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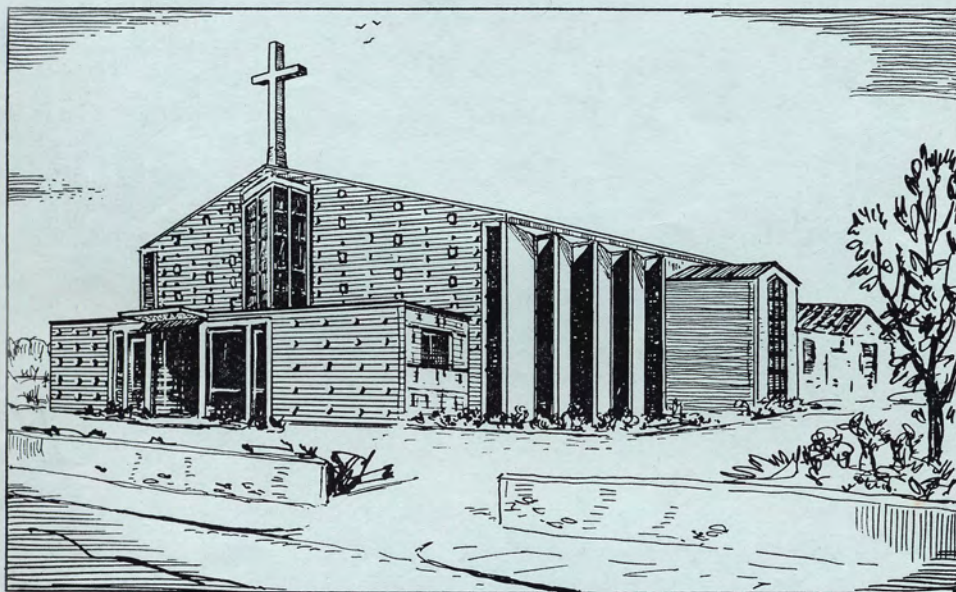
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My dear Friends,

First may I wish you on behalf of Mrs. Hayward and myself a very happy and blessed New Year. May it be a great year in the life of our Church, and may God give us grace to follow where he leads.

Secondly may I say a very deep "Thank you" for all the kind and generous remembrances we received at Christmas - it was most deeply moving to hear from so many of you and to realise how great an affection surrounds us in our work. We can hardly hope to be able to remember to thank everybody personally - will you please accept this our very sincere expression of gratitude.

Our Christmas celebrations began on a very light and happy note with the presentation of the Drama Group's play "What's Cooking" - no doubt this will be fully reported elsewhere but I cannot fail to congratulate Producer, Players and all concerned for so excellent an evening.

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A deeply moving evening was the magnificent presentation of Dorothy Sayers nativity play "He who should come" by the girls of West Preston Manor School.

It is impossible in the space available to speak of all our Christmas Services and of the work of those who contributed to them. Let us gather all up by saying that we thank God for every reminder of the truth of Christmastide, and for those who made them possible for us.

Now I must tell you about some forward looking that is going on. At our November Deacon's meeting, one or two questions were raised about our premises and the questions of toilet and kitchen accommodation; the result of our discussion around these things was the realisation that our ancillary buildings are inadequate to the work to which we are called as a Church. It is a fact, for instance, that we cannot accommodate all our members in the hall, and also true that with our growing number of children in Junior Church we have not enough room to give them proper facilities. What was most strongly brought home to us was that whatever we do to our premises now, must be done with a view to the future. It would be very wrong for us to spend £1/200 now on toilets, if in 10/20 years' time they had to be pulled down to fit in with a larger scheme.

The result of all our thinking is that we have commissioned the Building Committee and the Care Committee to produce an overall scheme for the ultimate development of our premises - a scheme which can be brought into effect stage by stage so that we can achieve two ends. We can proceed a stage at a time without making great appeals or incurring great debts, and secondly any money we spend now can be spent in such a way that it will not later on seem to have been wasted. The joint committee has sent a questionnaire to all of our organisations asking them **to try to envisage premises that would be ideal for their work now, and in the future,** and to let us know what they would have in mind. When we have gathered these ideas, the committee will start to think about plans to incorporate as much as possible of what is

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suggested. If any of you have ideas, will you let us know about them by February 1st.

We cannot have any doubt that there is a great work for our Church to do in coming years; it is our plain duty to endeavour to ensure that we do our best to prepare the way for those who are to come after us, but though we must think of 'bricks and mortar' we must always remember that our first charge is to try to bring men and women and boys and girls to Christ.

May He lead us through 1965, and may He give us grace truly to follow as He leads.

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

January	3rd	- Miss A. Good.
"	10th	- Mr. & Mrs. E. Boyce.
"	17th	- Mr. P. Shaw.
"	24th	- Mr. & Mrs. S. E. West.
"	31st	- (Mr. & Mrs. E. Evans. (Mr. & Mrs. A. Reynolds)

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

Would any members who are not at present on the Flower Rota, but who would like to supply flowers for the Church, or make a donation to the Flower Fund, please contact me.

E. Bond - Flower Secretary.

Collections for November, 1964.

		<u>Envelopes.</u>		<u>Loose Cash.</u>	
1st November	-	£29.	2. 0.	£22.	4. 0.
8th "	-	£31.	17. 0.	£20.	15. 5.
15th "	-	£30.	9. 0.	£20.	1. 9.
22nd "	-	£25.	14. 6.	£15.	10. 8.
29th "	-	£28.	9. 6.	£16.	13. 10.
		<u>£145.</u>	<u>12. 0.</u>	<u>£95.</u>	<u>5. 8.</u>

Total for the month £240.17.8. R.O.Parker, Treasurer.

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GROUP NOTES.

The MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP. Our first meeting in the New Year will be on January 11th; this will be an informal occasion when we shall be discussing "Newspaper Headlines" - every one welcome.

NOTE THE DATE - January 25th - for we are holding a special OPEN MEETING and invite all members and friends to a special film show, in colour. The programme will include films on J. Sainsbury Ltd.; the Coats Sewing Group, and the Glass manufacturing industry - see the notice board for more explicit details. Light refreshments will be served so make this a night out and bring your friends.

ONCE AGAIN many thanks to the generosity of the congregation - we have been able to send out 58 food parcels to the old folk and the needy. We are very grateful to all, including the children of the Junior Church for their gifts of provisions and money, and to those who assisted in the packing and distribution of the parcels.

THE BOYS' BRIGADES.

Very many thanks to all who gave so generously during the B.S. Week when £67.5.0d. was raised. A proportion of this will go to our Headquarters in London for extension work here and overseas. I am sorry not to be able to write to everyone personally in appreciation. The boys seemed to enjoy the experience of outing on Church members and friends. I only hope they did not inconvenience you, and that they behaved like young gentlemen (the boys I mean). It is a point to consider, how important our example is to these youngsters in our dealings with them. Our numbers are still low in both officers and boys, so please keep a look out for potentials. We are in really urgent need of an ACTIVE LEADER in the Lifeboys.

Please pray about this. Thank you.

D. W. S.

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WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY.

We would like to thank all friends who supported us so willingly during the year 1964.

We invite all ladies of the Church to join us at our next meeting, January 12th at 2.30 p.m.

We will give you a very warm welcome.

MAY 1965 be a VERY HAPPY YEAR to us all.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

To all our members and other friends I should like to quote a greeting from Dickens.

"May the New Year be a happy one to you, happy to many whose happiness depends on you".

Our last meeting in the old year was surely one of the most colourful we have ever had. "The Glory of God in Creation" was shown to us in the most perfect colour photography of nature - the fiery sunsets and sunrises; the close-up of a peacock displaying his wonderful tail; the flowering cherry with the background of a clear blue sky were only some of the 50 or 60 wonderful transparencies taken by Miss Hutchinson and her friends; and to the pictures, Miss Hutchinson quoted many apt passages from the Bible.

What a splendid idea it was to have a joint Christmas gathering with the Working Party and Men's Fellowship. About 140 were present to enjoy the carols arranged by the men, and the Christmas tea which followed.

Now we look forward to 1965. On Jan. 5th Mr. Hayward will give us a New Year message: on Jan. 19th Miss Willis, who showed us such an interesting journey from Cairo to the Cape, will pay us a return visit, this time visiting some of the missions on that journey. On Feb. 2nd we have a talk by the Rev. W. H. Bourn, Chaplain of the Christian Telephone Ministry, who started the first ministry dedicated to the use of the telephone in the service of the sick, lonely, depressed and anxious. We hope all ladies, those who have not visited us, and our old members will come and enjoy our fellowship in the New Year.

L. B. R.

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MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

Our syllabus for the session up to May 18th is as varied and interesting as ever. We begin on January 12th at 2.45 for 3.0 p.m. as usual, when Mr. Hayward will address us, the title being "ministerial Laughter and Tears". Those who have heard our friend in his less serious moments will not wish to miss this meeting!

THE DRAMA GROUP. The Group scored an outstanding success in their presentation of Joan Brampton's comedy "What's Cooking?"

Rehearsals had been dogged by illnesses and other setbacks but on Saturday night, the 12th Dec. the polished performances and excellent characterisations by all the actors gave of this no hint at all - even an eleventh hour "stand-in" discreetly concealing his 'lines' behind newspaper and brief case.

Margaret Dooson as the weak dithering hostess Pearl Trafford-Price was the perfect foil to the superb Serena week of Olive Bentley, whose clear cut performance of the truculent cook-general ruled the house with a rod of iron and yet kept a soft spot for the son of the house, ably portrayed by Peter Creasey.

It was Serena who foiled the plans of the Trafford-Prices to marry Bill to the hysterical, soulful Gladys Fielding - Iris Bentley - and gave Bill his mother's secretary Carlotta - charming Patricia Street. Supporting parts played by W. Brown, P. Wilson, R. Parker and N. Dobson each added their quota of perfection to the general misunderstandings.

The ruined dinner party was a particularly hilarious scene. The play owed much to the skill and patience of the director, W. Padfield, who understands so well how to serve up a light-hearted comedy and she was greatly helped by the efficient back-stage assistance of Arthur Mercer, Ron Hayes, Ray Winstanley, Ethel Mercer and H. Garrett.

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United Nations Association.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor R. Edwards (president) and the Committee of Worthing Branch invite you to a Coffee Morning and Film Show from 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday January 20th at -
Steyne Gardens Methodist Church Hall.

The film 'Gahaza' - in colour is about the project for which Worthing collected £12,000 during the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Admission 1/-d - payable at the door.
Bring and Buy Stall.

Winifred and Clifford Powell wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the many friends who expressed their good wishes for their flight to Nigeria on the occasion of the wedding of their daughter Jean: to the unknown donor of the generous gift which made the trip possible: and to the young people of the Tuesday Group for their gift toward the purchase of transparencies.

CHRISTIAN AID.

Dear Friends,

I expect many of you, like me, have been troubled in conscience sometimes when reading the parable of the sheep and goats. On one such occasion when in Portsmouth, I picked up the daily paper and the first thing that caught my eye was a picture of a starving child, published by Oxfam. I knew at once what I had to do. I started in 1962 a monthly collection from regular givers and each month was able to send up a cheque for about £16. When we left Portsmouth I left this work in other hands and I hear that it is still growing. Since we have been here I have wondered if any of you would like me to start a similar collection. Mr. Parker has suggested that I do so but thinks we should give our help through the World Churches Agency, i.e. Christian Aid. I know that quite a number of you already give either to

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Oxfam, Christian Aid, or similar funds through your work, club, or other means, and I suggest that unless you particularly desire to change your way of giving, you carry on as you are doing. I am starting this scheme especially for the people who feel an urge to give regularly to help those people not so fortunate as ourselves and would find my idea helpful. There is so much hunger, poverty, disease and distress in the world and I do feel that we who have so much, must do all we can to alleviate this. I do not suppose any one of us really knows what it is to have children begging for food and have nothing to give them. Can we imagine what it would be like to be ill and have no one to help, to be cold and have no warm home to go to? Can we imagine what it would be like if there was no work and no hope for our men and growing youngsters? Use your imagination for a little while and then, if you are not already contributing in other ways, let me have your name and the amount you would like to give each month - I suggest 1/-d. or multiples of 1/-d. Miss Cross has offered to help me to collect each month and we shall be ready on the first and second Sundays to receive your gifts. We shall not give receipts in order to save administration costs but we shall keep complete lists and publish the total amount given each month in this magazine.

Yours very sincerely,
 Marjorie Hayward.

The Bible says:-

Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, and bring them into their own land. Ezekiel 37, v. 21.

Note:- With the returning of the Jews to their own land the changes made by them are indeed bewildering. The finding of water, the planting of 40,000,000 trees, the cultivation of waste land and the revitalising of the arid desert have been remarkable. The gates of Jerusalem are now left open night and day (Isaiah 60, v.11) while the city has expanded in Gath and Goath as Jeremiah (chap.31, v.39) said it would do. p.S.W.

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From the CHURCH SECRETARY.

For the past two years it has been my privilege to write a special word for the January issue of the Chronicle. Two years ago I had to hint at the possibility of a change of ministry; last year we were hopeful of a settlement during the coming months. Now we are able to look back with great thankfulness to God for the first six months of the ministry of Mr. Hayward. He and Mrs. Hayward have brought to our fellowship rich inspiration and leadership and we are indeed grateful to them. They have, moreover, come to know us and be our friends - they have shared our joys and sorrows, and even managed to recognise the faces of most of us, and succeeded in knowing an astonishing number by name.

This is not the place to review the events of the past year. This will be done at the Annual General meeting, but mention may be made of the fact that we have welcomed many new families into our midst, while there have on the other side, been many losses through death or removal. During the past month no less than three of our members have passed on. Mrs. Brown was well known to many as a devout and faithful Christian lady, whose cheerful presence will be missed from the various activities of the Church. Mrs. Ferrar, less well-known on account of ill-health, had been a member for nearly ten years, but most of this time had been confined to the house where she had borne her painful affliction with cheerfulness and courage. Mr. Elliott was a comparative new-comer, but he was a tower of strength to his elderly neighbours to whom he really was a Good Samaritan. Our sympathy goes to all their relatives and friends who have been bereaved.

Now we turn our thoughts to the future. We look forward to 1965 with great confidence in the guidance and leadership of Mr. Hayward. We must not expect him to be content with things as they are, and must be ready to consider and maybe accept changes. Above all we must uphold him in our prayers throughout the coming year. As I have wished you a Happy Christmas may I, on behalf of the Officers and Deacons wish the Minister and his family and all members of the Church & Congregation every blessing from God in the New Year.

H. A. Winterton.

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THE FAMILY.

During the last few weeks three more of our members, Mrs. M.E. Brown, Mrs. F. Ferrar and Mr. L.H. Elliott have passed on. We remember them with thankfulness and commend their loved ones to God's peace.

Mr. Sawbey has had a successful eye operation.

Mr. Iveson is a little better.

Mrs. Utway is in a nursing home and we hope complete rest will soon put her right.

Mr. Stratton is awaiting a specialist's report after a stay in hospital, we hope the news will be good.

Mr. Dearsley is making good progress.

Mrs. Grew is in a nursing home with bronchitis, and we hope she will make good progress.

The last Sunday of the month will bring to an end Mr. Gariand Hughes' time of service with us; we regret his departure, and thank him for all his service.

A recent sermon by our minister - abridged.

1 Cor. X.12, Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

We are thinking now about temptation, and first we should face the fact of its source. Some people believe in the existence of a devil whose business it is to poke and prop unhappy people into sin. The devil is a spiritual being which makes him infinitely harder to cope with - you cannot even be sure that he is there at all. I wish in a way that I could believe in the existence of a devil because then, when I sinned, I could put at least some of the blame on him, but I would also have to feel that God did not really give me a fair chance because of the spiritual power of the devil. Unhappily I cannot believe in a devil, and therefore I have to accept the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 15, 19 when He said, "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" - I know that all sin begins with evil thought and when I have sinned I cannot say "Ah, that's the devil", I have nothing to say but "Lord be merciful to me, a sinner".

In passing this does raise the question, "If there are no devils why did Jesus say there were" and

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I think the answer to that question is that Jesus had to be to some extent the child of His day and to use language His contemporaries understood.

Let us look at some of the ways in which temptation comes to us so that we can be more on our guard against it.

Uzziah was a good king who reigned many years over Israel, and because he was righteous the nation enjoyed peace, but, as we read in Chronicles, "When he was strong his heart was lifted up to his destruction". Thinking of himself as king, that he could act as he willed, and that none could deny him, Uzziah went into the temple and burned incense, in this way he usurped the priest's office - it was his pride and his pride was an offence to God. A man with a group of men goes on drinking when he shouldn't, or competes with the rest in sharing dirty stories, because he wants to be thought well of by them - he doesn't want people saying behind his back that he is narrow minded. How often does a woman spend more than she should upon vanity because she wants to look as good or better than somebody else. In how many ways our pride may lead us into sin - beware lest when you think you are standing, you fall.

Read the story of David, the greatest king of Judah, and you will find he was a man of great magnanimity yet remember that when he went to rest one night on the roof of his palace he saw a woman bathing in a nearby stream and because she was beautiful he desired her. David found Bathsheba was married, but such was his lust that he accomplished the murder of her husband so that he could possess her. Now David, in that he had fleshly passions, was no different from any of the rest of us, disaster came upon him because he did not at once dismiss what he knew was a wicked thought, he enjoyed having Bathsheba in his mind, and that led on to sin. Remember what Jesus said about that. Sin begins in the mind.

