held on 14 September 1996.
3. LMS/CWM Bi-Centenary celebrations will take place 12-14 July 1995 at the City Temple and at Westminster Central Hall. The General Assembly encourages every local church to celebrate this particular anniversary. The theme will be 'Dare to Dream' and 16 July will be designated World Mission Sunday.
4. General Assembly, 1995, Eastbourne. Arrangements are gathering momentum and progress so far has been good.
5. Patterns of Ministry. All churches are asked to study and discuss the booklet and leaflets dealing with this matter. An amendment to the text was notified: on page 28, 9.34 should read as 'Authorised and not as 'Ordained'.

A feature of recent Synods has been 'Stories from....' and the Autumn Synod was no exception; we had stories from two districts.

A Story from Croydon.

The divorce rate nationwide is that one in three marriages end in divorce, in Surrey it is higher than this. Children of divorced parents are often distressed by the fact that they cannot readily meet the parent with whom they are not living and to overcome this difficulty, Croydon District has established a contact Centre. The aim of the Centre is to provide neutral ground where meetings can take place in warm and attractive surroundings. There are now 100 such centres nationwide. The Croydon Centre was established on 3 September this year and is open on Saturdays from 2-4 pm, providing a child-centred environment and not giving a counselling or advisory service. Referrals to the Centre are made by local Council and Welfare Officers. In cases of divorce, one pair of grandparents may not be able to meet their grandchildren; the Croydon Centre makes this possible.

A story from Crawley.

To help the unemployed and people on low incomes, a Credit Union has been set up in specific areas. Several churches have combined to help small savers. In addition, local 'Barter Schemes' with specific exchange rates have been formed.

Among the remits from General Assembly was one relating to Student Grants, a matter which was discussed at length in General Assembly, and in the resolution passed the following was included. 'Assembly encourages members of local churches, district councils and provincial synods to write to Members of Parliament expressing their concern and, in areas of student population, to provide practical support to students in their locality.

The afternoon session was primarily devoted to an address by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Revd R J McKelvey, but prior to this new ministers, retired ministers, students and officers from Districts were received. It was good to see our friend Revd Edward Symmons in the 'line-up' and to meet him later.

The title of the Moderator's address was 'Today's Culture and the Gospel' in which he stated that the present day culture is regarded as being hostile to the Christian religion. The world the older generation inherited is very different from the world today. Then, missions shared the optimism of the 17th and 18th centuries: now we do not find mission easy. What have advances in modern technology done to help those living in Third World countries, compared with our own?



There was, however, ground for hope. People are showing an increasing interest in spirituality and it is widely recognised that much is lost in materialism. We must guard against extreme spirituality groups such as the Solar Temple. There is a growing unease in the growth of materialism: individual's spirits need to be nourished and they should be encouraged not to think so much of their own interests but to care more for the community in which they live. Conventional Christianity has become too cerebral - hence the growth of Charismatic churches. Christians have an important contribution to make to society and should not be depressed by its seeming indifference and should seize opportunities as they arise. We should get into schools to help the teachers and the children. Above all, let us seek individually and collectively to ensure the Good News gets through.

Closing Worship was led by the Moderator, David Helyar, in which we shared in the Service of Holy Communion, for me the first occasion at a Synod and a moving one, involving approximately 300 representatives. All in all, I felt that this was one of the best Synods I have attended in that we devoted more time to Worship and spiritual matters instead of 'business'.

Eric Bond.

#### JUNIOR CHURCH

Our new Junior Church year is now well underway and we are grateful to have about 35-40 children most Sundays. These are spread over our three age groups:- The Sparklers aged 3-5 have Sue Arkinstall and Sue Mitchell with Jenny Bushby giving valuable help; they number nine at the moment having welcomed some from the Ark. The All-Stars aged 5-7 are about ten and have Denise Elliott, Wilma Smith and Christine Sharpe as teachers. The oldest and biggest group, The Trailblazers, are aged 7-11 and have about 25 on roll; they are run by Jenny Merritt, Paul Redman and Val Gill assisted by Roy Webb and Don Stewart. The creche for 0-3's is rather unpredictable, sometimes none sometimes four, but it makes a valuable contribution and we still need more helpers.

We like to keep our teaching Bible-based, interesting and relevant to the different age groups and find the Scripture Union teaching materials helpful in this. We've recently used a really good video on Joseph to give added interest and back up to the teaching.

We know that the children are special to Jesus and we want them to learn to share His love and care. So the Trailblazers have prepared and hosted a tea party for older friends and some others like to look after James, who now needs to use a wheel chair. We also keep in touch with Ruth Chatfield in Zaire and some children have written to her as well as giving £50 from our offerings; there is also an interest in Mission Aviation Fellowship.

We are planning another Hallelujah Party at Halloween this year and some of our children were old enough to join in the District Youth weekend. Its good to be a part of the Church family and we are grateful for your interest and prayerful support.

Irene Dearsley



## NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP.

Please write to Mr. Ken Fish who will be in the ANGUS MACKINNON WARD, at Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore. Middlesex for the next two months. Your letters of love and friendship will bring him closer to us all and save him from being lonely in isolation.

And if you want to drop Miss Kirsty Craghill a few lines to show that she's not forgotten her address is 229 Milton Road, Cambridge. I'm sure she'll be pleased to hear from you. LM.

## NEW MEMBER.

Oct 2nd MITCHELL. Peter. (12) 36 Taw Close. Durrington. 266570

## 5th WORTHING COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE.

|                    |               |                      |             |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|
| EXPLORERS          | 5-8 years     | TUESDAYS             | 6 - 7.15 pm |
| JUNIORS            | 8-11 years    | TUESDAYS             | 6 - 7.45 pm |
| SENIORS            | 11-14 years   | TUESDAYS             | 6 - 8.30 pm |
| BRIGADERS          | 14 years plus | TUESDAYS             | 6 - 9.30 pm |
| NEXT CHURCH PARADE |               | SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13th | 10.55 am    |

On September 20th we held a coffee evening with Bring and Buy stalls, cake stall, etc. We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us. That was also the last evening for the Sponsored Sunflower Grow. Thanks to all who sponsored one, or more, of our Girls. May we ask if all money and sponsor cards could be sent in as soon as possible so that we can see whose Sun Flower was the tallest, and what the final total of money was that we collected?

We are now nearing Half Term. Where has the year gone? After the holiday we will be very busy preparing for our Awards Evening on December 10th.

We would like to say a very warm welcome to Mrs. AMANDA NASH who has come to help in the Company and we all hope very much that she will be with us for a long time to come.

Valerie Hayden. Explorer Helper.