Finally remember Moses called to lead Israel in the wilderness, that must have been trying, the people were for ever grumbling and complaining. Moses was marvellous in the patience that he showed, he must

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often have been strained to the limit. One day Moses did lose patience with these people, and when he did he sinned against God. Moses must have lived with that temptation for years - he fell in a weak moment.

For all of us there are temptations with which we must live through the whole life; we may have secret temptations which nobody suspects even. We must never try to rely on our own strength alone.

Then again temptation may catch us unawares, like Peter in the court of the High Priest's house. How can we prepare ourselves for what we do not know will confront us? The only answer to temptation of every sort is found not in the will alone, saying "I won't do this or that" - of course we cannot resist without the will, but it must be a will that is reinforced by our worship of God and renewed by His presence, so that we never meet anything quite alone and in our own strength.

The "CHRONICLE".

All readers will have noticed, I am sure, that on the front of the December issue and again on this month's copy, the front page gives the number of the magazine, No.153.

It was first brought into being by Mr. C. H. Cornwall in 1944 and he carried on as Editor until 1953 when Mr. Pearn succeeded as Editor until April 1959. In April 1954 Mr. Cornwall wrote a most interesting article entitled "Over 20,000 Church "Chronicles". In it he referred to the April issue as the 90th since he first, in 1944, compiled what was then a newsletter. When the "Chronicle" became a monthly affair Miss Gilby took over from Mr. Pearn. It is to Mr. Pearn I am indebted for so quickly passing over to me just for the asking, copies of the magazines issued between 1953 and 1959. To complete the records Mr. Cornwall has promised a similar record from 1944 to 1953, so that the Church will then have a copy of every magazine published. These will be kept in the Deacon's vestry and can then be referred to at any time upon request.

EDITOR.

FINAL NOTES from the ORGANIST. As my musical mission to Goring Congregational Church will be completed during January 1965 I would like to say how much I have appreciated the many and generous tributes paid to the contribution I have been able to make during the past fifteen months at the organ and as choir-master. The choir, though unappiably small in numbers, have always given a real lead to the sung portion of the services, and have on occasions added significant beauty and aid to the worship. The memory of this devout service and of many splendid and joyous occasions will remain with me. I hope to provide a special musical content, both on the organ and through the choir, for the services on my final duty - Sunday 31st January (my birthday anniversary too, for special measure!) and on Saturday 30th January at 3.30 p.m. I shall be giving a Concert Recital (at the piano) with the delight of having soprano solos by Jean Smyth of Arundel and baritone songs from my good friend R. Parker. This must be in the nature of a musical "At Home" by invitation, owing to the limited space of the Church Hall. If friends interested will approach me or Mr. Parker, programmes will be issued in due course.

A final 'thank you' for such friendliness and many kindnesses shown to me.

C. Garland Hughes.

London Missionary Society.

We desire to remind annual subscribers and Box holders that during the months of January and February the seven collectors working under the auspices of the missionary committee will be calling upon them, hoping for the renewal of their contributions. May we ask members who have been transferred from other churches, and who will in all probability, have given to the London Missionary Society in some form or another, kindly consider whether they could join the local list of annual subscribers, take a box or link up with the birthday scheme. Mr. T.A. Howe of 36, Aidsworth Ave., Goring or Mr. G. Wraight of 3, Melrose Avenue, Worthing, would be very pleased to receive the names of members not at present subscribing, who would like to make a definite gift. From the Missionary Committee.

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An extract from a letter from the Home Secretary of the London Missionary Society, the Rev. R. O. Latham, M.A., B.D., addressed to our own Missionary Secretary in December.

"We rejoice with the people of Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia) in their newly gained independence, and we hope that the political temperature will now fall from the feverish heights of the past few months. Some of our missionaries have been living in a very tense atmosphere which has made evangelism, village visiting and caring difficult, and on occasion, impossible.

There is unrest in Southern Rhodesia as the papers report every day, and the Church is intimately involved. Your prayers are asked for all in Southern Rhodesia, leaders - both European and African - in state and Church, and for our missionaries and their families.

Famine stalks in Bechuanaland and even worse in India where food riots are reported in many places in the South. A deluge has caused widespread disaster in Trivandrum rendering many families homeless.

Through the Society you are part of all this. You are reminded of the need of your fellow members and of the opportunity of caring for those in need in Christ's name, both within and without His church.

In the Gilbert Islands Church there is needed a man to take responsibility for their accounts and administration for about three years from November 1965. A recently retired man (and his wife) who are in good health would be considered. Maybe there is someone in your church who would be interested. Will you ask them to write to Miss Cumber at Livingstone House? There are other vacancies for teachers, nurses, doctors and ministers too."

Please make a note in your diary that there is to be an "At Home" on Wednesday the 20th January, at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall, when the speaker will be Miss Barbara Lea from Zambia:- the chair will be taken by Mrs. E. P. Evans.

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CHURCH REGISTER.

Visiting Groups. Please note that Miss Lemay and Mr. Razzell are exchanging groups so that they may be attached to the group in which they now live, and Miss Lemay will be able to take over charge of Group 3 in April, when Mr. Edmonds retires from the Diaconate.

New Members. Admitted December and
 Received into Fellowship Dec. 6th, 1964 -
 Miss C. Shillito and Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Mason.
 Received into Fellowship Dec. 20th, 1964 -
 Miss K. Atkins and Miss D. Cox.

Please add telephone No. G. 42294 to the address of Mr. & Mrs. Mason in the December Issue, and correct Mr. & Mrs. Willmott to 7, Melrose Close.

Deaths.

On Dec. 8th Mrs. M. E. Brown & Mrs. F. Ferrar.
 On Dec. 17th Mr. E. C. Elliott.

For insertion in Handbook.

2 x Mr. & Mrs. J. Wiseman, 25, Westpark Lane.
 5 Misses E. F. & E. L. Dodd, 20, Gresham Close.
 Tel. No. G.45871.
 7 Mr. & Mrs. Stredwick, 13, Orchard Road,
 East Preston.

Sussex Congregational Union - Quarterly Newsletter.

At a recent deacons' meeting it was decided that we should be supplied with the Newsletter for inclusion in our Chronicle each quarter. There will be something of interest and of concern to us each quarter, so giving us all the opportunity of being more 'outward looking'.

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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 1965.

- 3rd SUN. Divine worship 11.0 & 6.30. Communion follows morning worship.
- 5th Tues. Women's Fellowship 3.0 p.m. message for the New Year - Rev. Willis Hayward.
Bible Fellowship leaders at manse 8.0 p.m.
- 7th Thurs. Junior Church Teachers' meeting 7.45 p.m.
- 10th SUN. Divine worship - Rev. A. Gilmour 11 a.m. 6.30 p.m. - the minister.
- 11th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship.
meeting for ministers and Deacons 7.15 p.m.
- 12th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship. Speaker - our minister.
8 p.m. Senior Fellowship at the manse.
8 p.m. Bible Fellowship Groups.
- 13th Wed. Faith & Order Group 7.45 p.m.
- 14th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER 10.30 a.m. & 7.0 p.m.
Choir Committee 8.0 p.m.
- 17th SUN. Divine worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
Communion after evening service.
- 19th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship 3.0 p.m. Miss Willis continues (Cairo to the Cape).
Youth Committee 8.0 p.m.
- 20th Wed. Missionary "At Home". Speaker Miss Barbara Lea from Zambia, 7 p.m.
Service of Christian Unity, Shelley Road.
- 24th SUN. Divine worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 25th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship. OPEN MEETING.
Special Film Show.
- 26th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship 2.45 for 3.0 p.m. Speaker - Rev. F. L. Stubbington, B.D.
Combined Bible Fellowship, 14, Robson Rd.
- 31st SUN. Divine worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

The next issue of the Chronicle will be on Sunday the 7th February, 1965. The Editor will be glad to receive material not later than Sunday 24th January.

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My dear Friends,

There are two matters about which I have to write to you this month.

You may have noticed on two occasions recently the announcement of a meeting for ministers and Deacons; these meetings have reached a point at which we must now talk to the Churches. You may remember that at the May Meetings in 1965 the Churches are to be asked to agree to covenant together to become The Congregational Church in England and Wales, or whatever may be its title. Quite obviously if we are to covenant together to care for each other as Churches, then this great covenant must be reflected by small groups of Churches covenanting together to put the whole covenant into effect. For this purpose, it is felt that our present County District Unions are too large, and throughout the country, Churches are asked to form themselves into smaller groups which will

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covenant together when the whole covenant comes into effect as from MAY, 1966. The Ministers and Deacons who have had two meetings together have been from Arundel, Amberley, Goring, Littlehampton, Sompting, Worthing and Yapton, and these meetings have resulted in two resolutions of which the Church Meeting will be informed at the Church Meeting on February 3rd. These two resolutions are as follows:-

- (1) We recommend to our Church Meetings that a group of Seven Churches named be accepted as a satisfactory basis for a future covenant, and
- (2) The purpose of this group shall be as defined in paragraph 4 of the appendix of the Revised Draft Constitution.

The significant passage of paragraph 4 reads:-
 "In these groups the Churches would actively seek fellowship and cooperation with each other in all aspects of their life. For this purpose a group council would be formed of an appropriate number of representatives from each church, possibly three or four, and chosen to reflect the various age groups and sectional interest of the Churches. The Group Council would concern itself with the pastoral care and oversight of the Churches, by recommending a full and effective use of all ministers, lay preachers and lay pastors available, with Youth Work, Women's Activities, Life and Work, Overseas Missions, Home Churches Fund quotas and propaganda, preliminary maintenance of the ministry recommendations, local Church problems and evangelism, etc."

It is hoped that all the Church Meetings concerned will have agreed to these two propositions by the date of the next meeting of Ministers and Deacons arranged to take place on the 15th March.

During February we shall start holding short Group Socials according to the grouping as shown in

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the Handbook for visitation purposes. The object of these socials is that we may all have the opportunity of getting to know each other better and especially of helping those who have recently arrived in our midst to make friends and feel at home. I do hope that when you receive notice of the social for your group you will do your best to attend.

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

COVENANTED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The attention of Members and Friends of the Church who subscribe regularly, by means of envelopes or otherwise, is drawn to the advantages of Covenanted Giving.

By this means the Church is able to derive very considerable benefit by way of Income Tax Repayments, and I shall be most happy to provide further information regarding the arrangement to any who feel able to commit themselves to the extent of their present rate of giving for a period of not less than Seven Years, and who are paying Income Tax at the full standard rate on some part of their income. It is very helpful if new Covenants can be signed before the 5th April, 1965.

C. S. Stephens.
Tel. Goring 43947.

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MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.Flower Rota for February.

Feb. 7th - Mr. & Mrs. F. de Pury.
 14th - Miss A. Ebbutt.
 21st - Mr. & Mrs. W. Hite.
 28th - Miss M. Harris.

E. Bond, Secy.

From the Church Treasurer.Collections for December, 1964.

	<u>Envelopes.</u>			<u>Loose Cash.</u>		
6th Dec.	£29.	1.	6.	£21.	5.	9.
13th "	21.	9.	6.	15.	3.	2.
20th "	42.	0.	0.	20.	7.	8.
27th "	27.	14.	6.	13.	1.	2.
	<u>£120.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>£69.</u>	<u>17.</u>	<u>9.</u>

Total for the month - £190. 3. 3d.

The total amount collected over the Christmas period for the work at Fen Place was £24.12.11d. and the Financial Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales has expressed his gratitude for this generous donation.

The Treasurer acknowledges with gratitude a legacy of £200 from the estate of the late Miss M. Davis, for the general purposes of the Church.

R. O. Parker.

CHRISTIAN AID.

I have been very touched and am very grateful to the many friends who have responded so generously to my appeal for monthly contributions towards Christian Aid. Miss Cross and I have had promises from 48 people and the amount (which this month includes a few annual gifts) is £15.10.9d.

Several friends have apologised to me for not

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joining my scheme, saying that they already give through other sources. I really do not want anyone to feel obliged to make any explanations to me. I know, by now, the generosity of all your hearts and know that if you are not giving through my scheme you are already giving in many ways through other avenues. I would like to say again that this is just for the convenience of those who have no other convenient means of helping our needy brethren. Thank you all very much for your response. Miss Cross and I will be ready to receive your monthly gifts during the first week of February, either in the Church Porch on Sunday or at the Tuesday meetings.

Yours very sincerely,
Marjorie Hayward.

The Mayflower Club. The first Annual General Meeting of this Club was held at the Friends' meeting House on 15th January when our Church was represented by the regular helpers and other friends who have taken a special interest in its activities, including Mrs. Hayward, who has already visited the Club.

Reports given of the first year's working showed that the Club has been a most successful "adventure in friendship" which was its expressed aim when opened early in 1964. Membership has steadily increased and because the hall is now filled to capacity on Wednesday afternoons, there is a waiting list.

One of the most striking features of this venture has been the ease and pleasure with which members of the SIX churches responsible have worked together. The Society of Friends have been our unfailingly kind hosts, and the Secretary, Miss D. Jefferies, herself a Quaker, has been the mainstay of all our efforts to entertain and cheer the members, whose only qualification for membership is that they are in need of the companionship which the Club affords.

The Club looks forward to a second successful year and the helpers are grateful to all in the Church who by their interest and help have in any way contributed to its success.

E. M. G.

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The Bible Says:-

Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12, vv. 19-21.

P. S. W.

THE PROBLEM OF ALCOHOLISM.

One and a half million men, women and children whose lives are just plain hell! This is not a pretty picture, but in regard to the consequences of alcoholism in this country it is probably a gross understatement. Here is one, perhaps the most serious, aspect of the problem. It is now considered that we have half a million chronic and semi-chronic alcoholics in Britain, and to affirm that for every one of these victims of the craving for drink two other people are intimately affected is certainly not overstating the case.

Such figures would be enough to shock out of complacency any professing Christian who looks on the drink problem as a minor matter, not deserving of a great deal of attention in church circles. Let the fact be faced that in alcoholism we have in our country what is perhaps its greatest social problem.

A World Problem. Alcoholism is now a matter of major concern in many countries, and the World Health Organisation includes it among the principal "diseases" affecting mankind, placing it fourth in the list of "killers". What then is an alcoholic? He is one for whom the drinking of intoxicants has become compulsive, one for whom the main aim in life is to drink more and more, regardless of any consequences to himself or to others. The craving for alcohol is

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is with him such that all loyalties are sacrificed in an endeavour to satisfy it. Wife, children, friends, employers, all count for nothing when set against this terrible urge to drink. The alcoholic is possibly of all men the most pitiable, and to restore him to normality is a long, precarious procedure requiring on the part of others great patience tact and understanding.

Where stands the Church? Can the Church stand aside in a situation of such gravity? Has it not a double duty, to assist in the reclamation of the alcoholic and to do all in its power to prevent the creation of further alcoholics? The point cannot be over-emphasised that every alcoholic was once a moderate or social drinker, and no doubt fully intended so to remain. It is because alcohol is a narcotic drug of addiction that it is so dangerous, and to our young people in particular it should be made abundantly clear that their safest course is to accept total abstinence as a privilege of Christian Service.

They should not be left in any doubt as to the dangers they run once they commence the drinking habit, and the extent of the misery, crime, disease and broken lives for which the drinking of intoxicants is directly responsible. Moreover there is no point of safety for the moderate drinker; he may apparently control his drinking for 10, 20, 30 or 40 years, and even then fall a victim to the craving and become an alcoholic.

Prevention is better than cure. The Christian Church today faces a challenge on this issue which it can hardly ignore.

A. E. Pearn.

Home Churches Fund.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with your friends - in the Church Hall on Wednesday Feb. 24th from 10.30 a.m. to 12.0 noon.

Proceeds in aid of Home Churches Fund.
There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

B. W.

A recent sermon by our minister.

mat. 6, 32. Take therefore no thought for the morrow.

Jesus was talking to people for most of whom the morrow was a very real problem, their income was sufficient for a very modest standard of living, but gave them no opportunity to provide for difficult or troublesome days.

Some of us will remember days in this country when many peoples' lives were filled with anxiety about the morrow - their children were often underfed and ill-clothed and if we had any understanding or sympathy at all we know it was very hard indeed for such people not to be anxious.

Some of us perhaps have been through hard times ourselves and will know in our own experience that it is all very well for people to talk about not being anxious when life is easy, it is another matter when the circumstances are such that they create anxiety.

We are probably right to believe that Jesus was a young man who knew such circumstances; left to support His mother and a large family we may well imagine that Jesus and Mary must at times have had a struggle to meet the demands upon them and make ends meet. Yet it was Jesus who knew what He was talking about, who said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow".

Few people in this country now-a-days have cause to be anxious about the bare necessities of life, but are we, as a people, any less anxious? On the contrary there probably never was a time when so many people suffered from physical, nervous or mental trouble, the root cause of which was anxiety.

What sort of things are people anxious about today? For some people, health. Note the full doctors' surgeries and the profits of the manufacturers of patent medicines. Some people are anxious about death, though few will say so. Many people are anxious about material things, not the necessities, but the etceteras of life - how important money is, how important that people should have all that others have got. Often too,

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people are anxious about loved ones - parents, children, grand-children. When there is family trouble, when we have to face sickness, disappointment, set-back, bereavement - we say - "how can we help being anxious in such circumstances?". Yet it remains true, that for a Christian anxiety is wrong, it is a sin. So we must ask what happens when we are anxious, and what is the remedy.