## 5th WORTHING COMPANY BOYS' BRIGADE.

We had a good day out at the South Coast World at Bognor on Saturday October 8th. Most of the Company and Junior Section Boys turned out.

My surprise party on September 17th was definitely a surprise as it celebrated my 60 years in the Boys' Brigade. Thank you to all the ladies who kept the secret so well. Especial thanks to Jean Easey who instigated the event. It was good to see so many of the 'old boys' turning up.

Our usual Boys' Brigade Fund Raising Week commences on Saturday November 19th with a Coffee Morning and Bazaar at 10 am and ends on Saturday November 26th with a Jumble Sale at 2 pm. Leaflets and envelopes will be distributed in the Church on Sundays 20th and 27th. The coffee morning will have the usual stalls, including Bring and Buy, Cakes and Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Competitions etc. Gifts of items for these stalls will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have anything for the Jumble Sale please let me know and I'll collect it if necessary.

Thank you all for your valued support.

Donald Stewart. Captain.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

President: Rev. Ron Christopher. Chairman: Mr. Tom Lyons.  
 Treasurer: Mr. Alec Read. Secretary: Mr. Alex Blackford.  
 Committee: Mr. Dick Josselyn. Mr. Frazer Finlay. Mr. Fred Deakins.  
 Mr. Ian Hennell acting secretary temporary  
 Nov 1 Mr.D.Park. Wild flowers of the Downs.  
 Nov 15 Mr.Denis Lucey. Peace Dividends.  
 Nov 29 We join Women's Guild Christmas Party.  
 Dec 13 We combine with Women's Guild Christmas Service.  
 All meetings will start at 2.45 pm All welcome.  
 Alex Blackford. Secretary. Ian Hennell. Acting Secretary  
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## WOMEN'S GUILD.

President: Mrs. Lily Collison. Vice President: Mrs. Joan Finlay.  
 Secretary: Miss Audrey Gerlach. Treasurer: Mrs. Pheniah Taylor.  
 Committee: Mrs.I.Berry. Mrs.A.Cleal. Mrs.J.Hannant. Mrs.D.Lyons.  
 Mrs.J.Marsh. Miss B.Macpherson. Mrs.D.Miller. Mrs.T.Sanders.  
 Mrs.E.Taylor. Miss W.Trew.  
 Nov 1 Mrs.Bobby Hitchin. Visit to China. (Collection taken)  
 Nov 15 Mrs. Allison Godfrey. Wthg. Guild of Social Svces.  
 Nov 29 Christmas Part with Men's Fellowship.  
 Dec 13 Christmas Service with Men's Fellowship.  
 All meetings etc., 2.45 pm.

Our Anniversary Service was held on Tuesday October 4th.  
 Invitations had been sent to other churches in the district.

Our President, Mrs. Lily Collison, was in the chair and Mrs.  
 Elsie Flack at the organ.

It was good to have our Minister, Rev. Peter Heckels, with us  
 and he gave an address with a challenge to us all, all told with a  
 lead from our choir and a roll call read by our secretary, Miss  
 Audrey Gerlach. The whole afternoon went with a swing and the tea  
 which followed was much enjoyed by us all. Dulcie Jenkins.  
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## MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Nov 7 Mrs. Pat Markwick. Travels in Thailand.  
 Nov 21 Mr.Ben Phillips. Victim Support Scheme.  
 Both open evenings in Cornwall Room. 8 p.m.

I was fortunate to attend the meeting on Monday October 10th  
 when Mrs. Sue Flynn spoke and demonstrated to us on AROMATHERAPY.

As I was the only man there I volunteered to act as a guinea  
 pig. How glad I was! I had both arms and hands massaged with  
 lavender oil for 30 minutes and I found it very soothing. My  
 right hand, used for my novel writing, was very stiff and tired at  
 first, but after the massage it has been much better. I recommend  
 this massage to anyone. Mrs. Flynn can be contacted in West Park  
 Lane. Oils are extracted from all parts of plants - roots, leaves  
 and flowers. 30 roses produce 1 drop of rose oil. Did I hear  
 aright? Yes, I'm sure I did. That's what makes all these oils so  
 expensive. Thank goodness they have to be diluted before they are  
 used. Both the meetings this month are open and I shall attend.

Les Montford.  
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# WORTHING STROKE CLUB. KESTRO.

Nov 4 Talk, with slides, by a member of R.S.P.B.

Nov 11 CALL MY BLUFF.

Nov 18 Q U I Z

Nov 25 All day with Jills Fashions.

## ..... URC PRAYER HANDBOOK 1995.

It is now time to order the above publication at a cost of £1.50, including postage. Unless I hear otherwise I shall assume that those people for whom I obtained 1994 Handbooks will want to order the 1995 issue. Anyone wishing to withdraw from the list, and any newcomers wishing to add themselves to it, are asked to let me know before the end of November. Sidney Hider.

## ..... URC CALENDARS 1995

These are available at £2.95 each. They are approx. 10" wide by 12" long. Each page features a line drawing of a URC Church above daily spaces for engagements. Cost of postage will vary with the number ordered, ranging from £1.05 for one copy to nothing for 11 or more. Anyone interested in ordering a copy is asked to contact me before the end of November. Remember - the more we order the cheaper the postage! So, please spread the news among your friends. Sidney Hider. 243832.

## ..... REFORM MAGAZINE.

Once again it is time for me to renew the subscriptions for 'REFORM' magazine for 1995. The magazine is the national one for the whole of the URC and contains articles, information, news and photographs telling us what the people in the Churches are thinking and doing. The cost for next year will be £8 for 11 copies. The increase is due to 2 increases in the price of paper during the last 5 months.

Will you please inform me by NOVEMBER 24th whether you wish to take out a subscription. Unless I hear to the contrary I will assume all existing subscribers will wish to continue.

Sheila Gooderham.

## ..... UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE.

Do you long to read the Bible, old and new testaments, and to be able to understand it? I've found a book that's helping me to do just that. It's not too difficult, but is both interesting and instructive. Each selected chronological Bible passage is accompanied by comments designed to help the reader to be guided through the different sections of the Bible on a journey of faith and understanding. Why not treat yourself to a copy of 'THE BIBLE AS A WHOLE' by STEPHEN TRAVIS at £7.99.

This is obtainable through Ron Jordan or Challenge Bookshop.

Eileen Jordan.

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The recent collection during CHRISTIAN AID WEEK in Church amounted to £232. Thanks are due to the deliverers and collectors of envelopes and all those who contributed to this sum.



## THANKS.

We wish to say thank you to Goring United Reformed Church for the Harvest gifts brought to us in Hayward House.