When people are anxious one of two things happens. Either their mind is full of the cause for anxiety and goes over the matter over and over again, or the mind exaggerates the anxiety and makes it bigger and bigger. In the first place when the mind is pre-occupied with the anxiety it cannot easily concentrate upon anything else, even sleep may be affected, thus the person unfit himself for living and weakens his resistance physically and mentally. Where the anxiety is allowed to grow and grow the fear grows as well and nothing is more paralysing than fear. Anxiety then is a loss of control of the mind with disastrous consequences physically, mentally and spiritually.

What is the alternative? Sometimes people imagine that when you tell them not to be anxious you are asking them to behave either as though everything were all right, or as though they did not care. This is not true and would not be Christian. If a loved one is ill, for instance, you cannot put the matter right out of your mind. What is necessary is to still the mind. You must face the facts, face and not try to hide from the possible consequences of the illness, realise what you can do in the matter, and leave the matter there. But this is not enough, for the Christian the alternative to anxiety is prayer and trust. Face it, as we have said, pray about it and leave the matter with God. You cannot even then overcome anxiety by negatively trying to drive it out of the mind, you must positively set your mind upon something else. "Whatsoever things are true, honest, just and so on, think on these things and the God of peace will be with you".

But does not this imply something that just isn't true, namely, that if you pray to God everything will be put right? No real Christian believes this to be

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true, we must never think of prayer as a means of getting things put right as we want them.

The value of the Christian praying about his trouble and then leaving it in the hands of God is that he will know that whatever happens he will be able to face it with the presence and strength of God, and that in the end all is well because there is nothing in life or death, that is able to separate us from the love of God.

GROUP NOTES.

WOMENS' GUILD WORKING PARTY - JUMBLE SALE.

Our Jumble Sale will be held on Friday the 2nd April. We appeal therefore, for anything, and shall be grateful for anything you may wish to discard. Arrangements can be made for collection. No. 1 Hall will be open to receive goods on Thursday afternoon, April 1st, between 2 and 4 o'clock.

Thanking you for your help at all times.

E. M. T.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

We were glad to have our minister as our speaker at our New Year meeting and, as usual, he made us see part of the New Testament in a new light and gave us food for thought.

Miss Willis paid us a welcome return visit to give the second part of her African Tour talks. This chiefly told of the various mission stations she had visited and was illustrated with some more of her splendid transparencies.

On February 15th "Any Questions" will, we hope, be answered by a team of our members; at all events they will do their best: so please ladies, send your questions beforehand to Mrs. Hayward or to Mrs. Reynolds.

On March 2nd the Rev. Harold Rowse will be with us, so giving us a chance to bid him farewell just

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before he leaves for the Isle of Wight. He will be giving us one of his illustrated Bible talks "North Wales and the Psalms". We are indeed sorry to lose Mr. Rowse from our neighbourhood for he has been a good friend to us and one we have always been delighted to hear. Do not miss this last opportunity.

L. B. R.

THE MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

We have two very interesting meetings booked for the month of February.

On the 8th our own minister will be taking to us on the subject of the "Teenager".

On the 22nd Mr. and Mrs. Powell have kindly agreed to tell us about their trip to Lagos and their daughters wedding. We feel that both of these evenings will be of interest to many members of the congregation, so come along and join us - a warm welcome awaits.

J. L.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE.

All the girls are now working hard to earn badges; twenty of them are sitting for the National Sunday School Union Scripture Examination, and four for the Temperance Examination, both of these are to be held in March.

The West Sussex Battalion (of which we form part) invite all who can to come along to a Coffee evening and Bring and Buy Stall, and an entertainment on Friday 19th February at the West Worthing Baptist Church Hall, Canterbury Road, West Worthing, at 7 o'clock p.m.

Tickets price 1/-d can be had from any officer.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

On the 15th and 16th January the Junior Church Departmental Parties were held. Fun, Food and Films was the fare offered to well over the one hundred children who attended. We were very pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Hayward and Mr. Winterton to enjoy things

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with us and are very grateful to the Monday Evening Fellowship for their help in connection with the catering and for their services in the kitchen for all the parties.

On the 31st January Mr. Hayward will visit the Departments of the Junior Church and will be presenting over 50 Honours Certificates to those of our children who have made over 90% attendances in the past year. Additionally he will be presenting prizes to nine children who have made over 90% attendances in the past three consecutive years.

E. C. B.

MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

A record gathering of menfolk, including several newcomers, supported our first meeting in 1965 when our President Mr. Hayward spoke on "Ministerial Laughter and tears".

We heard of the morning routine at the manse - study and preparation for the Sunday's sermons and the children's address, with such added items as the week's programme called for, liable to interruption by doorbell or 'phone. Afternoons filled with visiting the sick and others in need, and evenings in activities at the Church and elsewhere, or in making up time in reading. A life with but little time to 'stand and stare', but, for a man whose heart is in his work, "Heaven on earth".

Highlights in a young minister's life, the first baptism, the first wedding, the first funeral - hearseless, with the minister leading the cortege from Church through the village to the graveyard, endeavouring to maintain a dignified pace, not leaving the bearers too far behind - yet not too close to be bumped in the back by the coffin.

From the calm of the countryside to wartime Hammer-smith and the sudden promotion to Boys Brigade captain (untrained and with only a handbook for guidance), of a lively and unruly handful of boys at enmity with the leader of the Girls' Brigade. Yet a bond was formed

which brought a number of them to the Induction Service at Goring last year.

We could have listened for much longer, despite those chairs!

P. W. H.

MISSIONARY AT-HOME, January 20th - Miss Barbara Lea.

Miss Barbara Lea was the guest at the Missionary 'At-Home' held on Wednesday evening January 20th. She spoke of the work in the Kawimbe district of Zambia, the hospital, the leper settlement, the teachers' training college, the Mindolo Ecumenical centre with the Dag Hammarskold library and of her own work in the hospital and among the women in rural areas.

Miss Lea began by speaking of the great hopes of the country now it had reached independence, and explained the significance of the colours of the flag and of the symbols in the coat of arms. But her main talk concerned the growth of the Church of Central Africa in Zambia, the gradual coming together of the churches of the different Missionary Societies, and the taking over of leadership by the African people themselves, although Europeans are still needed to give help, guidance and training in many ways.

Together they are building new churches, manses and community centres in both urban and rural areas, have set their target at £130,000 in a five-year plan. Of this a quarter will be found by voluntary work of the Africans, another quarter from the Home Missionary Societies and the African congregations, and the rest from friends everywhere.

Miss Lea illustrated her talk with coloured slides, mostly taken by herself. She was warmly thanked for her talk and visit by the Chairman, Mrs. E. P. Evans, and a collection amounting to £10 was taken.

M. Redman.

THE FAMILY.

Since our last issue Mr. F. Palmer has passed from our midst; our thoughts are with Mrs. Palmer and her daughter.

Mrs. Grew is home again and we are glad she is better.

Mrs. Mason hopes to be home soon.

Mrs. Otway is making slow progress, and is determined to win through.

Mrs. Andrew is in hospital, but hopes she will soon be home, after treatment.

The Misses G. H. & M. N. Stevenson have taken up residence at 26, Cowper Road, and we hope they will be very happy and comfortable there.

Miss M. Stevenson has returned to her former address - Flat 1, 11, St. Botolph's Road

Miss Patricia Street has left for India to join her parents. I hear she is greatly enjoying the voyage.

It is a great joy to have worshipping with us Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dearsley and family on furlough from missionary work with the Sudan United Mission in Nigeria. Mr. Dearsley is the son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Dearsley, and he will be speaking to us at a meeting on the 25th February.

The Minister.

Visitation Groups.

This is an advanced notice of Group 2 Social - arranged for Saturday 3rd April next.

From the Church Secretary.The Church Handbook.NEW MEMBERS. - Admitted December 31st, 1964.

Mrs. J. E. Williamson and Miss E. A. Powell.
 Mrs. S. Arnold, Miss A. Ashton, Miss N. M. Lance,
 Mr. C. Mercer, Mrs. G. A. Peach, Miss V. I. Stewart,
 Mrs. D. M. Turner and Mrs. O. Willmott.

the above were received into the Fellowship on the
 3rd January, 1965,
 and Mr. & Mrs. J. Wiseman - to be received
 on the 7th February, 1965.

DEATH. On January 6th, 1965 - Mr. F. Palmer.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Mrs. Baird - 6, Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton,
 Bath, Somerset. Tel. Mid/Norton 2010.
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 Miss P. Heley, 42, Parklands Avenue.
 Misses G. H. & M. N. Stevenson, 26, Cowper Road.
 Miss Weedon, Avon House, 40, Shakespeare Road.

ADD -

Miss V. I. Stewart, 63 Marlborough Road.
 Mrs. E. M. Thomas, 96a, George V Avenue. W. 3354.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY.

- 2nd Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3 pm.
 4th Thurs. monthly Church meeting - 7.30 pm.
 6th Sat. Visitation Group 1 Social 4 to 6 pm.
 7th SUN. Divine Worship. The minister 11 am. & 6.30 pm.
 Communion after morning service.
 8th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship. Speaker the
 Minister - subject The Teenager.
 9th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 pm.
 Men's Afternoon Fellowship 2.45 for 3 p.m.
 10th Wed. Faith and Order Group - 7.45 p.m.
 11th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER - 10.30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
 13th Sat. Visitation Group 3 Social 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 14th SUN. Divine Worship. The minister 11 am. & 6.30 pm.
 16th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3 pm. "Any Questions".
 18th Thurs. Junior Church Teachers' meeting - 7.45 pm.
 21st SUN. Divine Worship - The minister. 11 am. & 6.30
 p.m.
 22nd Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship. Talk by Mr. &
 Mrs. Powell on their trip to Lagos.
 23rd Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
 Men's Afternoon Fellowship. members' afternoon.
 24th Wed. Combined Bible Fellowship, 14, Robson Rd., 8 pm.
 25th Thurs. Illustrated Talk on the work of the Sudan
 United Mission by Mr. Geoffrey Dearsley, B.Sc.
 the Field Secretary at 3 p.m.
 28th SUN. Divine worship. The minister - 11 am. & 6.30 pm.
 MARCH 2nd Women's Guild Fellowship. Rev. H. Rowse -
 3 pm. illustrated talk N.Wales & the Psalms.

THE NEXT ISSUE of the Chronicle will be on Sunday
 7th March, and the Editor will be glad to receive
 material not later than Sunday 21st February.

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My dear Friends,

The day of the publication of this magazine is the first Sunday in Lent, and it is my practice to preach a series of sermons at both morning and evening services during Lent. This year I shall be preaching a series of sermons which it is hoped may have some appeal to some outside the Church as the series deal with problems and questions we all have to face. The evening series is intended to have particular appeal to young people. With a view to making all this known as widely as possible we have printed 2,000 handbills which give particulars of sermon subjects and Passiontide and Easter Services; 1,500 of these handbills will be distributed by our young people in the same areas as were our cards at Christmas. The remaining 500 we are asking our members to distribute personally to friends and acquaintances with a personal invitation to attend the worship. We all of us know that if we are

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Christians we are supposed to be ambassadors of the Gospel, this is not always easy, but it should be easier when we have a starting point in some of the sermon subjects, and a leaflet to leave as a reminder. Don't be content just to say a word about it and leave it at that, be urgent in your entreaty - after all you are offering folk the opportunity for knowledge and experience of the best things in life. And don't forget that your friend may not have been to Church for a long time and might be quite scared of a Congregational Church because he doesn't know what we do - arrange to meet him, bring him with you so that he may sit with you and not feel strange or uncomfortable. We have a tremendous lot to offer to folk, and we cannot do better for anybody on God's earth than to try to bring them back to Him.

We have already had two of our group socials and they have been very happy and profitable occasions, happy, because of such true fellowship, and profitable, because people have got to know each other and therefore our corporate nature has become more truly that of a family. Two more of these socials are fixed for March and for the first Saturday in April. I do urge everybody concerned to try to be present on the appropriate occasion and so constantly enrich our fellowship.

At the request of the Mayor of Worthing, we shall take retiring collections on March 14th for the Winston Churchill Memorial Fund. We are not, of course, appealing for this fund, but thought that to accede to this request of the Mayor might make it easier to give for some who wished to do so.

The Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation will be held on Thursday 18th March, and the Annual Church meeting on April 1st. This of course, will be my first experience of both these meetings, and I trust they will be well supported.

May I conclude by referring again to the opportunity of the Lenten services - is it possible that God is waiting for you to reach a particular life for Him through this opportunity? - Is this your call?

Yours very sincerely,
WALLIS HAYWARD.

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LENTEN SERMONS.

	<u>Morning Service.</u>	<u>Evening Service.</u>
March 7th	Facing Success.	The Christian attitude to Money.
14th	Facing Failure.	The Christian attitude to Work.
21st	Facing Old Age.	The Christian attitude to Sex.
28th	Facing Pain.	The Christian attitude to Gambling.
April 4th	Facing Loneliness.	The Christian attitude to Leisure.
11th	Facing Death.	The Christian attitude to Drink.

The Bible says:-

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that hath no might He increaseth strength.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40, vv. 28, 29 and 31.

P. S. W.

Bible Study Groups.

We would like to draw your attention to the group that meets on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday afternoons in the month at 2.30 at 19, Elgin Road. The course set by Mr. Hayward for study and discussion we find to be most interesting and profitable, and we should be very pleased to welcome anyone who would like to attend.

H. M. E.

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EYES FOR THE BLIND.

Some three years or more ago, under the above heading, I appealed on behalf of Mr. H. A. Thompson of Salvington and the Missionary Optical Service, which he started, for old spectacles and lenses for use on the mission field. A Parcel of some 120 pairs sent recently brings the total given by our members and friends to over 500 pairs.

Those who read the L.M.S. Chronicle recently devoted to the sufferings of those afflicted with diseases of the eyes, or who heard Miss Lea of the L.M.S. on her recent visit, will know what a 'Godsend' these graded and newly built up spectacles are to the missionaries trying to cope with this appalling problem, and what a wonderful work Mr. Thompson and his team of devoted helpers, both here and on the field, are doing.

Please contact me if you would like any further information, and do turn out THOSE UNWANTED 'SPECS.'.

Clifford H. Powell.

CHRISTIAN AID.

The amount collected for Christian Aid during February was £15.15.0 and I would like to thank all who have contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

M. H.

GROUP SOCIALS.

The forthcoming Socials are as follows:-

- No. 5 - On March 20th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- No. 4 - On March 27th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- No. 2 - On April 3rd from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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TO ALL COACH TRIP FRIENDS.

I am sure the news that Mr. Grew will be unable to carry on as organiser of future trips owing to domestic difficulties will be received with very real regret.

I know you would wish to send your thanks and appreciation for all he has done over the years to make these trips very happy and to see to our comforts in more ways than one. He has promised to give his advice and suggestions for the coming season. Once again we say "Thank you very much Mr. Grew, and may God be with you both".

W. Smith.

THE FAMILY.

We are shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Mrs. Woodward, but rejoice that she was spared long suffering.

Our thoughts and prayers have lately been with both Mrs. Hoskins and Mr. Razzell who have each lost their mother.

Miss Parker is in the Caledonia Nursing Home, Mill Road, and at times she feels very poorly.

We remember Mr. Annible whose wife is very poorly.

Mrs. Andrew is home from hospital and growing in strength.

Mrs. Otway is home again and making slow progress.

News from our Minister's desk.

Acknowledgements - Mr. & Mrs. Hoskins desire to express their gratitude and thanks to the Rev. & Mrs. Hayward and all friends in the Church for the kindness, consideration and sympathy extended to them during the illness and on the death of Mrs. Hoskins' mother. ALSO Mrs. and Miss Andrew would like to thank all those friends at the Church for their help and kindness shewn in so many ways during Mrs. Andrew's recent illness.

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FROM THE CHURCH MEETING (by request).

There are two things which are said about Congregationalism which are wrong. The first is that Congregationalism is democratic, and the second is that the Church meeting is a business meeting.

If a body is democratic it is governed by the people who belong to it. One of our fundamental principles as Congregationalists is that the Church has no earthly governor, neither monarch nor parliament, neither pope, bishop, presbyter nor priest rules the Church. The Church is governed by Christ and Christ alone. As Jesus led his earthly disciples so he leads His Church today.

The Church meeting is not a business meeting: if it were, then members would be able to come to it as to the meeting of any society or club, with ideas of their own as to what was to be done, and every intention of getting their own way if possible.

The Church meeting is a gathering of the members of the Church to worship God. We believe in the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus that He would be present when His people are gathered in His Name; if He is present at and through our worship, He still leads His Church as he led his disciples upon earth.

Through the Church meeting Christ guides and governs His Church, members do not come to express their own opinion, but in the spirit of worship to seek the mind of Christ. A matter is discussed by members trying to know what is Christ's will, and through the discussion and suggestions a conclusion is reached by the majority of those present which we believe to be His will. Anybody who has been a Congregationalist for a number of years will know perfectly well that though the Church meeting may occasionally fail because of human error, yet for the most part we can have no doubt that the Church succeeds in knowing and doing God's will, through the worship of the Church meeting. Let us stress again that the Church Meeting doesn't start by worshipping God as a sort of polite formality and then settle down to its business.

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Everything that the Church meeting does is worship - it is as much worship to seek the guidance of God in a particular matter as it is to sing a hymn or say a prayer.

Let us think of what a wonderful thing it is, that it is true that when we gather for worship we can know and do the holy will of God, the Lord, the Creator and Saviour of all. What a thrill for us to do this together, and what an unspeakable privilege to have and to use the right of a Church member to share in the Church meeting.

In lieu of the usual sermon, our minister has given us the foregoing which is a striking reminder of what a Church meeting is, and surely, he has given us even more food for thought here.

Ed.

From the Church Treasurer.

Collections for January.

	<u>Envelopes.</u>	<u>Loose Cash.</u>
3rd January	£32. 6. 6.	£19. 0. 3.
10th "	30. 17. 0.	18. 12. 3.
17th "	29. 6. 6.	16. 4. 2.
24th "	27. 12. 6.	17. 11. 10.
31st "	29. 2. 0.	15. 7. 6.
	<u>£149. 4. 6.</u>	<u>£86. 16. 0.</u>

Total for the month - £236. 0. 6d.

The Treasurer acknowledges a donation of £30 from Mrs F. Palmer in memory of the late Mr. F. Palmer. At Mrs. Palmer's request £10 of the gift was passed to the Drama Group in which her husband was keenly interested.

R. O. Parker.

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GROUP NOTES.WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY.

On February 9th we entertained 28 members of Shelley Road Guild Working Party - we numbered 79, making a total of 107; and what a wonderful afternoon it was! We mixed the members at each table, and several ladies of Shelley Road commented on the size of our meeting and of the happy atmosphere that was maintained. All said they had thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and what a great idea it was that the men's Fellowship should come in for a cup of tea.

In the past two meetings we have welcomed 4 new members. We go on from strength to strength and welcome any ladies of the Church who would care to join us. For the information of new members we entertain Shelley Road one year and they entertain us alternate years.

May I remind you of our JUMBLE SALE on April 2nd. The Hall will be open on April 1st from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for deliveries. Collections can be arranged.

E. M. T.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

We are looking forward to two very interesting talks during March. On the 8th Capt. T. Mackenzie will speak of experiences as "A Pilot on London River", and on March 22nd Mr. R. Read, the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces will speak on "The Care of Parks and Gardens in Worthing" - an opportunity not to be missed by all enthusiastic gardeners! Both talks will be illustrated with coloured slides.

J. L.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. At the outset of the Rev. F. L. Stubbington's talk "Let's look at the stars" on Jan. 26th, we were warned that we were not to be regaled with pictures of glamorous film personalities, nor with what the stars foretold. The heavenly bodies had been the object of study from earliest times and just as we gaze into our coal fires, (if any) and see pictures in the flames, so the ancients saw in the grouping of the stars, bears, lions, dogs and so on - vivid imaginations they had! Yet these early groupings became standardised and their movements - apparently erratic - were proved by the wise ones, after constant study, to obey definite laws.

The marvels of the universe were gradually unfolded - the star that "breathes", cold stars, hot stars, sun spots reflected in the growth rings of tree trunks - and much more besides. A fascinating time-less story cut short by the passage of time, and prospect of tea!!

After the Star of the Heavens, Feb. 9th brought us a Star of the newspaper world, the "Worthing Herald" who have gained an award for the best designed newspaper in the U. K. "Every Friday at Breakfast" is a film produced by amateurs with the help of the Herald and was introduced to us by Mr. George Godfrey, one of the joint producers. Collecting of the various items of news, advertisements and pictures, editorial action, type setting, preparation of photographic blocks and printing of the paper at the works at Eastbourne, afforded us an insight into many activities necessary to produce a newspaper and we shall appreciate our "Herald" more highly in the future.

P. W. H.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS. - Rota for March.

March 7th - (Miss E. Brickenden &
(Miss Ryde.
14th - Miss E. Gilby.
21st - Mr. & Mrs. K. Silveston.
28th - Miss I. Lemay.

E. Bond.
Flower Secretary.

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WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

It was interesting to hear something of the Christian Telephone Service carried on from Chichester by the Rev. Wilfred Bourne. This service has already been the means of saving many who were mentally sick and helping others suffering from the strain and stress of life. We were glad to know that similar work is now carried out in many parts, both in England and abroad.

Our "Any Questions" afternoon was a great success. We received twenty questions from members but unfortunately had only time to answer eight. We hope to arrange a second edition later, so perhaps some more will come up then. Our Question master was 'the real thing', starting off with a brief introduction of each member in the correct B.B.C. manner. Each member of the team served us well; whether questions were serious or on the lighter side they rose to the occasion like veterans. Our thanks to them all.

On March 16th we have the Red Cross centenary film "Across the street, across the World", surely of interest to all.

March 30th - Major Reper will tell us of ARCHAEOLOGICAL finds in "Underground Worthing".

HOME CHURCHES FUND - Coffee morning.

We are glad to include a report on the Coffee morning which included a Bring and Buy Stall. Those who were able to come spent a very pleasant hour together, and with the good results from the Stall, we have been able to send on to the Fund the sum of £10.9.0d.

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"G O D F I R S T".

In my bedroom hangs this motto
 And its place is near the door
 So that it may e'er remind me
 GOD, all else must be before.

Never do I cross the threshold
 Than the motto seems to say
 Just a word with God thy Father
 E'er thou goest on thy way.

When I'm dressing in the morning
 As I see it hanging there
 It reminds me of my duties
 Help for which I seek in prayer.

Duties, burdens, worries, troubles
 All may come to me this day
 How can I prepare to meet them
 How? I ask, except I pray.

When I plan fresh undertakings
 Then the motto seems to say
 Don't in thy own strength begin it
 First of all about it, pray.

When I'm ready dressed for walking
 Perhaps with little time to spare
 Still I cannot leave my bedroom
 When I see the motto there -

Till I kneel for just a moment
 And in earnest sacred prayer
 Place myself and all my goings
 In my Heavenly Father's care.

Nightly too, the motto speaketh
 When for rest I would prepare
 Then it whispers its sweet message
 First God go and meet in Prayer.

Yes let "God First" be your motto
 Let it help you to prepare
 For life's duties, cares and pleasures
 BY A WORD WITH HIM IN PRAYER.

Contributed by a member who believes these verses could
 be a help to someone.

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FREE CHURCHES CHOIR FESTIVAL.

The fate of this Festival has been in the balance recently, but I am pleased to report that at a recent meeting it was unanimously agreed that the Festival should continue to be held.

Please note in your diaries that the FREE CHURCHES CHOIR FESTIVAL will be held in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday 26th May, 1965.

Further details regarding time, and the sale of the programmes will be announced as soon as possible.

M. T.

U. N. A.A Few remarks on the Gayaza Experiment.

Outside the hall - a wild morning - inside - a valiant number of friendly people enjoying a cup of hot coffee. These were UNA enthusiasts. Then came the films ably operated by High School Boys.

We were transported to a land of sunshine and colour, gay dresses, smiling faces and a wealth of fruit and crops on land cleared of jungle. This is the result of the vision of Miss Pamela Good of GAYAZA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. Here, about 350 girls are trained not only in usual school subjects, (in which many excel) but in agriculture.

Seniors plant various crops, tend the growing of bananas, pineapples and other fruits, and too, rear a herd of ten Jersey cows; juniors weed the vegetable patches. Pictures showed them happily carrying their spades and hoes to their work at specified times in the week. Why the activity? Girls do all the field work in Uganda. Till recently there was no variety of diet with consequent malnutrition.

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These girls learn to cook balanced meals and take this knowledge back to their villages. So in the coming days there will be healthier, happier and more actively employed generations in this area.

This is one of the many U.N.A. projects, and the one to which Worthing, in Freedom from Hunger Campaign contributed £12,000. Miss Good has a fine successor now at the school, and she herself tours the villages, taking the new knowledge that means new life to each community.

H. Grey.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

The Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation will be held on Thursday March 18th when it is hoped that all those who worship with us will take the opportunity of sharing in the fellowship of the occasion and of hearing about the work and witness of the Church during the past year. The Treasurer will present his financial statement for the year and reports will be given by the minister; the Secretary of the Junior Church and myself.

ELECTION of Deacons, officers and delegates will take place at the Church meeting on Thursday April 1st. Three Deacons will be elected to replace those retiring by rotation - Miss Walsh, Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Munday. All Church members are asked to make a special effort to be present.

H. A. Winterton.

ALL good Congregationalists should read the Congregational Monthly, and so keep abreast of news of events in our Denomination.

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THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.Change of Telephone numbers:-

	<u>OLD</u>		<u>NEW</u>
Mrs. & Miss Andrew	W.7371	to	W.47371
Mr. P. Atkinson	W.8113	to	W.49118
Mr. R. S. Baker	W.7370	to	W.47370
Mr. & Mrs. Betts	W.381	to	W.47381
Mrs. V. E. Cane	W.31333	to	W.48333
Mr. & Mrs. Challis & Miss Challis	W.2126	to	W.48126
Mr. & Mrs. Cozens Walker	W.2410	to	W.48410
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis	W.8110	to	W.49610
Mr. Follit	W.8235	to	W.48235
Mrs. C. A. Freeman	W.4877	to	W.48777
Miss A. Freeman	W.2808	to	W.47808
Rev. & Mrs. Hayward	W.5259	to	W.48259
Mrs. N. Hill (4, Phrosso Rd.)	W.3554	to	W.48554
Mr. & Mrs. Hite & Mr. D. G. Hite	W.8959	to	W.49659
Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Hosking	W.7448	to	W.47448
Miss Johnson	W.5285	to	W.49085
Miss Lowman	W.8514	to	W.49614
Mr. & Mrs. Magson	W.9539	to	W.49539
Mrs. Martin Smith	W.4947	to	W.46947
Mr. & Mrs. Mibcrow	W.31181	to	W.48881
Mrs. Otway	W.30561	to	W.48561
Mr. & Mrs. Pullinger	W.4867	to	W.48672
Mrs. Reiph	W.5049	to	W.47059
Mr. Scadding)	W.5177	to	W.48177
Miss Shillito)			
Mrs. Townsend	W.31315	to	W.49115
Mrs. Watson	W.2188	to	W.47188
The Misses Wingrove	W.31576	to	W.49576

ADVERTISERS.

Mason & Hedges Ltd.	W.2068	to	W.44977
Thornton & Fuller	W.3297	to	W.47297
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Wallace Ave., Garage	W.500	to	W.47500
Courtney's	W.3727	to	W.49027
E. A. Tapley	W.30809	to	W.48809
B. & R. Wild (Elect'l Ltd.)	W.3604	to	W.48604

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CHURCH ROLL.DEATH.

On February 4th - Mrs. J. Woodward.

NEW MEMBERS.

By transfer from Highgate Congregational Church. Admitted Feb. 4th and received at communion Feb. 7th.

The misses E. F. & E. L. Dodd.

TRANSFERS.

Miss E. Judson to Scompting Congregational Church.

Miss E. Pooler to Worthing Congregational Church.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS. Miss A. Ashton to 8, Rothesay Cl.
Mrs. T. H. Willoughby to No. 5,
St. Botolph's Road.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS. Those of our friends who have a telephone number recorded in the HANDECK, will find a separate list noting the changes recently effected to certain WORTHING EXCHANGE NUMBERS. Should there be any omissions, would those concerned please let Mr. Hoskins or Mr. Winterton know.

 Church Calendar Notes, continued.

APRIL 1st Thurs. ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING. Election of Deacons, Officers and Delegates.
 2nd Fri. JUMBLE SALE. Goods received on Thurs. 1st - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No. 1 Hall.
 3rd Sat. GROUP 2 Social 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

 The next issue of the "Chronicle" will be on Sunday April 4th and the Editor will be glad to receive material not later than Sunday 21st March please.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH.

- 2nd Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship. Rev.H.Rowse, 3 pm.
Illustrated talk Nth.Wales & The Psalms.
- 4th Thurs. Monthly Church meeting, 7.30 pm.
- 5th Fri. Women's World Day of Prayer.
- 7th SUN. Divine Worship. The minister 11am.& 6.30 pm.
- 8th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship at 8 pm.
Capt. T. MacKenzie.
- 9th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party, 2.30 pm.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship 3 p.m. Speaker
Mr.A.H.Reynolds - "Vanishing Venice".
- 10th Wed. Missionary Committee, 6.30 p.m.
Faith & Order 7.45 p.m.
- 11th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER, 10.30 am. & 7 pm.
- 13th Sat. Western Dist.Sussex Cong.Union Spring
Assembly at Amberley.
- 14th SUN. Divine Worship, The minister 11 am.& 6.30pm.
Retiring Collection, Sir Winston Churchill
Fund.
- 15th Mon. meeting of ministers & Deacons at Little-
hampton, 7.15 pm.
- 16th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship, Red Cross
Centenary Film.
Collection for aged refugees 10-12.30, 2-5.
- 17th Wed. do do
- 18th THURS. ANNUAL MEETING OF CHURCH & CONGREGATION.
- 20th Sat. Group No. 5 Social, 4 pm. to 6 pm.
- 21st SUN. Divine Worship 11 am. & 6.30 pm.
- 22nd Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship. Mr. Read,
Illustrated lecture, Corpn. Parks & Gardens.
- 23rd Tues. Women's Guild Working Party, 2.30 pm.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship, 3 pm., Mr. A.
E.Fearn, "Ecumenicity", Bane or blessing?
- 25th Thurs. Deacon's meeting, 7.30 pm.
- 27th Sat. Group 4 Social, 4 pm. to 6 pm.
- 28th SUN. Divine Worship, The Minister 11 am.& 6.30 pm.
- 29th Mon.& Sussex County Union - Spring Assembly
- 30th Tues. at Eastbourne.

SEE also preceeding page.

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My dear Friends,

First of all I want to express gratitude to all those who have assisted with the distribution of the handbills listing the Lenten Series and special Services. May I remind those of you who took handbills that Lent lasts for six weeks, and if you remember the subject for next week and talk about it, you may yourself do better work than any handbill could.

On the first Sunday in March our evening worship was conducted by three of our young people, who served us very well indeed. There is some fine talent here which we must endeavour to see is fully developed for the service of the Kingdom. Three other of our young people will conduct the Service in the evening of Sunday April 4th - I hope they will be well supported.

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Now with regard to special Services for Passion-tide and Easter. On Wednesday 14th April, at 7.30 p.m. there is to be a United Service at St. Paul's Church. The Preacher will be the Rev. Frank Colquhoun, Precentor of Southwark Cathedral, and the subject will be "The Washing of the Disciples' feet".

On Maundy Thursday we shall have a United Service in our own Church at 7.30 p.m., when worship will be conducted by the Rev. J. Devereux of St. Mary's Church, and the Preacher will be the Rev. James Little of the Presbyterian Church, and I shall conduct the Communion Service.

On Good Friday we shall have one Service of Worship - at 11 a.m. We shall start Easter Day with a Communion Service at 8 a.m., and have a Communion Service after both the 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Services.

You will remember that a few months ago I wrote about covenanting together as a group of the seven Churches of Arundel, Amberley, Goring, Littlehampton, Sompington, Worthing and Yapton, and this matter came before our Church Meetings in January and February. I rejoice to be able to tell you that at a meeting of the Ministers and Deacons on 15th March it was reported that all seven Church Meetings had given warm approval to the proposals, and at that meeting we were able to begin to plan the future. The Meeting was enthusiastic and all felt that this group covenanting should be a great help and inspiration to all our Churches.

May you have a very happy Eastertide and know God's richest blessing of a renewed experience of the risen and living Christ.

Yours very sincerely,
WALLIS HAYWARD.

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SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION - Western District.

The Spring Meeting was held in Amberley on the 13th March.

The Rev. Herbert Smith of Chichester was inducted to the Chair for 1965, after which he paid a warm tribute to the retiring Chairman, Mr. L.C. Terry of Sompthing.

The Treasurer expressed thanks for increased giving in 1964, making a total of £1,305.

The Secretary expressed the thanks of the District to the Rev. Barnard Spaul and the Rev. Harold Rowse for the help they had given to the Union over many years.

Youth & Education/Youth Council. It was mentioned with regret that very few teachers and leaders attended Teacher Training Conferences, and it was hoped that when the next Conference was arranged teachers and leaders would be encouraged to attend.

The Youth Council were planning a Rally at Sompthing Church on 1st May, and a Work Camp at West Chilton for the first week in August. A young people's lay preachers team was being formed.

L.M.S. There would be no Summer Rally this year, but Auxiliaries would be asked to attend the United Missionary Exhibition in Worthing on the 16th June. The Rev. Desmond Bending was willing to act as L.M.S. Secretary in place of Mr. Rowse if someone could be found to take over as Treasurer.

The Rev. Wallis Hayward opened the discussion on "Covenanting Together" on an encouraging note, saying that while those outside might think the Church was finished, we knew that the Holy Spirit was working mightily, and that greater days lay ahead if we were faithful. He then gave a clear and concise explanation of "covenanting together", and spoke of the need for small groups of Churches to covenant with one another for real fellowship and to strengthen and support one another. This would in no way affect the fact that our Churches are governed and guided by the Holy Spirit working through the worship of

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the Church Meeting.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman said he had just learned that the Rev. Macgregor Tutt would be retiring at the end of June.

The folk of Amberley Church most hospitably entertained the delegates to tea.

Sudan United Mission.

Mr. Howe has received a letter of thanks from Miss J. Millgate, the business Secretary of the Mission, to the friends of Goring Congregational Church for the generous gift of £14 which Mr. Dearsley sent to her. Miss Millgate wishes friends to know that the Council greatly values their fellowship in the work.

Christian Aid.