They were all greatly appreciated. Stan Wheeler. Dulcie Jenkins.

Mary Mortimer. Mary Jane McLennan. Les Montford.

I would like to thank friends and colleagues from the Women's Guild for their good wishes and thoughts on the occasion of my 80th birthday last September. Also for the lovely surprise gift of flowers from the Church.

Many thanks for the large selection of fruit and vegetables from the Harvest Festival and for all the great help and kindness shown to me, especially by Irene Tuley for shopping and Bobby Hitchin for all her precious time spent helping me during a spell of illness. Thanking you. Doris Eaves.

Did you know that the Tear Fund/Christian Outreach Alliance has taken on the responsibility for managing the Rwanda refugee camp at Balenga, in Zaire, serving 12,000 people?

There's been a touch of Christian revival in the Ukraine. Rev. Vic Jackopson has taken part in several baptismal services there.

I have a Tear Fund video to lend to the various groups. It's called IKENGEZA - A year in the life of an African village. This 22 minute video follows the struggles and joys of a mother, a farmer and a pastor through the seasons in Ikengeza, a remote village in central Tanzania. The TAPE includes a longer 40 minute version which may be suitable for use by small groups who want to discuss issues raised by the video.

I also have a spare copy of the Tearcraft 1994/5 Catalogue to lend. Phyllis Wheeler.

## THE CHRONICLE.

It is now almost a year since the Chronicle was changed to its present format and it is felt that now is the right time to have a complete review of the Church magazine. This review will include its presentation, contents, frequency of publication, advertising, etc.

In order to conduct this review we would like your comments on the Chronicle's strengths and weaknesses; the sort of magazine you would like to have i.e. just to inform the Fellowship or whether it should be a means of outreach to the community, or both. If you receive copies of other Church magazines let us know why you like them and let us have examples.

In the light of this review we will be seeking the approval of the November Church Meeting to suspend production of the Chronicle after the December issue while the review takes place.

Please will you let Geoffrey Dearsley, the Church Secretary, have your comments with both criticisms and positive suggestions, in writing please. You need not sign them if you so wish.

T-SHIRTS FOR TEN YEAR OLDS.

T-Shirts - of any colour, plain or mixed, but not white - are urgently required for the children of RWANDA. There are 115,000 orphans.

GOOD MORNING, the BBC1 programme on weekdays between 10 and 12 am, are appealing for 25,000 by Christmas, and 200,000 by Christmas 1995. Patterns can be obtained from GOOD MORNING. B.B.C. P.O. BOX 5500 BIRMINGHAM B5 7AN. 021 415 5000.

Please send an A4 or A5 S.A.E. You may be able to get a pattern from Oxfam Shops. 23,000 patterns have already been sent out.

When knitted they should be handed in to Oxfam Shops.

GO TO IT LADIES!!!!



The Autumn C.P.A.S. (Ministry among Women) Meeting will be held at St. George's Church, East Worthing, on FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18th 1994 from 9.15 am to 2.30 pm.

Cost £3.00, which includes drinks. Please bring your own packed lunch, BIBLE, NOTEBOOK and PEN!

Booking forms are available from Mrs. Irene Tuley.

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In 1979 the need for a community centre for West Durrington became very apparent. Two initiatives took place. First the West Durrington Residents' Association called together local organisations with the object of forming a Community Centre Working Party. Second was the vision Goring United Reformed Church had of creating some form of outreach in West Durrington. With these objects in view, and with the support of the Synod, I was invited to join the Rev. William Connelly as Associate Minister, with a special charge to look at this possibility. The Durrington Community Centre Association (DUCCA) was formed at a public meeting, chaired by Councillor John Cotton, in March 1980. A constitution for DUCCA was approved, and Councillor Cotton appointed Chairman, with me as Secretary. It was discovered that a site had been marked for community use. A Community Centre building was designed by Architects Morgan, Carn and Partners, planning permission obtained, and fund raising commenced. After 2½ years a request was made to Worthing Borough Council for financial assistance. After meeting with the Officers of DUCCA the Borough Council decided to support the scheme and accept responsibility for the construction of the Centre, the first of 3 Centres for the Borough. They granted a licence to DUCCA to be responsible for the development of a Community Centre, and DUCCA raised £10,000 towards the cost, plus providing extra items such as furniture and equipment. Building commenced in February 1984 and was completed in November 1984. It had been agreed by the Working Party that if, and when, such a Centre was built a Service of Worship of an ecumenical nature would be held in it on Sundays at 10.30am. In September 1984 the Methodist Church appointed Rev. Valerie Chapman to help in the Durrington outreach. Valerie and I conducted the first Service on Advent Sunday December 2nd 1984 with a congregation of 90 people. God had blessed the vision and the endeavour. It must be pointed out that it is not a Church building, but an OPEN DOOR for the Church to enter, and not only on Sunday mornings. The door is also open to the many activities held in the Centre during the week. To quote from the objects of the Centre:- "TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE." DUCCA commenced full operation in January 1985. On Friday April 26th 1985 the Official Opening took place in the presence of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra.

A Service to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of DUCCA was held at the Centre on Sunday morning October 9th. A Thanksgiving Service is to be held on November 27th at 10.30 am to mark the 10 years of continued Worship there. The preacher will be Rev. Valerie Chapman.

Rev. Ron Christopher.

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## TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

I am appealing for people to come forward with offers of LIFTS to church. I know there are many of you who do so already, but I still need more volunteers who would, on their way to church, pick up someone and drop them off en-route. There are some who need a lift on a regular basis, and if you are willing to do this I would be grateful, but it is the offers of the occasional lift that is my main concern. There are a few who have responded in the past, but I am having to call on them time and time again. There is no obligation if I ring and you are unable to help. I can then call on someone else but, unless I have more volunteers, I am unable to do this. The need at the moment is in the DURRINGTON AREA, but I will be more than happy to hear from anyone who can help.

## A SPECIAL APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF OUR WOMEN'S GUILD.

Could anyone pick up and drop off a lady who lives in Chesterfield Avenue for your Tuesday Meetings, please?  
Many thanks. Bett Swierk. Transport Officer. 243194.

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This is a verse from the favourite hymn of George Vernon.  
Congregational Praise no. 762.

Jerusalem, my happy home,  
when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

The inclusion of favourite hymns has been brought back to the Chronicle by popular request

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NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP FOR LADIES IN HARRIS ROOM WEDNESDAYS 10am

November 9th and 23rd December 7th and 21st.