Once again I would like to thank all who have given me their monthly donations to the work amongst the refugees and under-privileged countries done by the Christian Aid Society of the Churches. This month you will observe the amount is not quite so much as in previous months, but this is explained by the fact that some people have chosen to give us a year's contribution in one lump sum. The amount Miss Cross and I have collected for the month of March is £8. 6. -.

Yours sincerely,
Marjorie Hayward.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We are delighted to be able to report that the envelopes distributed in February on behalf of Medical Missions brought in £85.10. 8 - from the Church £82. 4. 8 and Junior Church £3. 6. -.

This is an increase of 100% on the 1964 total. We thank all who contributed to this so vital a part of Missionary work.

The Missionary Committee.

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THE FAMILY

Miss Attwell's passing after a week's illness was a merciful release; we remember her loyalty with gratitude.

We have thought in recent weeks of Mrs. Cushing in the loss of her mother; Mrs. Dobson, who has also lost her mother, and Miss Sexton, who has lost two sisters within a few days.

Mrs. Parker is now in Brighton Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Howe has just had her operation and is making good progress.

Mrs. Edmonds is in Worthing Hospital under observation. Mr. Pepperdine is also in a Brighton Hospital and we hope soon to have better news of him.

Mr. Evans is in Southlands Hospital under observation, and we hope to have good news of him soon.

Mrs. Nuttall is in hospital in Leeds, and we hope to have reassuring news of her shortly.

Miss Ford will be going into hospital a few days before this is published.

Mrs. Otway is making slow progress.

Mr. Williams is also progressing well.

Mrs. J. Mason is home again and slowly regaining her strength.

Miss Thomas has had bronchitis and is now getting up again.

Mrs. Hite has had an anxious time with her father. Mrs. Bond and Mr. H.T. Clark have also had an anxious time with their father in hospital.

Miss Downing fell and broke her wrist on the way home from Church one Sunday, but has just got it out of plaster.

All these and all of our sick and infirm folk are constantly in our prayers.

News from our Minister's desk.

Acknowledgment. Mrs. Elsie Mason of Rosevale, 14 The Strand, wishes to thank most sincerely all friends who so kindly sent messages of goodwill during her recent spell in hospital.

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Collections for February 1965.

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>
7th February	£ 33. 8. 6	£ 22.14. 3
14th "	32.19. 6	21. 2. -
21st "	24. 6. 6	13.13.11
28th "	34.19. -	18. 2. 8
	<u>£125.13. 6</u>	<u>£ 75.12.10</u>

Total for Month - £201. 6. 4.

R.O. Parker.

The Bible says:

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; whether the world, or life, or death, or things present or things to come; all are your's.

And ye are Christ's.

1. Cor. Chapter 3 vv. 20-23.

P.S.W.

The Barren Fig Tree (By request).

This incident which by the chapter heading in the Authorized version is described as "Christ curseth the barren fig tree" has been a problem to many.

We have all met the sort of person who on going to a tree and being disappointed at finding no fruit, would say, "O curse the tree"; we haven't met anybody who had the power to make any difference to a tree, or anything else, with a curse.

Supposing we met such a person we would say he was petty tempered and little minded, selfish, conceited and vindictive - in fact when we had finished with him he would not have any character left. Would we for a moment have thought that such a person must be divine? We cannot as Christians possibly accept the thought that this story could be literally true of Jesus. This leads us to ask two questions,

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- (1) How did the story come to be in the Gospels,
- (2) What are we to make of it.

First we must recognise that some of the things in our Gospels are misunderstood by the actual writers themselves, and in any case they had been preserved by word of mouth for about thirty years before even the first Gospel was written. The only possible explanation of this incident is that it must have started as a parable. Some people will at once ask - if this is so then how are we to know what to take as literally true and what not? The simple answer to this question is that you must learn to judge each part by the spirit of the whole. Nobody ever doubts most of the stories of Jesus's healing works - His forgiveness of Peter - that He told the stories of the Prodigal Son and Good Samaritan; these are in the spirit of Jesus as we see it in the Gospel as a whole, but the cursing of the fruitless fig tree is certainly not.

Supposing this incident did start as a parable, what would it have been? Surely something like this "If you go to a fruit tree in the middle of the season and find no fruit on it, you may well conclude that there may be something wrong with the tree and not be in the slightest bit surprised if later on you find the tree withered." Then if we remember some of the sayings of Jesus such as "By their fruits ye shall know them" or "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples" - we shall also remember that when Jesus talked about fruit He was talking about what a life did or achieved. And the fruit He looks for from the life of a disciple is work for the Kingdom, or, the things of the spirit.

What our parable says then is, if a life is not bringing forth spiritual fruit there is something wrong with it and it will wither. Do you believe that to be true? Most people don't; they don't think it matters at all whether or not a life brings

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forth spiritual fruit - religion is an optional extra, like golf only not so expensive. We know that it is true that any physical or mental gift which a man possesses and which is unused will wither and perish - why should it not be true of spiritual gifts?

We must ask ourselves two questions. The first, what fruit is my life producing? Not only am I thinking the right things, but am I doing the right things? Is my life producing anything which could possibly be called fruit for the Kingdom?

The second question we must ask is what about the people whose lives are producing no spiritual fruit - our neighbours, our friends, perhaps our dear ones? Are we really concerned about this? If we believed that friends or dear ones were physically sick we would do anything in our power to help them - what do we feel, what can we do, about their spiritual need?

GROUP NOTES

Flower Ministry

	<u>Flower Rota - April</u>
April 4th	Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Mason
11th	Mrs. R. Gowen
18th	(Mr. and Mrs. P. West (Miss Walsh
25th	Misses I. and K. Wingrove.
	E.B.

Senior Fellowship. "Evening Out" Friday April 19th
7.45 p.m.

We invite all young people between 13 and 25 to an evening out, and the Senior Fellowship are providing a cooked meal (varied menu) and there will be games and records or tapes so that those wishing to dance may do so.

The object is to encourage us to get to know

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each other more, and we would like to see the younger members of the choir as soon as practice is finished, as well as some of the Boys' Brigade who normally meet on Friday.

For those who are not working we feel the charge of 1/6d. is right, and 2/6 for those in business. Invitation tickets will be available, and we look forward to having a good time. A.B.M.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP. We have only one date during April - Monday the 5th, when we are to meet at the Gas Showrooms in Chapel Road for a Cookery Demonstration. Will all members endeavour to be there at 8 p.m. On Thursday April 22nd the Young Wives of St. Mary's have invited us to join them in St. Mary's Hall at 8 p.m. for a demonstration by the Stork Cookery Service on "Cooking for a bazaar"- after all this instruction we should be super chefs! Seriously though we hope that as many as possible will be able to attend, as they supported us so gallantly on the occasion of our recent film show.

We take this opportunity to wish all members and friends a very happy and blessed Eastertide, and look forward to recommencing our activities on Monday evening May 3rd.

J.L.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP. On March 2nd we unfortunately had to say "Farewell" to Rev. Harold Rowse, but we were glad to have him as our speaker. Mr. Rowse told us of a holiday in North Wales and showed many beautiful pictures taken there; whilst showing them suitable quotations from the Psalms were read. The Red Cross Centenary Film showed us many people and places that are helped by their members. We must be filled with admiration for those who work in disease stricken and often dirty areas, as shown in some pictures. How blessed they must be by those they help through the world - the sick, the needy, the aged.

We look forward to welcoming our old friend and former minister, the Rev. C.C. Franks, as our

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speaker at the Holy Week Service on April 13th. Some of the members of the Men's Fellowship have expressed a wish to hear him, so we have decided to make it an open meeting, and a warm welcome awaits all who care to join us.

Last Spring the Highdown Singers, a mixed choir, came to our Fellowship for the first time, and so delighted us that we know that we may confidently recommend to all music lovers to come and hear them on their return visit - April 27th.

Men's Fellowship. February 23rd "Members' Afternoon" with three members due to take part. Unfortunately Mr. Dearsley was unwell, but Mr. Bussell and Mr. Edmonds, one from the insurance world and the other from the London Fire Brigade with experience as a Fire Inspector with the Ministry of Works at Cardiff, opened up a discussion on Insurance Claims, etc.

On March 9th another member, Mr. A.H. Reynolds, on the subject of "Vanishing Venice" told how refugees from the Huns founded the city on islets off the Adriatic coast. Becoming a great power in the Mediterranean, the Venetians helped the crusaders with marine transport - at a price - and "collected" vast treasures from many countries. With their decline in power in modern times, they now prey on the tourists who throng their canals. Here again, modern progress, with the introduction of motor boats, parking and traffic problems, is threatening to destroy the canal banks. Mr. Reynolds regaled us with many delightful pictures of the city and assured us that, so long as we travel with him, the canals do not smell, except when they are being drained for cleaning purposes.

P.W.H.

Visitation Group No. 6 This group will hold a tea and social on Saturday, 24th April, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

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NOTES FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

BAPTISMS: 14th March Brenda Jane McHugh
Sandra Jane Redman

WEDDINGS: 6th March John Brian Hayes to
Pamela Wendy Knapp.
20th March Kenneth John Lee to
Joan Ada Frances Barrett.

DEATH: 17th March Miss N. Attwell.

NEW MEMBERS: Admitted March 4th and received into
Fellowship on March 7th -
Mr. & Mrs. P.S. West from the Church
of England
Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Stredwick from Purley
Congregational Church.

TRANSFER: Mrs. L.C. Murray to Danbury
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CHURCH CALENDAR - APRIL 1965.

- 1st April Thurs. Jumble Sale collection 2 - 4 p.m.
do. Annual Church Meeting - Election of Officers, Deacons and Delegates.
- 2nd Friday Working Party Jumble Sale 2.30 p.m.
- 3rd Saturday Group 2 Social 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.
- 4th SUNDAY Divine Worship. The Minister. 11 & 6.30. Communion Service after morning service.
- 5th Monday Monday Evening Fellowship. Gas Showroom 8 p.m. Cookery Demonstration.
- 6th Tuesday Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
Bible Study Leaders at the Manse 8 p.m.
- 7th Wednesday Development Committee 8 p.m.
- 8th Thursday Day of Prayer 11.30 and 7 p.m.
Junior Church Teachers' Meeting 8 p.m.
- 11th SUNDAY Divine Worship 11 & 6.30.
- 13th Tuesday Women's Fellowship 3 p.m. Rev. C.C. Franks.
do. Youth Council 8 p.m.
- 15th Maundy Thursday. United Service, with Communion at 7.30 p.m.
- 16th Good Friday - Service at 11 a.m.
- 18th SUNDAY EASTER DAY. Communion at 8 a.m.
Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
Communion after morning & evening Services.
- 20th Tuesday Deacons Meeting.
- 22nd Thursday Church Meeting
- 24th Saturday Group 6 Social 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.
- 25th SUNDAY Divine Worship 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 27th Tuesday Women's Fellowship. Highdown Singers.
- 28th Wednesday Free Church Rally Shelley Road 7.30
Dr. Irvonwy Morgan, M.A.
- May
2nd SUNDAY Divine Worship 11 & 6.30. Rev. A.S.
Hullah M.C.

Next issue of the "Chronicle" Sunday May 2nd. The Editor will be glad to have material not later than 18th April please.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

On the day upon which this letter reaches you, Mrs. Hayward and I will be back with our dear friends in Portsmouth. I am sure you will remember us all as we shall be thinking of you, another link between the two Churches which I am sure will grow stronger in coming months and years.

Next Sunday, May 9th, is the Junior Church Anniversary, and I am to have the great privilege of conducting the Services, and to this I am greatly looking forward. May I appeal to you to do all you can to make this children's festival a wonderful day. The most important difference between the modern Junior or Family Church and the former Sunday School, is that the children should be able to feel from the very beginning that they belong to the Church and are a part of it.

This excellent objective cannot only be

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achieved by their being with us for part of the worship on Sunday morning, it must involve a very real degree of care on our part. Some of you will remember from your own experience the sort of problems those who do this work have to grapple with. One restless or excited child can upset a whole class, or there is the constant difficulty of finding ways of telling children what they think they know already. Day school teachers often have difficulty enough in their work, and they can employ means to gain their ends which our workers cannot. The task of teaching the children is the greatest the Church offers - the future depends upon it.

Are there any more young people who should hear the call to this service? If you hear the call don't put it off until you have finished your exams, or something of that sort; by that time you will be courting and make that an excuse. If you hear the call - answer it and begin to get yourself trained.

This reminds me, we need more to serve as officers in the Life Boys and Boys' Brigade. Every young Christian should be doing a definite piece of service - what is yours?

But everyone serving in the Church should also be very conscious of the fact that he is upheld by the care and the prayers of the whole Church. Our attitude to the children's day can show how keen we are that all these workers may know that we are solidly behind them in their work, that we remember them during the week as they give time to the preparation of their lesson, and that we never watch them file out of the Church without the silent prayers of our heart rising up to strengthen and encourage them.

May God help us all to make this a great day in the life of our Church.

Yours very sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD

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FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

During the winter months the Deacons and visitors of the district Visitation Groups have arranged socials which have been a very valuable means for Mr. and Mrs. Hayward to become acquainted with members of the congregation and also for us to know one another better.

Two other opportunities for meeting together in even larger numbers have been the Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation and the Annual Church Meeting, at both of which there was an attendance of over 100 - which is as it should be, and as every Church Meeting should be if we accept our privileges as Church members. Even this figure represents less than one-third of the membership. How one longs that it should be taken as a matter of course that every church member in good health attends every Church Meeting regularly.

A report of the Annual Meeting of Church and Congregation appears elsewhere. At the Annual Church Meeting the officers, auditors and all delegates and representatives willing to stand again were re-elected. Mrs. Cozens-Walker, Mr. Bussell and Mr. Winstanley were elected to the Diaconate; Mr. F. Dearsley as Missionary Secretary, Mr. Jaques as Letting Steward, Mr. Edmonds and Miss Scott as delegates to the Worthing Free Church Federal Council, and Miss Cox to the Worthing and District Council of Social Service.

We would also express our great appreciation of those who have resigned; Miss Walsh, Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Munday will be much missed from the Diaconate. Fortunately much of their service in other spheres will continue. Both Mr. Howe and Mr. Ellis have been most assiduous and devoted in their work as Missionary Secretary and Letting Steward respectively. We are grateful to them, as we are to Miss Walsh, Mrs. Nuttall and Mrs. Pepperdine for their faithful service as delegates.

The work of the L.M.S. is very dear to the hearts of Mr. & Mrs. Hayward, and we record with pleasure that Mr. Hayward has been appointed Chairman

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and Mrs. Hayward Secretary of the Lomas House Committee. Lomas House is the residence in Wordsworth Road for retired missionaries.

A pleasant ceremony preceded the Annual Meeting when a cheque was presented to Rev. B.R.H. Spaul and a bouquet to Mrs. Spaul on the occasion of their leaving Worthing Congregational Church. We rejoice with that Church in the acceptance of the pastorate by Rev. John E. Farrar, and also in the election of one of its members, Mrs. H.M. Peryer, wife of the Church Secretary, as Mayor of Worthing. Mr. Hayward will be acting as Mayor's Chaplain until the arrival of Mr. Farrar.

Handbook Very shortly the preparation of the next edition of the Handbook will be undertaken. If there are any new members of the congregation whose names are not in the present book will they kindly supply names, addresses and phone numbers in writing to the Editor of the Handbook, Mr. Hoskins, or to myself. It is known that many telephone numbers and exchanges have been or will soon be altered - please notify these as early as possible.

Flower MinistryRota for May

2nd May	Mrs. E. Townsend.
9th "	Junior Church Anniversary.
16th "	Mr. & Mrs. T. Howe.
23rd "	Mr. & Mrs. N. Gregory.
30th "	Mrs. F. Gilbert.

E. Bond
Flower Secretary.

Collections for March

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>
7th March	27. -. 6	16.10. 5
14th "	31.12. 6	21.17.11
21st "	28.11. 6	20.14. 3
28th "	38. 9. -	22. 2. 6
	<u>£125.13. 6</u>	<u>£81. 5. 1</u>

Total for the month - £206.18. 7.

The retiring collection for the Churchill Memorial Fund amounted to £19. 4. -. R.O. Parker

Treasurer.

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Church Care Committee

Will all who use Church premises or equipment please report any defect, loss or damage to any deacon or member of the committee.

If anyone knows of a good upright piano available for use by the Junior Church, will they please contact any officer of the Church.

The Family

Since our last issue, one of our members, Miss Parker, has passed into the fuller life. Owing to ill-health it is some years since Miss Parker had been able to be at Church, but previously she had been a most faithful member.

Of most of our invalids we now have good news. Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Edmonds, Miss Ford, Mr. Evans and Mr. Pepperdine are all home from hospital. Miss Ford and Mr. Evans have both been back to Church, as has Mrs. J. Mason; the others are competing to see who can make it next. Now Mr. Edmonds has gone into hospital for an operation.

Mrs. Parker is resting, after treatment, at home but is not yet able to receive visitors.

News has come in today that Mrs. Nuttall, having completed her treatment, will leave hospital to spend Easter in her brother's home, and expects to return to hospital soon after for the operation. Mrs. Otway is home from the nursing home again, but is not yet able to get about.

Mr. Cobbett is making slow progress.

Mr. Tunstall had to follow the example of certain other gentlemen and be hurried off to hospital for an emergency operation - he is making splendid progress and hopes to be home very soon.

Mr. Fox is very poorly and our sympathies are with him and with Mrs. Fox, who is herself still something of an invalid.

Mr. and Mrs. Brand are now wondering if they can find a housekeeper. If anyone has any suggestion will they please let me know.