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Like other supporters of Action Aid I have been asked if I can find a sponsor for another child for £180 per annum, but rather than ask one person to make this commitment I would like to gather together enough people to act as group sponsors. I have been sent particulars of a 10 year old boy in Sierra Leone and I have in faith said that I will sponsor him. I should therefore be very pleased to hear from individuals, fellowship groups, or other organisations who would like to offer sponsorship at the rate of at least £1 per month. Please let me know if you would be prepared to do this, or if you would like to know more about Action Aid. Michael Ebeling. Worthing 240448.

## GHANA SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th.

We were pleased to welcome David and Kate Register to our morning and evening Services, also to the afternoon videos and tea. They shared about their work in Amedzate in Ghana's Volta Region.

During the morning we also welcomed Rev. Derek Dzandu-Hedidor and his family. Derek has just completed his term as Ghanaian Chaplain, and he introduced the new Chaplain, Rev. Emmanuel Kwabera Frimpong.

The mission committee would like to thank everyone who supported the videos and tea. A special thank you to Graham Redman, Robin Bradley and her team for all their hard work.

World Mission Committee.



# The CHRONICLE

# EMMANUEL



GOD WITH US

GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
Shaftesbury Avenue W Worthing

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## CHURCH SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Worship (1st Sunday Holy Communion)

6.30 pm Evening Worship (3rd Sunday Holy Communion and Healing)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

Minister: Rev. Peter Heckels, 17 Drummond Road, Tel. 248259

Secretary: Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, 60 Princess Avenue, Tel. 690996

Acting  
Pastoral Secretary: Mrs. Hilary Redman, 5 Salvington Hill, Tel. 260568

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## ELDERS VISITATION AREAS:

|                |                   |        |                |                 |        |
|----------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1) Aldsworth   | Mr. B. and        |        | 9) Terringes   | Mr. G. Dearsley | 690996 |
|                | Mrs. J. Bond      | 244157 | 10) Strand     | Mr. D. Stewart  | 243787 |
| 2) Alinora     | Mr. M. Prattent   | 240031 | 11) Lakeland   | Mrs. H. Redman  | 260568 |
| 3) Parklands   | Mrs. S. Gooderham | 506452 | 12) Durrington | Mr. K. Merritt  | 262609 |
| 4) Wallace     | Mrs. E. Rhodes    | 248263 | 13) Salvington | Mrs. I. Tuley   | 265319 |
| 5) Beene       | Mr. G. Dean       | 240376 | 14) Findon     | Mr. M. Smith    | 821843 |
| 6) Trent       | Mrs. E. Hitchin   | 249580 | 15) Ferring    | Mr. C. and      |        |
| 7) Marlborough | Mrs. R. Bradley   | 240908 |                | Mrs. P. Taylor  | 246523 |
| 8) Melrose     | Mrs. C. Hunt      | 265047 |                |                 |        |

## FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITIES PLEASE ENQUIRE FROM:

|                           |                        |        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Boys' Brigade             | Mr. Don Stewart        | 243787 |
| Girls' Brigade            | Mrs. Margaret Craghill | 873800 |
| Women's Guild             | Miss Audrey Gerlach    | 501153 |
| Men's Fellowship          | Mr. Alex Blackford     | 502821 |
| Monday Evening Fellowship | Mrs. Robin Bradley     | 240908 |
| Christian Aid             | Mr. Charlie Vard       | 501949 |
| Reform Magazine           | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham  | 506452 |
| Ark Parent & Toddler Club | Mrs. Val Gill          | 267655 |
| Kestro Stroke Club        | Miss Margaret Briggs   | 245034 |
| Leprosy Mission           | Mrs. Mary Luckin       | 245846 |
|                           | Mrs. Florrie Freeman   | 248014 |
| Church Warden             | Mr. Don Stewart        | 243787 |
| Chronicle Editor          | Mr. Leslie Montford    | 243698 |
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| Mission Secretary         | Mr. Sidney Hider       | 243832 |
| Social Secretary          | Mrs. Sheila Gooderham  | 506452 |
| Cradle Roll Secretary     | Mrs. Sue Arkinstall    | 263157 |
| The Bible Society         | Rev. Ron Christopher   | 230330 |
| Beano Club                | Mr. Ken Arkinstall     | 263157 |
| Serendipity Club          |                        |        |
| Choir Secretary           | Mr. Michael Ebeling    | 240448 |



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DECEMBER 1994

Dear Friends,

The time of year is on us once again when we begin to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. No doubt by the time you read these words your preparations will be well under way. For the church, Advent is a season of preparation, a time to get ready for the birth of Jesus. You should by now have received our Advent booklet with its lessons, prayers and thoughts to lead us to Christmas in the right spirit. If you have not, then please collect one from church, although there are only a limited number available. Advent means 'coming' and we really do need to be ready for the coming of Jesus, making sure that our spiritual preparations are not left to the last minute, or even crowded out by all the other areas we get involved with at this time of year. For Christmas to have its fullest meaning there is a need to spend time reflecting on the event and its importance; time spent preparing ourselves to go to the stable at Bethlehem and bring ourselves into the presence of the Son of God.

As a church we must be ready to make people feel welcome whenever they come to join us, especially at worship. Unfortunately too often we just let people drift along; they come and worship with us, but never feel they can 'come' and truly belong. Is this because we think they only come at Christmas? The shepherds and wise men left the stable in Bethlehem full of joy, singing God's praise and rejoicing in what they had found. Perhaps that group of people celebrating Jesus's birth truly formed the first church fellowship, sharing together and with God the joy they felt.

Of course, for many, Christmas will be one of the few occasions when they give any thought to church; indeed, for many it will be an annual pilgrimage to sing nice carols. It is always our hope, therefore, to see new faces in church over this time, and if their visit is to mean anything to them it becomes up to each of us to play our part. People must feel more than welcome; they must feel that they belong, and have their part to play. This means the church, its services and its people, becoming a real part of the lives of all who come. To everyone there must be a genuine sense of God's love at this season; a sense that Jesus has come for them. So my appeal is to those who share week by week in our worship to make all who come along aware of the joy and love we have for God, and perhaps do more than welcome the new faces that they may leave sensing, like the shepherds and wise men, that Jesus belongs to them and they to Him. This may, of course, mean talking to people about what we have shared in our worship before letting them disappear into the cold December air. If you wonder why I make such an appeal, and you may feel I should address myself to those who are not among us very often, may I ask you to read the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15: 11-32) and remember it is only through our concern that we can make the return to the Father easier for our brothers and sisters.

All the family at the Manse wish you a God-filled Christmas and pray that God's peace and blessing will come to each one of you.

Yours servants in Christ,

*Peter & Eileen Heckels*



## SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT BOGNOR URC ON 10 NOVEMBER 1994

Opening devotions based upon Romans 12 were led by an Elder. Prayers were said for Revs. P. Bellamy, R. Boulter, Norman Clark, Brian Wroe and Patrice Sessions, Mrs Jean Whillis and Miss Wendy Walker who had an unsuccessful kidney transplant and awaits another; as well as for the Churches in the Worthing area and the District Officers.

Brian Dyer of Sompting was commended to attend the National Assessment Conference as a candidate for the Non-Stipendiary Ministry.

### PASTORAL CONCERNS OF THE CHURCHES

Shelley Road Worthing - Hope to hold a dedication of the alterations to their premises on Saturday 21 January 1995.

Hove Central - The District concurred with the call of Rev Brian Stone to Haywards Heath ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) and Lindfield ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) and thanked him for all his service in the District. His induction will be Saturday 4 February 1995.

Brighton Area Team Ministry - The Brighton Churches held a joint service and discussion with the Moderator and are exploring the practical considerations.

Lay Presidency of the Sacraments - Those currently authorised will be extended to July 1995.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The District Target was not met by £1,156 and the Province also had a shortfall. All Churches are urged to look again at their 1995 offers and increase their giving.

### PATTERNS OF MINISTRY REPORT

John Ellis of Medway District, a member of the working party, introduced this interim report. It is written for the whole of the URC, to address the needs of each Church to have a recognised local leader - whether Ministerial or Lay - to administer the Word and the Sacraments, to give vision, leadership and pastoral care, and to address the problem of the shortage of Stipendiary Ministers for the Churches. We have some 1,800 Churches but less than 800 paid Ministers - 1 Minister per 2.3 Churches. The average URC has less than 55 members. We need to look at the possibility of using more unpaid Ministers, Elders and Lay Preachers who would therefore require further training.

It is about equipping the local Church to reach out into the world, but this report is inconclusive because we need to allow the Holy Spirit room to move and we need to hear what the Spirit is saying - thus feedback is vital.

This report is commended to the Churches in the District and to individuals to respond and comment upon before 14 December 1994 to Rev David Cornick at Westminster College, Cambridge.

### DISTRICT REVIEW GROUP

Rev Brian Stone and Brian Brazier presented this report. No scoping will take place until this report is accepted and agreed, therefore Churches without Ministers will be further delayed, which made several Churches unhappy.

The scoping recommendations are for 14 full time stipendiary Ministers in the Sussex West District - part-time and non-stipendiary Ministers are not included. It recommends that the scoping pattern be re-examined every 5 years.

All 23 Churches have been placed into 8 groups. Goring is grouped with Durrington LEP, St Columbas, Shelley Road and Sompting and they have been scoped for 4 Ministers. Durrington LEP is scoped half time and presently has a URC Minister, though it will not always be so.



With the formation of a group, when a Minister is called:-

- 1) The future invitation of a Minister to serve the Group must be made on the basis of all the Churches in the Group being parties, through their separate Church meetings and the Group Elders' meeting, together with the existing Ministers, to the issue of the invitation.
- 2) The present Ministers in Churches forming the Group be accepted in good faith by the other Churches within the Group.
- 3) Prior to the issue of an invitation from the Group, the present Ministers and Elders agree the form that ministry shall have within the Group, taking notice of the Group scoping agreed by District.

It will be necessary to make the invited Minister aware of the form of ministry to which they are being called within the Group.

This report is remitted to the Churches in the District for discussion at Elders and Church meetings. Comments are to be sent to the District Secretary at the latest by 10 days before the District Council meeting at Goring on 2 February 1995, at which further discussion will take place. Then, if this report is accepted and agreed, it will form the basis for the scoping policy of Churches in this District.

DISTRICT ELDERS DAY will be held at Hounsom Memorial URC, Hove on Saturday 28 January 1995. Speaker: Rev Peter Southcombe - Evangelism Enabler - on "Fear and Hope."

NEXT MEETING of the District will be at Goring URC on Thursday 2 February 1995. The meeting closed with the Grace.

Irene Tuley

#### C.P.A.S. LADIES' DAY.

About 150 ladies of all ages braved the pouring rain to gather together at St. George's Church on Friday November 18th.

I was a little hesitant about going, for it was my first time attending anything of this nature and I wasn't sure what to expect.

We had the privilege of listening to an excellent speaker, Rev. Anne Hibbit, from C.P.A.S. Her lively and interesting talk on how we can share our faith and personal stories with our friends and families held the attention of us all. It was very refreshing to be addressed by a smart, glamorous, red-suited lady and to be shown modern videos and illustrations.

There was also time for praise, worship, sharing, buying books and, of course, lunch.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day, learned a lot, and was very glad that I went.

Sarah Jupe.



Nov 4th Jon and Julie Wetherell had a baby son  
PAUL ANTHONY. Weighed 8 lbs 6 ozs.  
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REST IN PEACE

10 Mrs. M.L.Bell, 10 Hamilton Ct. Drake Avenue died in November

THANKS.

I am very grateful to the many friends from Church who visited me in hospital, also for the cards which conveyed kind messages and made a colourful display. The flowers brought by Jean Webb were beautiful and much appreciated by me and those around me who were touched by the thoughts of a caring Church. The Rev Peter and Mrs. Eileen Heckels and Rev. William Connelly brought cheer and loving thoughts.

Ailsa Blackwood.

For all your prayers and loving thoughts, for all your GET WELL cards and letters, for all the visits I have received, for the many beautiful flowers, and the share of Harvest Offerings, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Blessings on our Goring United Reformed Church, and a happy Christmas to all.

Swift Ward. Southlands Hospital. (5.11.94) Kathleen Green.

HALLELUJAH!

Hallelujah, praise the LORD, I'm home. After 9 weeks of lying on my back with my left leg stuck up in the air, having had 200 intraveinuous anti-biotic drips, kidney failure plus other ailments, I'm finally home with those I know and love. I'm here partly due to the care and skill of the medical staff at Worthing Hospital. I say partly because they were never able to discover the nature of the infection that caused my problem. The main reason I'm home is an answer to your constant prayers for me and my family. My faith was challenged many times during my crisis, but on every single occasion, when the battle was fiercest, somebody was there to give me GOD's word of encouragement. I thank you all for your physical and prayerful support. I'm testimony to the power of prayer. Please continue to pray ceaselessly for those things the LORD places on your hearts.

God bless you all. Charlie Ward. (15.11.94)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much for your support in phone calls, letters, cards and prayers. My prolonged stay in Hospital was made so much easier thanks to the support that I received whenever I felt down, fed up or dispirited. Either the phone rang for me, or a letter would come, or someone would have a word of encouragement to say which I know was due to prayers.