There has been an excellent response to the appeal I made at the Church Meeting, and I now have all that is needed for this project. Will all who

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contributed please accept my sincere thanks.

Twentyfirst Birthday Congratulations and best wishes go to Miss I. Challis, to Mr. E. Hite, also to Miss M. Mercer and Mr. Martin Redman. This reminds us that Miss Ashton had her 21st birthday in March, and our thoughts if belated are none the less sincere. Of all these we find from the Chronicle records that Edward Hite was the first baby to be dedicated to the Church, by the late Rev. F.H. Humphrey.

Acknowledgements.

Mrs. E. Bond and Mr. H.T. Clark most sincerely thank all friends for their prayers and kind thoughts at this time of their father's serious illness.

Mrs. Edmonds wishes to thank everybody for their prayers, and all who sent messages of goodwill during her stay in hospital, also on her home-coming.

Mr. & Mrs. Howe would like to express their very warm appreciation to all the friends who, by their thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness, have helped so much to sustain them through these past weeks.

The British & Foreign Bible Society. The Annual General Meeting of the worthing Auxiliary is at Shelley Road Congregational Church on Thursday 6th May, 7.30 p.m. Chairman Rev. Peter Marrow, M.A., and the Speaker the Rev. Violet Hedger, L.L.A., E.D., who has travelled extensively in North America and Europe and has preached to Negro congregations. Special music will be rendered by the Highdown Singers.

The British Leprosy Relief Association (Lepra). Mr. S.A. Kempster tells us that he has tickets at 2/6d. each for the Variety Concert to be given at the St. John's Hall, Ripley Road, on Thursday 13th May, at 7.30 p.m. The event is entitled "An Evening of Magic and Melody" and the ticket includes the cost of refreshments.

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A recent Lenten Sermon by our MinisterFACING PAIN

When we speak of pain it is natural that our first thought should be of physical pain, we must remind ourselves that there is mental pain as well, and we must keep both in mind, for both may be equally difficult to bear. The next thing that must be said by way of introduction is that pain is something we would all want to avoid, yet true as this is, we must distinguish between pain which we must bear and about which we have no choice, such as the physical pain of illness or disease or the mental pain caused by others; and pain which we choose to accept; that is pain that is the result of our own sin or folly, or which we bring into our own life because of our care for others.

The biggest question that faces us in the problem of pain is the relation between the fact of pain and our belief in God. How often when people suffer they ask, "Why?". "Why does God allow this sort of thing to happen? Why does God let me suffer like this?"

Some people have simple answers to these questions; they say, "Of course we cannot understand we must just trust" or "God's ways are mysterious, but we know that all He does is for our good." Christian faith is of course the means by which we believe when reason can carry us no further, but Christian faith is never utterly blind; it is always based upon reason. Blind faith of the sort we have quoted is based on what is contrary to our belief in the Fatherhood of God. God cannot both be our Father and be capricious, doling our disproportionate pain and suffering to some and letting others go almost scot free.

Another simple answer given to the problem of pain follows some Old Testament thought and envisages God as administering punishments for sin.

Pain is evil and therefore we cannot conceive of God as deciding to inflict pain, or of causing pain for his children, either as training, corrective or punishment. Yet whilst this is true, it is

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impossible to say that all pain is contrary to God's will. In fact God has created a world in which pain plays a significant part. We know that sin must end in pain; this is not to say God inflicts a punishment, but is the order God has created. We praise God for the beauty of the earth and all its provision for our physical needs, but when we do so, we have to close our mind to "nature red in tooth and claw", which is equally a part of God's creation. Next, is it not true that some of life's lessons are only learned through pain, so that without pain a character must be incomplete. Now could we ever learn courage or fortitude if we never had anything to bear or to endure?

We cannot believe that God ever decides that someone shall suffer. He does not say, "I will punish him with this pain, or test her with that suffering." "I will teach them by sending them this tragedy or disaster." Yet it is true that pain is a fact of God's creation and He can use it to fulfil His purposes, but the truth is that God only uses pain in cooperation with the sufferer. This brings us to the point that really matters.

There is no answer at all to a great deal of human pain and suffering and any facile solution to the problem should be immediately dismissed. What matters then is not why we suffer, but how we suffer. We know well enough the differing results of pain in people's lives. Some by suffering are reduced to snivelling and are shown by it to be selfish and weak. Some by suffering are hardened and embittered and, as we shall see, are shown by that to be pretty loveless people. Some people, and amongst these you will find some of the most beautiful characters of all, are enriched and ennobled by suffering. Is it not true that some of life's greatest Christians are found amongst life's greatest sufferers?

How then to face suffering?

The greatest danger of suffering is that it fills and dominates the mind, so that we look more and more in upon ourselves. This is the person who snivels or is hardened or embittered. The one says, "Pity me", the other, "why me and not him?". Neither

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of these will have learned to care about the suffering of others before suffering came into their own life.

The people who are enriched and ennobled by suffering are those who, whatever their own pain, succeed in keeping their mind from dwelling upon it because their suffering does not quench their care for others. One of the sayings which always gladdens my heart when I hear it, because it shows the right acceptance of suffering, is to the effect that "No matter how bad you are you can always find somebody worse than yourself."

When suffer you do, as suffer at some time you must, try to fix your mind upon two thoughts centred on the Cross. First, the fact that no love is perfected without pain. If Jesus had not suffered He could not have revealed the perfect love of God. And secondly, that the suffering of Jesus, which was both physical and mental, was an offering which God was able to accept and use for the salvation of mankind.

When you suffer remember it is not God's will, but that since in Jesus He knows all suffering He will share it with you, and remember that you can make your suffering, by a purified and enriched love, something that God can use in the service of others.

GROUP NOTES.

JUNIOR CHURCH On Palm Sunday our children made gifts of decorated eggs for the sick and needy folk of our district. We are grateful to the parents and children for kindly donating and decorating the eggs (to the number of 300) and to the Monday Evening Fellowship for arranging for their distribution. During the past month we were very sorry to lose the services of Mr. W. Cory, who has given great assistance over the past year, for which we are truly thankful. On the brighter side we have been happy to welcome to the Junior Department Miss Amanda Ashton and Mr. Graham Redman, and look forward to working with them. The Junior Church Anniversary Services will be held

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on May 9th, when our worship will be led by Mr. Hayward for the first time, and to which we look forward with anticipation.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE During the last session the girls have been very busy with Scripture, Household Management, Laundry, Safety and Handiman's Badges, together with Handcraft and National Dancing.

Our Jumble Sale towards our camp in Jersey - from 25th August to 1st September - will take place on Friday May 28th, and we shall be very grateful for any goods you may have. We shall be in the Hall to receive these on Thursday May 27th from 2 p.m., or shall be pleased to collect same if you will contact Mrs. Dobson, Miss Ragan or Mrs. Stratton.

THE MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP We shall be recommencing our activities on the 3rd May at 8 p.m., when we shall discuss "Unusual Experiences". This will be a Members' Evening, and we do hope that any new friends who feel they would like to join us will come along then, as this is a good opportunity to get to know one another - our numbers are steadily increasing but we have plenty of room for many more. On 17th May Mrs. C. King (wife of Rev. C. King who gave us a talk last October on being Chaplain of Ford Prison) will give us a talk on her experiences as Assistant Matron of Birmingham Hospital - this may well strike a romantic note, as it was whilst Mr. King was in the hospital receiving treatment that he met and proposed to Mrs. King. May 31st we have chosen for our summer outing - this year to Worth Priory, and the coach will leave the church at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

J.L.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY The rewarding result of our Jumble Sale on April 2nd was over £70. We wish to thank all the very kind friends who stocked it so well, and all those who worked so hard in collecting, delivering and selecting; and what a mountain of varied things there were!

Also many thanks to those who acted as salesmen and saleswomen. A big thank you too to the gentlemen

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who gave extra time to put up tables, etc., and who helped in leaving the rooms reasonably clean and tidy. We were very grateful to the ladies who supplied us with the very welcome cup of tea.

E.T.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP On 23rd March Mr. A.E. Pearn, under the title "Ecumenicity - Bane or blessing", discussed the subject of Church Unity with special reference to specific cleavages which have arisen from time to time within the Church over such matters as episcopacy, ordination, creeds, the use of fermented wine, etc., which are fundamental principles of faith to many. It is difficult to see how these can be resolved to establish one uniform Church, but, as Mr. Hayward reminded us, the working of the Spirit can accomplish miracles.

On 6th April a United Easter Service was held with the Ladies Working Party. After selections from Mr. Wraight's recording of Handel's Messiah, the Rev. J.Allan Fletcher spoke on the Essential Message, basing his words on Matthew 21:10, "Who is this?". He showed us how on the days of Holy Week Jesus was in turn, King, Judge, Teacher, Friend and Saviour, and, essentially, in the words of Thomas, "Our Lord and our God." A happy preparation for Easter.

P.W.H.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP If you have noticed some of our members digging extra deep holes in their gardens recently, please do not imagine they were trying to cover any crimes. Most probably they were looking for a Roman crock of coins or medieval pottery or even part of a Roman site, for we were told by Major Roper that these and many other things of interest have been found in parts of our district when recent building has been going on. Even two or three feet down you might be lucky; so if you are interested, go to it!

We were delighted to see so many gentlemen as well as ladies to welcome Mr. Franks to our Holy Week Service and to hear his message, which, as usual, was helpful and inspiring.

Will all our members please note that the Annual

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General Meeting will be on May 11th instead of the 25th, and the book talks by Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Winterton on the 25th May.

Our Annual Outing will be on May 20th to Albury Park. The coach will leave the Church at 1.00 p.m. Please give names to Miss Redman.

L.B.R.

SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Assembly was held at Upperton Church, Eastbourne, on March 30th and 31st. At the afternoon Business Session the following Officers were elected -

County Union Chairman 1966/7 Rev. Norman Jones of Burgess Hill

Secretary Rev. S. Sheppard of Portslade

Treasurers Mr. Peter Bunker and Mr. Scott Graves.

The County Chairman for 1965/6 is Rev. T.H. Mather of Cliftonville Church, Hove. The Rev. B.R.H. Spaul will continue to represent the county on the Board of the L.M.S. for the time being.

Facts and figures produced by the Secretaries of various committees are of interest -

Total number of Church members in the county 6640
increase of 42

Children	3940
Teachers	591
Ministers in pastoral charge	41
Ministers in retirement including Fen Place	41
Lay Pastors	7

Full printed reports given by the General Secretary, Treasurers and Secretaries of Committees may be obtained on request from Mrs. Winterton, or other delegates.

V.W.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING In his report on 18th March Mr. Winterton said that the most abiding memory of 1964 was the advent of a new Minister. During the past months all concerned were convinced that the Rev. Wallis Hayward was the right man for this Church at this time. As a pastor he has brought comfort, hope and friendship to very many people. Mr. Winterton also paid tribute to the gracious and wise leadership of Mrs. Hayward, especially in the women's organisations.

Church membership now stood at 377, a net increase of 23 over the year. There had been 39 new members, 33 of whom had joined since Mr. Hayward's induction in July. Eleven members had died and five transferred to other Churches.

The Treasurer, Mr. R.O. Parker, in presenting the accounts for 1964 said the finances were in a satisfactory state. The income on general account was £3,302 and expenditure £3,236, leaving a credit balance of £66 to be added to the £233 balance brought forward at 1st Jan. 1964. During the year £880 was contributed for outside causes, and the building debt had been reduced by £3,122. Final settlement of the building contract had been made and the total debt outstanding at the end of 1964 was £7,730. As the church building was erected over three years ago, Mr. Parker said it seemed wise to make provision for renovations and extensions. A start had been made in this direction by putting to Reserve two legacies totalling £150 and an anonymous gift of £500.

The Report of the Junior Church was presented by Mr. Eric Bond, who said the number of children had fluctuated during the year, but at the end of the ^{year} was approximately the same - just over 150. He reviewed the many activities of the children, and concluded by thanking all those who had in any way helped in the work of bringing the teaching of Jesus Christ to the children, and the children to Jesus Christ, so that they might grow to be worthy members of the Household of God.

Mr. Hayward in his closing remarks said that he

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felt a profound sense of thankfulness to Almighty God in that he and his wife had been led to the ministry of this Church. If there had been any doubts before (and there had not) these would have been completely swept away during the past nine months. They now seemed to have been here for such a long time and felt completely and utterly at home. He felt that a Church which had grown so much over recent years needed a period of consolidation to strengthen its fellowship, and consequently he did not propose that there should be any great changes over the next twelve months. He was, however, concerned at improving the accommodation for the children - in particular a creche was desperately needed so that the many parents in the area with very young children could join in the morning worship.

He was particularly gratified by the excellent attendance at the Bible Study Groups, and looked forward with confidence to the future.

UNITED MISSIONARY EXHIBITION June 15th-18th.

Preparations for the Exhibition are now well advanced. An attractive programme will be on sale early in May. No less than 10,000 have been ordered for the first printing. It will be sold for 1/-, and this will be our main source of income. Nearly 300 people have volunteered to act as stewards and are now being organised for their various duties.

Among an attractive list of speakers we shall be hearing the Bishop of Chichester, who will open the Exhibition, Dr. Harold Roberts, Mr. Alan Melville, Lady Shaw, the Rev. H.J. Casebow and the Rev. C.C. Franks. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. H.M. Peryer has promised to be present at the opening ceremony and will take the chair at the women's Rally at the Thursday evening session, when the speaker will be Lady Shaw. The list of chairmen includes our member of Parliament, the Headmaster of Lancing College, the Borough Education Officer and the Headmaster of Worthing High School for Boys.

On the first day the Assembly Hall will be open at 10 a.m. and on each succeeding day at 12 noon. The

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Hall will remain open each day until 9.30 p.m. The opening ceremony will be on Tuesday 15th June at 11 a.m. Provision will be made for school children to visit the Exhibition during the morning from 10 to 11.45. Twentyfive well chosen films all in colour will be shown at various times during the Exhibition in the Court Room.

The AIM of the Exhibition is threefold (1) to show a United Christian Witness; (2) to stir up a new spirit of Mission; (3) to show what is being done to spread the Gospel and what could be done if only the necessary support were forthcoming.

There will be five main "Courts" as follows:
 (1) The Americas, (2) Africa; (3) India; (4) The Far East; (5) Hungry Minds. In addition there will be a Book Stall and an Information Desk.

Church Handbook

Change of Telephone Number: Mrs. Short now W.48882
 Miss E.M. Thomas
 W.47354.

Correction: Mrs. Relph's new number should be
 W.47049 (not W.47059).

WEDDING On 27th March Mr. Christopher Leslie
 Kingsbury to Sandra Esther Cunnington.

DEATH On 25th March - Miss W.C. Parker

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Mrs. T.G. Willoughby to The Priory
 South Street, Tarring. W.7027.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
 By taking heed thereto according to thy word.
 Psalm 119 v.9

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes
 observe my ways. Proverbs 23 v.26.

P.S.W.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 2nd SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. Rev.F.W.Hilborne,
C.B.E. 6.30 p.m. Mr. A.E. Pearn
- 3rd Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship 8 p.m.
- 4th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party 2.30 p.m.
- 6th Thurs. British & Foreign Bible Society 7.30 p.m.
Shelley Road. Rev. Violet Hedger.
- 9th SUN. JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. The Minister
11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- 11th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship Annual General
Meeting 3 p.m.
- 13th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Missionary Evening 7.30 Play by Drama
Group.
- 16th SUN. Divine worship The Minister 11 a.m. and
6.30 p.m.
- 17th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship. Mrs. C. King.
- 17th to
20th Assembly Congregational Union of
England and Wales.
- 20th Thurs. Junior Church Teachers' Meeting.
- 23rd SUN. Divine Worship 11 & 6.30 The Minister.
- 24th Mon. Life Boys Parents' Evening.
- 25th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - Book Talks
by members 3 p.m.
- 26th Wed. Free Church Choirs Festival of Praise
Assembly Hall 7.30 p.m.
- 27th Thurs. Monthly Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 28th Fri. Girls Life Brigade Jumble Sale.
- 29th Sat. Fen Place Garden Party.
- 30th SUN. Divine Worship 11 a.m. 6.30 p.m.
- 31st Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship Summer Outing
to worth Priory 6.30 p.m.

NEXT issue of the Chronicle will be on 6th June
1965, and the Editor will be pleased to receive
material not later than Sunday, May 23rd.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

I always hesitate to mention in my letter any events of the past month because of the danger of trespassing on the preserves of whoever will be writing the report, but I cannot refrain from saying how much I enjoyed the Children's Anniversary; the whole day was filled with happiness and the children were splendid throughout. Thank you to anybody who in any way contributed to that wonderful day.

The other outstanding occasion was the Missionary Evening when our Drama Group most successfully produced a quite difficult missionary Play. I feel that the greatest compliment to be paid here is to say that they succeeded in getting the message across.

June is an important month for us since on 13th June we shall celebrate the Church's Anniversary. We are not making any special occasion of this day

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and this year not even do we have a special preacher. So what sort of day it is will depend upon what is in our hearts, and we have all of us as individuals, and collectively as a Church, so much for which to be thankful. God has wonderfully blessed us as a Church, but He has also confronted us with a great challenge and laid great responsibility upon us for the future. Situated as we are it would be tempting to feel that all goes along well and we may just sit back and let it do so, but this would be betrayal. Let us make this day one from which by God's grace we go forward with new inspiration.

Elsewhere no doubt somebody will be giving details of the Missionary Exhibition this month, organised by the Worthing Council of Churches. I very sincerely hope that everyone who reads these words will feel it both a duty and a privilege to attend that Exhibition.

Of recent months Mr. & Mrs. Graham Sturton and family and Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Dearsley and family, both missionaries of the Sudan United Mission and both returning from furlough quite shortly, have worshipped with us. I had hoped that we should be able to arrange another missionary evening at which we could again hear something of the work of the mission, show our concern for the work of these friends, and speed them on their way with our prayers and the promise of our future thought and prayer for them. It is impossible to arrange such an evening when both Mr. Sturton and Mr. Dearsley can be present so we shall offer special prayers for Mr. Sturton and family on Sunday morning, June 13th, and have an evening with Mr. Dearsley on June 23rd about which you will hear fully in due course, but please book the evening now.

Finally a reminder of the ordination and Induction of Mr. Roy Currie at Buckland Church, Portsmouth on July 1st. If you cannot be present please make this a day of special prayer, both for Mr. Currie and the Church, that both may be richly blessed and the link between the two Churches strengthened in spirit.

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With kindest thoughts,

Sincerely yours,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

At the Church Meeting I spoke of Mrs. Black's offer for us to have a creche on Sunday Mornings in the garden or home, and we are very grateful for this offer. Whether we can do this depends upon our having the necessary staff. Volunteers to take a turn, however, have been very few and I hope there will be sufficient offers of help to make the turn come round once every four weeks. If you are prepared to help with this work please let either Mr. Winterton or myself know.

Wallis Hayward.

ENTER THIS DOOR
AS IF THE FLOOR
WITHIN WERE GOLD,
AND EVERY WALL
OF JEWELS, ALL
OF WEALTH UNTOLD.
AS IF A CHOIR
IN ROBES OF FIRE
WERE SINGING HERE.
NOR SHOUT
NOR RUSH
BUT HUSH
FOR GOD IS HERE.

Found in a country
Church in Sussex -
one of our order.

A thought on entering
our own beautiful
Church.

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Collections for April, 1965.

	<u>Envelopes.</u>	<u>Loose Cash.</u>
4th April	£31. 10. 0.	£23. 17. 2.
11th "	49. 7. 6.	18. 3. 5.
18th "	26. 11. 0.	29. 14. 7.
25th "	34. 15. 0.	19. 8. 0.
	<u>£142. 3. 6.</u>	<u>£91. 3. 2.</u>

Total for the month £233. 6. 8.

The collection at the service held on Good Friday amounted to £15.0.0d and was devoted to the Commonwealth Missionary Society.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of the following special amounts:-

- (1) Interest Free Loans totalling £275.
- (2) The sum of £400, being part of a legacy from the estate of the late A. W. G. Francis.

R. O. Parker.

The Bible Says:-

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith.

P. S. W.

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Sermon by our minister.

Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and unto God the things that are God's.

MARk, 12, 17.

One of the biggest problems that confronts the Christian is the fact that he belongs to two worlds; he is born to live in this world, to live on it and with it, yet the very fact that he is a Christian means that he does not belong to this world, he is a citizen of heaven.

The Christian must work to earn money to live, therefore he recognises the necessity and value of material things, he cannot see why he should not enjoy the good things which man by his God given gifts has invented - he likes a car, a refrigerator, a television set and so on. Then God has created a Christian so that he is a person who needs physical and mental relaxation and re-creation, therefore he sees no reason why he should not give some of his time to enjoying sport, or even quite light stuff on radio, television and stage - plays and books even about men's wickedness and crime he can find entertaining and relaxing.

In everything of this sort, in work and leisure, the Christian is a person of this world, yet he is supposed to live a spiritual life, to recognise that all worldly things are purely temporal and therefore only the eternal or spiritual has any real value, indeed he must recognise that material things are a snare and a delusion for we know that their appeal is such that many people come to value them so highly that they lose their hold on spiritual things altogether. This happens to a lot of the children we have in our Churches.

Some people find this too hard a problem for them and they try to separate themselves as far as possible from the world by entering religious orders as monks or nuns. If the only way to be Christian were to do this then there would be very few who could ever follow that way. Are we to believe that

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God created a beautiful and rich world and gave men gifts by which they could learn to enrich life just to entrap us?

Let us remind ourselves that according to the standards of his own day, Jesus did enjoy the world in which he lived, and he sampled some of its pleasures at banquets and attended a wedding feast, he also possessed a garment which was something of a rarity.

The extremes of Christian thinking and practice try to control this situation by rules and regulations saying what you may do and what you may not. This is to depend upon law rather than grace and we know that people can obey rules and regulations without a right spirit in their heart.

The only answer to our problem must lie in the conscience of the individual, but to say this perhaps raises more questions. What is conscience? May we not sometimes persuade ourselves that what we want is the voice of conscience? Could our conscience tell us one thing at one time and another at another? To answer these questions we must say two things. First for the Christian the voice of conscience is the voice of God speaking in his heart. Secondly, if we are sincere and devout the spirit of Christ will grow in our hearts and therefore we shall hear His voice the more clearly and easily through experience. But let us not imagine that this is going to make everything nice and pat and easy for us. It may be true that as we get older we are more sure of the way and more used to trying to walk in it, but still we must at times realise that it is only with a struggle that we are able to know and follow the truth. For those that are younger the Christian way is a way of strife, not only with the appeal of worldly values and attitudes, not only a strife within our own hearts, but also with those about us who could gladly lead us away from truth.

The Christian way is tough, but would it be worth anything if it were easy?

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GROUP NOTES.GIRLS LIFE BRIGADE.

We are pleased to say that all the 16 girls who entered for the Sunday School Union Scripture Examination passed, and TEN obtained 1st Class Certificates, one with Honours, and a Second Class Prize.

Our minister is Battalion Chaplain for the next year, so the Battalion Church Parade is being held in our Church - on Tuesday, 22nd June at 7.30 p.m. We invite all who are interested in the Brigade work to come along and support us.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

On Sunday May 9th our Junior Church Anniversary Services were held - this being the 21st Anniversary of the foundation of a Sunday School at the Church. We were very pleased with the measure of support given on this day, both from the children and young people and from members of the Church and congregation. It was indeed a joyous and memorable occasion with Mr. Hayward leading our worship for the first time at a Junior Church Anniversary and we are all gratified and indebted for his inspiration throughout the whole day - from the teachers' Communion Service in the morning to the end of the Evening Worship.

As a result of a bequest of £50 from the late Mr. E. L. Deayton we have been able to purchase 111 copies of the Authorised Version of the Holy Bible for use in the Junior and Senior Departments. The Bibles, which will be of great value to us in our work, were dedicated by our minister in the Church on Sunday 23rd May.

We are also indebted to Miss J. S. Weedon for her very generous donation of £100 to the Junior Church Funds. It is anticipated that we shall use

this gift for the purchase of new furnishings in the Beginners' room and Creche which are included in the Church Development Programme.

E. C. Bond, Secretary.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

At the time of writing we have just returned from our outing to Albury Park, near Shere, and have again been blessed with lovely weather. The Countryside was at its Spring best for our tour through some of the beautiful lanes and villages of Sussex and Surrey. Albury Park is an interesting old country house standing in attractive grounds where are many specimen trees and a Norman Church.

By the time this is in print we shall have had our last meeting of this session and as reported at our Annual General Meeting recently, we have had a very happy year with our new President Mrs. Hayward, and we thanked her for her helpful leadership.

Our next meeting will be on September 14th.

L. B. R.

MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

The final meeting of our session - on May 4th was taken up with a talk by Mr. Joseph H. Sayers, SRN, entitled "Call 716 for Social Service".

In view of the support which our Church has given to the Worthing and District Council of Social Service, it was most interesting to be taken behind the scenes by the Council's Secretary and to learn of the origin and growth of the work of the Council.

Most of us were surprised at the scope of its activities and the many opportunities open to those who are willing to spare an hour or two in the service of their fellow citizens.

P. W. H.

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MISSIONARY NEWS.

We are very grateful to our Drama Group for the excellent play which they performed in aid of the L.M.S. on Thursday, 13th May.

The play "Hong Kong Adventure" depicting some of the work which is being done by our missionaries was splendidly performed by all the members of the Drama Group and thoroughly enjoyed by about 140 of our members.

We can appreciate the many hours of study this entailed on the members of the Group and we are very pleased to report that their hard work enabled us to send £12.13.0d. to the London Missionary Society.

UNITED MISSIONARY EXHIBITION, June 15 - 18.

You are reminded - if that is necessary - that this great exhibition opens in the ASSEMBLY HALL at 10.0 a.m. on the 15th June. The OPENING CEREMONY will be at 11.0 a.m. on Tuesday the 15th June. Programmes are generally available at 1/-d.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS - Rota for June.

June 6th	Mr. & Mrs. T. Grew.	
" 13th	Miss F. Bolt	
	Mr. & Mrs. E. Bond) Church
	Mr. & Mrs. F. Wills) Anniversary.
20th	Mr. & Mrs. P. Langham.	
27th	Mr. & Mrs. H. Winterton.	
	E. Bond, Secretary.	

CHRISTIAN AID.

Owing to the excitement of having all our family with us at Easter I am afraid I forgot to give the Editor my contribution for the May magazine. Unfortunately, however happy we are, the need for helping, clothing, teaching and feeding many needy folk all over the world goes on and we are still asked to alleviate this great world need. We live

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in one world and all men are our brothers and sons of God. This is the gospel of Jesus Christ which we preach and the Churches must go where the need is greatest. I am most encouraged by the way those who have pledged themselves to give to this cause remember their promises each month and I am also very grateful to those who have given so generously, special donations during Christian Aid Week. Thank you all for the way you help me in this work.

The sum sent to Christian Aid for April was £9.8.0d.

The sum sent to Christian Aid for May was £22.17.0d.

Marjorie Hayward.

THE FAMILY.

Since our last Magazine three of our members, Miss B. Haines, Mrs. J. A. Cameron and Mr. H. P. J. Lance have passed on to the fuller life. It is sometime since any of these has been able to be present at the Church, but we remember their faithfulness with thanksgiving and rejoice in their release from the bonds of age and infirmity.

During the month Mr. Fox has passed on and we are glad that our members have been able to help Mrs. Fox at this time.

By the time this is in your hands Mrs. Parker will again be in hospital and we hope, doing well. We still await news of Mrs. Nuttall.

Miss Frid has removed to Tisbury, near Salisbury, and we hope she will be happy there.

Andrew Black has broken his leg but manages to hop about in his plaster.

Mr. John O'Brien has been in hospital with an eye infection but hopes to be able to return to work very shortly.

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The Family - Acknowledgments.

Mr. & Mrs. Pepperdine give warmest thanks and much appreciation to all friends who by their thoughts and prayers and so many acts of kindness have been a service of strength to them during these past weeks.

Mrs. Holman would like to thank friends for all Good Wishes on her 80th Birthday - also for the lovely flowers received from the Fellowship meeting.

From the Secretary's Desk.

Baptisms - 16th May - Anna Caroline Jones.
Paul Jeremy Gosden.

Deaths - 28th April - Miss B. Kaines
Mr. F. A. Fox.
10th May - Mr. H. P. J. Lance.
12th May - Mrs. J. A. Cameron.

Changes of Address.

Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Balut, 95, Ingleside Crescent, Lancing.
Sgt. J. Beckingham, 11, Middleton Sq., Tangmere, Chichester.
Miss Frid, Melbury, Hindon Lane, Tisbury, Salisbury, Wilts.
Mr. & Mrs. G. Parsons, 4, Clive Avenue.
Miss M. Scott, 47, Madeira Avenue.
Mrs. G. Thomson, 26, Angus Road.

Transfer. Mrs. Milburn to Worthing Congregational Ch.

Change of Telephone Nos.

Miss A. M. Miller - Worthing 47629.
Miss M. M. Walden - " 44762.

Additions.

Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Morse, 26, Chatham Road.
Mr. & Mrs. H. G. King, 5, Alfriston Road - W.31223.
Miss I. Grice, 22, Strathmore Close.
Mr. & Mrs. Latimer, 32, Terringes Avenue.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JUNE.

- 3rd Thurs. Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
- 6th SUN. Whitsun Services - The Minister.
- 9th Wed. Missionary Committee Meeting.
- 10th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER - 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- 13th SUN. CHURCH ANNIVERSARY - The Minister.
Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 15th Tues. to to UNITED MISSIONARY EXHIBITION -
18th Fri. Assembly Hall.
- 20th SUN. Preacher - Rev.S.Woodget of Southwick.
Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 21st Mon. Deacons Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
- 22nd Tues. Girls Life Brigade,
Battalion Church Parade - 7.30 p.m.
- 23rd Wed. Missionary Evening - 7.30 p.m.
- 27th SUN. The Minister.
Divine Worship 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 28th Mon. Group Council of Ministers and Deacons at
Arundel Church - 8.0 p.m.
- 30th WED. Church Meeting.
- JULY
- 1st Thurs. Ordination and Induction of Mr. Roy G.
Currie at Euckland Church, Portsmouth.
- 3rd SAT. Gift Day.
- 4th SUN. Minister's First Anniversary.

Next issue of the Chronicle will be on the 4th July, and all material should be in the hands of the Editor by Sunday, 20th June please.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

The end of June completes the first year of my ministry at this Church. For Mrs. Hayward and myself this is very difficult to realise, we are so completely happy and at home with you all that we seem to have been here for a much longer time. For this we first of all give thanks to God for we know that it is He who has so led us, but we also want to give our thanks to you for it is your generous friendship that has made us so completely at home. A year ago it was my ambition to visit every address in the handbook in the first year of my ministry, this I might have achieved if nobody had been ill or in trouble. Everybody agrees that top priority in visiting must be given to those who need a personal ministry, after all, those who keep well and can get about can see the minister whenever they wish to do so.

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I still hope, however, to complete a round of visits by the end of my second year, though it must of course depend on what the demands for special visits are during the next few months.

One thing has become clear during the past year and that is that we must now give thought to the development of our premises. The number of boys and girls in our Junior Church is slowly growing and already every inch of space is used on Sunday mornings, and we have no room for a creche. It must seem a bit hard when we are in sight of the end of our debt on the Church Building that we should have to begin to think about more building work, but clearly God is giving us great opportunities and it is our duty to do everything in our power to achieve the best possible in and for His work. Let us press on with faith and courage.

I commend to you most warmly our visiting preachers for my two holiday Sundays in July. I especially rejoice that we are to have a New College student in our pulpit. It is our duty as a Church to give such young men every possible help and encouragement.

Our good wishes to all, especially those who, like ourselves, will be enjoying a holiday this month.

Yours sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

This is to remind all members and friends that during the months of JULY and AUGUST, the Sunday Evening Service will commence at 7.30 P. M.

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OUR MINISTER'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY AT GORING.

It was on July 2nd, 1964 that Mr. Hayward was inducted to the pastorate of this Church. On the day that this magazine appears he will therefore be commencing the second year of his ministry here.

It has been an inspiring year. Vital, challenging preaching has given us much about which to ponder. His freshness and vigour has breathed new life into much of our work, and enabled different approaches to be made. It has been a year saddened by much illness, and many bereavements for members of our fellowship, but Mr. Hayward has not spared himself and has been most diligent and helpful in his visitation. We are indeed grateful for all that he and Mrs. Hayward have done for us during this past year and we wish them "Many happy returns".

God bless them both.

The Church Secretary.

• United Nations Association.

• A meeting has been arranged for Thursday August 5th at 7.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church Hall. The speaker will be Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, and the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. H. M. Peryer, will take the Chair.

On the 14th August, Saturday, a garden party will be held at 34 Mill Road, from 3 - 5.0 p.m. Bring and Buy Stall - Music.

During the illness of Mrs. Howe, we received much appreciated assistance from Miss Walsh, and since our accident, Mr. Howe has given of his time to help "run off" the magazine during Mrs. West's recovery from her injuries. To both these friends I express my warm appreciation.

Whilst writing I would remind readers that as in past years, the "Chronicle" will not be published in August, but should there be a demand for a magazine in that month by visitors, an extra supply will be available.

Editor.

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CHRISTIAN AID.

Once again Miss Cross and I would like to thank all who have given us donations to the above fund. Our total for the month of June is £12.15.0.

M. E. H.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS - Rota for July - August.

July	4th	Mr. H. A. Dobson.
	11th	Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Pearn.
	18th	Miss B. Judson.
	25th	Mr. & Mrs. E. Munday.
August	1st	Mr. & Mrs. F. Dearsley.
	8th	Mr. & Mrs. H. Lord.
	15th	Mr. & Mrs. N. Tunstall.
	22nd	Mr. E. & Miss M. West.
	29th	Mr. & Mrs. C. Wood.

E. Bond - Secretary.

Collections for May.

		<u>Envelopes.</u>	<u>Loose Cash.</u>
2nd	May	£27. 14. 6.	£15. 14. 10.
9th	" Junior Church Anniversary	35. 14. 0.	29. 18. 9.
16th	May	29. 9. 6.	20. 17. 6.
23rd	"	38. 3. 0.	19. 0. 6.
30th	"	27. 9. 0.	19. 16. 4.
		<u>£158. 10. 0.</u>	<u>£105. 7. 11.</u>

Total for the month - £263. 17. 11.

R. O. Parker, Treasurer.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

Romans chap. 8, v. 1.

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation.