I came home to a place that was spotless, thanks to Friends organising a cleaning party to come in and have a real blitz on the place, shampoo all the carpets, etc.

About 3 weeks before I came home my cat was knocked over by a car but, thanks to friends organising vets and after-care and again, prayer, by the time I came home she was almost the same cat I'd left.

So, once again thank you all very much for the support in what would have been a much worse time without it.

Love and best wishes KEN FISH.

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## THANKS.

Through the medium of the Church Chronicle Joan and Frazer Finlay wish to express their very, very sincere thanks to all those many friends who sent cards or notes of sympathy, and or prayed for them and his sister, Betty, who was so ill with Cancer. It was the Nurses at the Highland Hospice in Inverness who phoned us to suggest we should travel up immediately if we wished to see my sister whilst she was still alive, so we had to make sudden changes to our programme, with limited notice to our friends and organisations with which we are involved. Our apologies to all of them.

Whilst at Mayburgh we attended Sunday Services in the Church of Scotland in Conon - this is just the other side of the river from Mayburgh - and the Funeral Service was also held there. However, the Crematorium Service had to be held at Perth the following day, which entailed a 200 mile round trip.

Their Minister at Conon, Rev. Daniel Carmichael, M.A., B.D., conducted both Services in a lovely manner, which was much appreciated by all of us and to whom we send greetings and good wishes for his forthcoming marriage.

Again we say 'Thank you all'. Joan and Frazer.

Like many others, I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes with cards, flowers and visits during my stay in hospital. I fully appreciated all the care and attention received but my lasting impression will be the view of the Downs and the beauty of the sky with the sunsets from my 3rd floor ward window, not visible from my ground floor flat. The hymn will have an extra meaning when next I read or sing it.

Olive Jones.

This is a verse from the favourite hymn of Olive Jones.  
Mission Praise no. 152. Folliott Pierpoint 1835/1917

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Father, unto you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

The inclusion of favourite hymns has been brought back to the Chronicle by popular request

THE MATERIAL FOR THE CHRONICLE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY 15th OF PREVIOUS MONTH. Please place this in the box in the Church Vestibule or through the letter box of Hayward House, 2 Shaftesbury Avenue. Please do not leave it until the last day. When offering contributions please endeavour to keep them to 300 words. PLEASE. DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.

Thank you.

Editor.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE INCLUSION OF THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR IN THE CHRONICLE A FULL COPY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR. MICHAEL EBELING OR YOUR DISTRICT ELDER.

WHY NOT PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS IN THIS CHRONICLE?



\*\*\*\*\*T-SHIRTS FOR UP TO SIXTEEN YEAR OLDS.\*\*\*\*\*

T-Shirts - of any colour, plain or mixed, but not white - are urgently required for the children of RWANDA. There are 115,000 orphans alone.

GOOD MORNING, the BBC1 programme on weekdays between 10 and 12 am, are appealing for 25,000 by Christmas, and 200,000 by Christmas 1995. Patterns can be obtained from T-Shirts for Rwanda, GOOD MORNING. B.B.C. P.O.BOX 5500 BIRMINGHAM B5 7AN. 021 415 5000.

Please send an A5 S.A.E. You may be able to get a pattern from Oxfam Shops. 60,000 patterns have already been sent out.

When knitted they should be handed in to Oxfam Shops.

GO TO IT LADIES!!!!

AND GENTLEMEN WHO HAVE KNITTING MACHINES

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CAROL CONCERTS IN WORTHING.

WORTHING PHILHARMONIC CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA Carol Concert

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16th in the ASSEMBLY HALL.

Details from Eileen Rhodes or Norman Prattent.

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THE ROWLAND SINGERS Carol Concert TUESDAY DECEMBER 20th

in the ASSEMBLY HALL.

Details from Sheila and Roy Gooderham.

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ARK PARENT AND TODDLERS CLUB.

Only a few weeks to Christmas! At the time of writing we are preparing for a coffee morning. We need to raise funds to pay for our heating and lighting - set at £50.

We are looking forward to our Nativity Play on Thursday December 8th, dressing up and taking part in the telling of the Christmas story. Last year we had a number of Marys, Josephs, Kings and Angels. (Aren't they all?) But it's all good fun.

The following week it's party time (December 15th) when a certain white-bearded gentleman is expected!

Then it's 'bye 'bye till January 12th 1995.

Happy Christmas to you all! Val Gill and team.

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WORTHING STROKE CLUB. KESTRO.

Dec 2nd Craft afternoon - calendars and decorations

Dec 9th Christmas Bring and Buy Sale

Dec 16th Goring Townswomen's Guild Drama Group

Dec 23rd No meeting

Dec 30th No meeting

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President: Rev. Ron Christopher. Chairman: Mr. Tom Lyons.  
Treasurer: Mr. Alec Head. Secretary: Mr. Alex Blackford.  
Committee: Mr. Dick Josselyn. Mr. Frazer Finlay. Mr. Fred Deakins.  
Mr. Ian Hennell acting secretary.

For our last meeting this year we are again joining forces with the Women's Guild in the main hall on December 13th. We look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible.

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Cornwall Room 8 pm

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January 1995. A Pantomime on 3rd Monday 16th

This promises to be a fun evening, so why not make sure you are part of it! Sue Arkinstall. 263157.

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As mentioned in last month's Chronicle the New Year Social will take place on SATURDAY JANUARY 21st 1995 from 7 - 9 pm. It will be an evening of fellowship, fun and food for all ages. Numbers will have to be restricted, but admission will be at the same price as last year - 75 pence for adults and 50 pence for children 12 years of age and under. Tickets will be available from Audrey and Michael Ebeling and me after January 1st. If you would like to make sure of a ticket you can give me your name at any time. Hope to see you there!!!

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## A L I V E ' 9 5

PRAY FOR THE UNITED WITNESS TO WORTHING.

Heavenly Father, bless Alive '95.

We pray Your Spirit's leading as we reach out to the people of Worthing with Your great love.

We pray that in doing Your will we will be drawn closer to each other, and bring glory to Your Name.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAUNCH MEETING DATE TUESDAY MAY 23rd 1995 \*\*

CLOSING OPEN AIR SERVICE SUNDAY JULY 23rd 1995 ss

PLEASE NOTE THESE TWO DATES IN YOUR DIARIES AND CALENDARS

The preparations for this great mission are now gathering momentum. DAVID COFFEY, General Secretary of the Baptist Union, will speak at the launch meeting which will be held at the ASSEMBLY HALL, STOKE ABBOTT ROAD, WORTHING. \*\*

It is hoped the closing rally will be at STEYNE GARDENS, WORTHING. ss

Goring Ministers Fraternal are meeting together with a view to organising an event in our area, and some news on this is eagerly awaited. Broadwater Churches are planning 2 weeks of evangelism with a team from the SALTMINE TRUST, and a tour of public houses with the help of a team from 'THE WALK OF A THOUSAND MEN' Evangelism Project. Durrington and West Worthing have also announced plans. Further details are available in UPDATE 2 of the ALIVE '95 leaflet, copies of which are available in the vestibule.

As Christians we must remember that this is an opportunity for all of us to help in bringing the message of Christ to our TOWN, and this must include praying individually and corporately now, during the campaign and afterwards. Please take every opportunity of joining any relevant prayer meeting when you are able.

Geoffrey Dean.

Mrs. Irene Tuley has now been appointed as Liaison Officer for ALIVE '95 owing to the indisposition of the previous person.

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HOLY SPIRIT HOOK-UP!

Recently my Pastor was telling us how he once stepped off a sheer cliff and soared on the wings of the wind - hooked up to his hang glider! This so graphically illustrates something that I believe God is saying to His people today:

- \* Get 'hooked up' to the Holy Spirit.
- \* Step out in faith.
- \* Move in the flow of what the Holy Spirit is doing in the earth today.

We find a similar thought expressed in Ezekiel's vision of the 'waters to swim in.' Ezekiel 47.5. Taking a risk. Getting our feet off the bottom and being immersed in the power of the Holy Spirit. Allowing Him to take us where He will and use us as He will.

Perhaps you are wondering where you fit in as you see and hear of the refreshing and moving of the Holy Spirit around you? Let me encourage you - don't stand on the edge wistfully looking on. Jump into the flow of the Holy Spirit. That's all it takes. You can trust yourself to the Lord, even as my Pastor found he could trust his hang glider. I believe the Lord needs every man, woman, boy and girl available in the task that lies before us: evangelising the world before Jesus comes again. And that includes each one of us. Launch yourself by faith into the flow of what God is doing and be ready for the most exciting and rewarding time of your life as you follow the Holy Spirit's leading, and experience His Power. Anthea Fotiou Taken from Christ for England Bible College Newsletter with permission.



Phyllis Wheeler is writing out the New Testament Chapters by hand. There are 260 chapters. She has now reached the end of Romans - 133 chapters. If you would like to give a donation to the Bible Society please let Roy Gooderham know. !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### WHO IS INDOCTRINATING YOUR CHILDREN?

We were once asked "By teaching your children at home, outside the State system, and using a Christian syllabus, aren't you indoctrinating them?"

Having carefully considered it, the answer was YES. It's not possible to train children in a vacuum, it's done from a basis, a set of values. The only choice is FROM WHAT BASIS?

Here are two possibilities:-

BASIS 1: The world happened and developed by chance (evolution). People are the highest form of life (secular humanism). There is no absolute right and wrong (relativism). Do what you like if it doesn't hurt others, or feels good (selfishness). Challenge all forms of authority (rebellion).

BASIS 2: God made the world (creation). We are imperfect people in an imperfect world (sinners). God puts us right with Him as we seek forgiveness (salvation). God love us (unconditional love), and has given us good instruction (the Bible) for living, respect for others, and right and wrong (absolute values).

The real question, then, is much broader and more urgent. "In what are your children being indoctrinated?"

*'Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.'* Psalm 1 v 1.

When first led to embark on Christian home-education in 1992 we were, and remain, very aware of our own short-comings. We have, however, seen the fruit of full-time Christian education in the lives of many young people from pre-school to late teens.

We have resources (tapes, videos, books, magazines) to lend, and experiences to share, if they can be of help to anyone.

Julian and Christine Brewer.

#### MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

The new FLOWER LIST for 1995 is now on the notice board in the Vestibule. If you would like to contribute towards flowers on a particular date will you please SIGN your NAME on the list or ask me to do it for you. (Jean Webb - 240546).

If you feel unable to supply flowers for a Sunday, but wish to contribute to the FLOWER FUND, then I shall be more than happy to receive any such gifts. Money from the FLOWER FUND is used on those occasions when no one's name appears on the LIST.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given so generously during this present year. As always, I've enjoyed both arranging and taking out the flowers. My thanks, too, to those kind folk who have helped whilst I've been away and on special occasions such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Bless you all and 'HAPPY CHRISTMAS'.

Jean Webb. Flower Secretary.



## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1994.

- 1 Thu Day of Prayer in Church 7 am to 6 pm  
Ark Parent and Toddler Club in Church Hall 10 to 11.30am  
Praise and Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room 2.30/3.30pm
- 3 Sat Autumn Fayre 11am to 2pm  
Torch Fellowship St. Columba's U.R.C. 2.30 pm
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- 4 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.  
11 am Service with Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Service
- 5 Mon Sewing Group meets East Hall 1.00 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 pm
- 7 Wed Bible Study Group Harris Room 10 am
- 8 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club in Church Hall 10 to 11.30am  
Holy Communion with prayers in Church 10.30 am  
Special Church Meeting incldg. Election of Elders 7.30pm
- 10 Sat Torch Fellowship Meeting at Durrington 2.30 pm  
Girls' Brigade Awards Evening and Display 6.30 pm  
Carol Singing, too.
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- 11 Sun 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Church Parade Service  
6.30 pm Service
- 12 Mon Sewing Group meets in East Hall 1.00 pm
- 13 Tue Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship Christmas Service 2.45pm  
Durrington High Sch. Prayer Group 2 - 2.45pm L/Ch.
- 14 Wed Serendipity & Beano Clubs Meal & Quiz from 7.45 pm
- 15 Thu Ark Parent and Toddler Club in Church Hall 10 to 11.30am  
Praise & Prayer Meeting, Cornwall Room. 2.30/3.30 pm
- 17 Sat Torch Fellowship. Jubilee Hall, Durrington. 2.30 pm
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- 18 Sun 8 am Holy Communion.  
11 am Young People's Service  
6.30 pm 9 Lessons and Carols
- 19 Mon Sewing Group meets in East Hall at 1.00 pm  
Monday Evening Fellowship Cornwall Room 8 pm
- 21 Wed Bible Study Group Harris Room 10 am  
Action for Dysphasic Adults Christmas Lunch  
Carols old and new in Church 7 pm
- 24 Sat Christmas Eve Carol Service 5.30 pm  
Service of Holy Communion 11.30 pm
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- 25 Sun Christmas Day 8 am Holy Communion.  
10.30 am Family Service No evening service
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- 1 Jan Sun 1995 New Year's Day 8 am Holy Communion  
11 am Service with Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Evening Service
- 5 Jan Thu NEW YEAR PRAYER VIGIL 7 am to 7 pm
- 10 Jan Tue Worthing Sixth Form College  
Parents' Prayer Support Group  
Little Chapel 7.30 to 8.30 pm
- 12 Jan Thu Ark Parent & Toddler Club restarts 10.30 am  
Monthly Prayers with Holy Communion 10.30 am
- 21 Jan Sat New Year Social in Church Hall 7.30 pm
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"DON'T THROW THE BABY AWAY WITH THE BATHWATER!"DEAN J. ROBINSON.(GLEANINGS FROM, AND REFLECTIONS ON 'HONEST TO GOD'.)

1. Now that we stand upon the brink of many a new discovery  
the time has come for us to think just what we mean by 'Deity'!  
Will it suffice to reaffirm in modern language of our times  
the orthodox traditions learned from ancient biblical confines?
2. The Bible speaks of God 'up there', and Christ as 'lifted up'  
to the skies -  
but in this Space-age some declare they're not quite sure where  
heaven lies.  
And some envisage God 'out there' beyond the galaxies and skies.  
Yet it behoves us to beware how much we demythologize! #
3. Let's say 'God's Depth'; look deep below Life's surface  
and you will find there,  
as psalmists did so long ago, Hope rising out of Dark Despair!  
God's 'The Beyond within our midst!' 'The Ground and Source of  
all our Being!'  
'Divinity we can't resist,' and 'Love from which there is no  
fleeing!'
4. He is not far from us, this God - we are his children,  
we who trace  
with Prayer as a Divining Rod, the Well of Truth within the Waste!  
Like leaves united to the tree, their sustenance from it deriving,  
our sustenance from God have we who for our good is always striving!
5. From off this Tree of Life don't fly like leaves in Autumn  
in a throng!  
Or 'neath it still you'll aimless lie till blown by 'Winds of  
Chance' along!  
'Like this,' 'Like that,' thus we portray in terms of what we  
know and see  
the Unknown God to whom we pray; of whom we speak symbolically! \*
6. We call Him 'Father', 'A Vine Tree', 'The Living Bread',  
'The Fount of Bliss!'  
In all the wealth of imagery surrounding Him we know but this -  
'GOD IS!' and sent His only Son to be our Saviour, Lord and King!  
To bring Good News to everyone! Lift up your hearts - rejoice and  
sing!

# NB. Myths are images of Truth, and point to a hidden  
meaning. i.e. 'Seek and ye shall find!'

\* A Symbol is a material representation of The Invisible!

E. Joy Blackford.

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FEBA RADIO.

December Mailing at Ivy Arch Road Worthing will be on  
Monday December 12th to Wednesday December 14th  
between 9 am and 5 pm. Ring 237281.

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Phyllis Wheeler is anxious to track down TWO hymns. Can anyone  
please tell her or the editor where they can be found?

1. 'BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU.....'

2. 'HAIL REDEEMER.....'

Each verse of this one ends 'King of Love on Calvary.'

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TEXT OF A LETTER DATED 18/10/94 FROM RUTH CHATFIELD AT GEMENA , ZAIRE

Dear Friends at GURC,

Greetings from Zaire in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As it begins to get colder in England, so it will get hotter here, as the dry season begins. Andrea and I are generally keeping well and are mostly enjoying the challenges of living and working here ! Although I'm kept busy doing administration and Wycliffe finances, I also go a couple of times a week to the airport to fetch missionaries, mail and other supplies flown in on the two missionaries planes from Central African Republic and other parts of Zaire. We are very grateful for these planes, since the dirt roads are very bad at the moment - full of mudholes to get stuck in !

Last week I was visited by someone from the local tax office, checking that we were paying the right amount of taxes for our Zairean employees. However, it's hard to know what 'the right amount' is since there is little national control on these things, and many officials seem to be doing 'what is right in their own eyes' ! Recently we had to pay tax on our cat !

We enjoy being part of a church here. We are in a singing group, and we have just started doing Bible Studies in a Zairean home. It is a challenge to try to share the Gospel in a cross-cultural context.

Two American ladies have just moved from Gemena to a village where they will learn the language and eventually start translating the New Testament. To get to the village they first travel by 4-wheel drive truck, then by boat up the river, then by bicycle ! They hope that the airstrip will soon be ready for them to fly in !

Thanks for your participation in God's work in this country where people have few of the privileges and comforts which we enjoy !

Every blessing,

Ruth

(Chatfield)

LINK ROMANIA - THE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Unit 20. Decoy Road. Worthing. BN14 8ND. Worthing 217733

Last year we sent out over 3000 shoeboxes of goodies to various areas of Romania. This year we hope and pray to increase that number, to bring some Christmas cheer to many poor families within Romania. Food prices in that country have increased so much that even necessities are now becoming luxuries. If you require more information please see poster and leaflets in church vestibule or contact me, Rose Elliott, at the above address.

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## GIFT DAY-----MARK TWO

- WHEN?** 3rd December 1994 11.00am- 2.00pm
- WHERE?** Goring United Reformed Church Hall
- WHAT DO I DO?** Come along, share fellowship, buy lots of gifts, have lunch.  
Enjoy yourself!
- NEED?** Lots and lots of home-made goodies! Jams, chutneys, pickles sweets, cakes, stationery, knitwear, needlework, woodwork, plants. Anything new and hand-made that you think will sell.
- WHEN?** Before 10.00am on the morning of 3rd December. If you need goods collected please contact either Sheila or Eileen and we'll sort something. Please could you also give an indication as to how much an item has cost to make.
- HELP?** We need help on Friday evening 2nd December from 7.30 pm onwards to decorate the stalls and to set up tables for the lunches.  
We need help on the Saturday to run the stalls and also, a time often forgotten, to clear away afterwards!
- ORDERS?** If you have made anything to order could you please have it to Sheila or Eileen by the evening of Thursday 1st December.  
NB This is the day of prayer so if it is easier for you to leave things in the church then please do so and they will be collected.
- LUNCH?** Lunches will be served from 11.45am and there will be a choice of menu suitable for all ages and pockets. Do stay and share food, fun and fellowship with one another.
- CHILDREN?** We would never forget the children and there will be special activities for you in the Cornwall Room--- lots of things to do and make.

This should be a good day and we will get out of it what we put into it! So, let's all make a special effort in whatever way we can to support one another at this time.

See you there with many thanks in anticipation of all that will be achieved.

Sheila and Eileen