2 Thessalonians, Chap. 2 v. 13.

P. S. W.

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We remember at Easter time, more than ever, the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross and His having to carry the Cross until he could do so no longer and Simon had to take over. The figure of Christ and the Cross usually shown seem to be out of all proportion, the Cross being so large that neither Christ or Simon would be able to carry it. The Cross would of course have to be long enough to fit into the ground and strong enough to support the body of Christ, say 9' long and 12" wide by 7" thick, and the section for the hands about 4 ft long, by 7" wide by 4" thick, all in cedar which would probably weigh about 200 lbs.

Christ on the Cross is usually shown as a frail thin and almost skinny man and yet Pilate said "Behold the man". Surely Christ was the perfect man in every way. As a young man he worked as a carpenter and would have used saw, plane and at times an axe, which would have developed him physically. Christ, according to His Disciples must have been an active and athletic man for on His journeyings they almost had to run to keep up with Him. Christ therefore would have been able to carry such a Cross for a short time in spite of the cruel treatment He had received. In North India I have seen coolies carrying logs of 300 lbs on their shoulders.

Surely therefore, Christ on the Cross should be shown as a perfectly developed man.

R. F. P.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Herbert Spencer - Naturalist - chose to be buried in Highgate Cemetery. Grave next to Karl Marx.

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Richard Meinertzhagen in his book says:- I can envisage some confusion on the Day of Judgment when the two present themselves, hand in hand, at Heaven's Gate. St. Peter may ask, "And who are you?" The answer comes, "Marx and Spencer". "Come along in, a most respectable firm."

P. S. W.

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GROUP NOTES.The MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

Only two more meetings before we break for the summer recess. On July 12th we are to hear from Mr. Glyn Owen on the activities of the town's Youth Centres. Any of the younger members of the congregation who may be interested are very welcome should they care to attend. July 26th Mrs. Somerset will be speaking to us on "Some Notable women of Sussex".

We have just had our summer outing which was really most enjoyable - a lovely ride through the Sussex countryside to Worth Priory where we were shown over the extensive grounds and school buildings by Father O'Neill - who was most concerned for our welfare. This was followed by an equally pleasant drive back to Sompting where we partook of a delightful meal at the Smugglers Restaurant. Rather a late night for most of us as we did not arrive back at Goring until nearly 11 p.m. - but a very happy one indeed.

J. L.

BAZAAR NOTES.

The Annual Church Bazaar will this year be called "The Christmas Fayre", and will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 20th November at 10.30 am.

The Mayor of Worthing, Councillor Mrs. H. M. Peryer has kindly consented to open the Fayre.

Recorded Greetings. If any member of the Church wishes to send a taped Christmas Greeting to relatives or friends away from home, Mr. Powell has kindly arranged for them to be recorded at the Fayre. Please contact him about details prior to the day.

J. M. J.

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The FAMILY.

Miss L. M. Smith of 14d, Valencia Road, passed away quite suddenly, our thoughts have been with Mr. and Mrs. Sawtell.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley West are both progressing after their accident and we hope will soon be quite recovered.

Mrs. Parker is home again and getting on splendidly. The news of Mrs. Nuttall is encouraging, she saw her specialist early in June and there is hope she has responded to treatment so well as to make an operation unnecessary. A final verdict will be given early in July.

Mr. John O'Brien has had another spell in hospital with eye trouble, but we hope he is now quite clear.

Mrs. Nodes is suffering from nervous exhaustion, we hope she will soon feel better.

Our sympathy has been with Mr. Mabey in the recent loss of his father.

Mr. & Mrs. R. O. Parker give sincere thanks to all who by their prayers and kind thoughts have sustained them during the last few months.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley West wish to express grateful thanks for the willing assistance and kindly thoughts of so many of our fellow members during their "immobility" since their recent accident.

G. L. B. Due to the very good result from the Jumble Sale of £45.5.0d we can now look forward to our camp in Jersey from 25th August to 1st September, knowing we shall have no financial worries. There will be in the party 22 girls, 3 helpers and the Captain. Please remember us in your prayers that we may have a good week of fellowship and fun with travelling mercies.

We do hope you enjoyed our Annual Church Parade on Tuesday 22nd June and we thank our Minister very much indeed for conducting such service as Battalion Chaplain for the coming year and for his message.

E. D.

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WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

We very much missed our good secretary at the last meeting but we were glad to know that she was enjoying a well earned holiday. However this means that she could not write a report of the meeting for the magazine and so she has asked me to do so.

It was a very appropriate programme for the last meeting of the session as it consisted of three Book Reviews - holiday reading. MRS. EVANS, MRS. STEPHENS AND MRS. WINTERTON were - as they called themselves - the victims, and a most interesting meeting it was.

It is always a joy to hear the musical Welsh voice of Mrs. Evans and we all sat spellbound as she introduced to us "Worlds in Collision" by Emmanuel Vilikovsky. This is a scientific book which explains many signs and wonders of olden days in a most interesting way. It is a book that can be read straight through and be found enthralling or dipped into now and then, always to find something of interest for the spare few minutes.

Mrs. Stephens introduced us to an entirely different book. This was a novel called "The Dean's Watch" by Elizabeth Goudge. "A truly lovely book" said Mrs. Stephens, "full of graphic descriptions of people, streets and buildings in a Cathedral City". The Cathedral, dominating the city is well described and the lovable Dean well worth knowing.

Our third speaker, Mrs. Winterton, again commended to us another very different type of reading. This was called a light hearted book of travel called "Pleasure by the bus load" by Emily Kimbrough which gives vivid descriptions of the various occupants of the bus and the many odd and humorous episodes experienced by them in some remote parts of Portugal.

All these three speakers were very good and most interesting and this was proved by the many requests for the exact title and author of each book.

We re-open for our Winter Session on Tuesday 14th September when we hope to see all our old members and many new ones.

M. E. H.

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THE LAND OF PROMISE.

Even when they were slaves in Egypt, Moses had assured the Israelites that it was the purpose of God to bring them to a land so rich and beautiful that it could be described as flowing with milk and honey.

Now they were on the borders of that land. Already Moses had sent in the twelve spies and the people eagerly awaited their return. At last on the appointed day the spies came back. How the people wondered, and how their mouths watered when they saw the fruits of the land. All this was to be theirs and already they were planning what they would grow on their portion of land. Then the spies gave their report "Yes it was true, it was a land that could be described as flowing with milk and honey, but we can never go in and possess the land. The cities are strongly walled - how can we capture walled cities without the instruments of war? Does God expect us to tear down defended walls with our bare hands? And the sons of Amak are there, veritable giants - what hope for us untrained in war to meet such warriors?". A great and bitter cry went up from the people, in vain did Joshua and Caleb, the two faithful spies, plead with them, reminding them of the promise of God and that if they trusted in Him He would give them the land. So completely were the people dismayed that it was useless to lead them forward and they turned back. Of all the adult persons who had been on the borders of the Promised Land only Joshua and Caleb entered it.

Cannot the Church of Christ be compared with the people of Israel - is not there a promised land before us, and is not the promise the promise of God? The land of promise is the kingdom - think of some of the parables of the Kingdom - it is like a grain of mustard seed, but it will grow to be the greatest of all bushes - no doubt about it. Or it is like the leaven that will leaven the whole lump - not a part of it. "Fear not little flock" said Jesus, "it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" - is not that as sure as any promise that came through

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Moses, and this came from the lips of Jesus himself. What more; what more can anybody want than that?.

But hark to so many of the people who are talking in these days about the Church, both from within and without. I am wearied to death of being told that the Church speaks a language which the people cannot understand. But nobody ever suggests for us any other language. In my experience people outside the Church understand what we have to say when they want to. Or we are told that the Church has lost touch with the people - rubbish!, the people have lost touch with the Church - we don't blame Jesus because the young ruler turned away from Him. We are told that the Church does all the wrong things, but you can only worship God by being worshipful and to be worshipful you must use the media of worship not the media of the dance hall. Or the Church is irrelevant to modern life - nonsense! Where else can you find any satisfactory answer to questions of the meaning and purpose and end of life! We will have none of this talk from blind, ignorant or faithless people here. The Church is the most glorious institution on the face of the earth, most glorious because it is God's. The Kingdom is God's promise and that cannot fail.

Of course, it was true as the spies said, that the land was peopled by the sons of Amak, and that the cities were walled. God now promises Israel that He would give them the land in some way as He gave them manna - of course they had to fight to possess it, and of course fighting would be costly.

Jesus never promised that His Kingdom would come easily, on the contrary He promised that the builders of His Kingdom would suffer persecution even death.

Of course, these are difficult days for the Church, in some places facing oppression and persecution and in others facing indifference and contempt, which may in some respects be harder, but it doesn't make any difference to the promise of Jesus that His Kingdom will grow and increase and, in the end, prevail.

Let us thank God that He has honoured us by

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calling us to be the labourers in His vineyard in days that are difficult and challenging - let us fight on - let us tackle giants and the armed walls - and go forward knowing that even though we shall not see the end of the fighting, others will follow us on because the promise is of God.

From the Secretary's desk.

Baptisms.

On June 6th -
Lucy Victoria Alcock.
Paul Jeremy Gosden.

Death.

Miss L. M. Smith.

NEW MEMBERS:-

Miss Valerie Armstrong.
Miss May Dobson.
Mr. John O'Brien.
Mr. Clive Perrett.
Mr. George Virrels.

These new members were accepted at
Church Meeting on June 3rd.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY and AUGUST.JULY

- SUN. 4th Divine Worship.
The minister. 11.0 am. and 7.30 pm.
- Thurs. 8th DAY OF PRAYER, 10.30 am. and 7.0 pm.
8th Junior Church Teachers' Meeting.
- SUN. 11th Mr. R. J. Fancy of NEW COLLEGE.
11.0 am. and 7.30 pm.
- Mon. 12th Monday Evening Fellowship - Mr. Glyn
Owen - Town's Youth Centres.
- SUN. 18th Rev. E. J. Edwards - Secretary Common-
wealth Missy. Soc. - 11.0 am & 7.30 pm.
- Wed. 21st Deacons' meeting. 7.30 pm.
- Thurs. 22nd Induction of Rev. J. E. Farrar, M.A., at
Sheilley Road.
- SUN. 25th The minister. 11.0 am. and 7.30 pm.
- Mon. 26th Monday Evening Fellowship. Mrs. Somerset-
Talk entitled Notable Women of Sussex.
- Tues. 27th Youth Council.
- Thurs. 29th Monthly Church Meeting - 7.30 pm.

AUGUST.

The minister will be in the pulpit each Sunday during August.

The next issue of the "Chronicle" will be available on the 5th September and the Editor will be pleased to receive material not later than the 22nd August.

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THE MANSE.

My dear Friends,

For some people September is a month which is not regarded as being very welcome, the days begin noticeably to draw in, sometimes we are glad of a fire in the evening, and the leaves begin to change colour and fall - summer is over, autumn comes as the herald of winter. Glorious as is each year's spring, and welcome as is the summer, for us at any rate, the years would be wearisome without the seasons' changes. Personally I believe that we should be able to see beauty and find enjoyment in each season as it comes, and recognise that each is God's gift as a contribution to the fruitfulness of the earth, by which we live.

Certainly as far as our Church life is concerned it would not do for us to have perpetual summer, welcome as is the slow down for the summer and complete break for August, each year I find it exciting as

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September proceeds to join in the anticipation of and preparation for a new session of work.

The months before us hold a great deal of enriching interest and pleasure for all those who enter as fully as they can into the fellowship of the Church's life. We shall soon see the start of the men's and various Women's Fellowships and I do urge those who have not previously enjoyed these, or who are new to the Church, to join in wherever they can. Then I must make special mention of the Bible Study Groups which meet in various houses mostly on Tuesday evenings. I believe some people are put off by the name "Bible Study", but I would assure you that what we enjoy together is not very learned and theological, but is a simple seeking after Christian truth by simple folk talking together. This year we shall be reading and discussing what has been described as the most beautiful book in the world, the Gospel according to St. Luke. Please let me know if you would like to join a group.

One event in our monthly calendar continues without interruption throughout the year, and that is of course, the Day of Prayer on the second Thursday of each month. I must confess that I have been disappointed in the decline in the attendance at the Day of Prayer during the last six months, especially at the evening service, so that once or twice I have wondered whether it is worth continuing in the evening. I wonder if this touches your conscience, or if it ought to, and what you are going to do about it.

Finally I have great hopes that in the next few months we shall see some real progress with the first stage of our building development scheme. At our last Church Meeting we appointed Mr. Lionel Cleverly, A.R.I.B.A. of Buckland, Portsmouth as our architect. Mr. Cleverly is a Deacon of Buckland, Portsmouth and we may be confident that we have an architect with both a knowledge of and real sympathy with the work of the Church. Already we have had a first draft plan showing that our ideas are feasible, this has to be studied in detail and amended according to the . . .

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Committee's ideas and suggestions, and this will continue until we have a plan ready to submit to the Church Meeting. The whole plan will be phased so that the work can be carried out in three stages, and the speed at which we may proceed will of course depend upon how the development fund progresses when it is opened, remembering of course that if we could for instance reduce the process from three stages to two it would save several hundred pounds.

With all this before us we face a real challenge with plenty to work for and plenty to pray for - "Onward then, ye people".

With warmest greetings,
Yours sincerely,
WALLIS HAYWARD.

From the Church Secretary.

Too late for inclusion in the last Chronicle came the news of the passing of Mrs. Rule, widow of the late A. J. Rule, a former Church Secretary. Within the past month Mrs. Horsfall, whose membership was transferred to Leeds only last April, and Mrs. Truss, one of our Foundation members, have also been called home after long illnesses. These ladies loved this Church and were faithful over many years in worship and service. Tributes are paid to them elsewhere in this issue by those who knew them intimately.

H. A. Winterton.

HARVEST SUPPER.

Our harvest supper will take place on October 2nd at 7.0 p.m. for 7.15 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from Miss Thomas or Stewards or from Secretaries of Societies.

Miss A. M. Thomas.

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From the Treasurer.Collections for June and July, 1965.

	<u>Envelopes.</u>	<u>Loose Cash.</u>
6th June	£30. 17. 6.	£20. 4. 10.
13th "	33. 6. 0.	25. 5. 5.
20 "	30. 8. 6.	18. 2. 9.
27th "	29. 2. 0.	20. 18. 6.
	<u>£123. 14. 0.</u>	<u>£84. 11. 6.</u>

Total for the month - £208. 5. 6.

4th July	36. 1. 0.	20. 16. 9.
11th "	27. 12. 0.	14. 1. 11.
18th "	32. 3. 6.	16. 6. 0.
25th "	37. 14. 6.	21. 17. 5.
	<u>£133. 11. 0.</u>	<u>£73. 2. 1.</u>

Total for the month - £206. 13. 1.

The total gifts at the Gift Day held on the 3rd July amounted to £877. 4. 0. for which we praise God

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of a legacy of £50 from the estate of the late A. S. Rule, one time Secretary of the Church. This sum became payable on the death of Mrs. Rule.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.September Flower Rota.

5th Sept.	-	Mr. & Mrs. H. Spence.
12th "	-	Miss B. Ford.
19th "	-	(Miss L. Ball
		(Mr. C. H. Cornwall.
26th "	-	HARVEST FESTIVAL.

E. Bond - Secretary.

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GROUP NOTES.MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

Autumn Session. This commences on Tuesday September 21st with a talk by Mrs. E. P. Evans on "My Home Town". The following meeting will be on October 5th when Lord Royle will speak on "Parliament".

The Fellowship meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2.45 for 3.0 p.m. May we urge those men of the Church and Congregation who have not hitherto joined us to come along and enjoy these afternoons with us. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

R. P.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY. We are looking forward to our autumn session commencing on September 21st at 2.30 p.m. We meet on alternate Tuesdays, and all needlewomen and knitters of the Church and Congregation can be assured of a warm welcome.

Our work is to furnish the stalls of the "Christmas Fayre" - we also make garments for Dr. Barnado's Homes.

E. M. T.

JUNIOR CHURCH.

By the time this edition of the Chronicle is issued the summer holidays will nearly be at an end. During the holiday period departments have been worshipping in open Church and we are grateful to the many speakers who have come into the Junior Church to address the children and young people.

At the end of July we were sorry to lose the services of Miss L. C. Thomson as joint leader and pianist in the Beginners' Department. Miss Thomson will be sorely missed and we thank her for all her good work in helping to lay the foundation of our children's Christian education.

We are much indebted to Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Mason

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for the generous gift of books and a wall chart showing how the Bible came to us - they will be very useful in our work.

Members will be aware that Junior Church Offer-tories are devoted to specific purposes outside the Junior Church and you will be interested to know they are donated on a monthly basis as follows:-

- First Sunday - To the Church Funds.
- Second Sunday - The Sudan United mission or other missionary work.
- Third Sunday To worthy causes such as Tony- (& Fifth when - pandy, miners' disaster Fund & occurring) "Save the Children Fund".
- Fourth Sunday - To the London Missionary Society.

We have been asked to tell you that the APPEAL FUND for the provision of the New National Sunday School Union Headquarters at the Robert Denholme House, near Redhill, is still under-subscribed, and that dona-tions will be much appreciated. Donations should be sent to the local N.S.S.U. Treasurer Mr. C. B. Stephens, 89, King's Stone Avenue, Steyning.

E. C. Bond, Secretary.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

A very warm welcome awaits all friends when we re-commence our activities on Monday evening, September 13th at 8 p.m. This will be an informal meeting when we shall be discussing our holiday activities - so bring along your snaps or transparencies. If there are any new members in the congregation who feel they might care to join us, DO come along. This will be a good opportunity to meet new friends and we are a very happy and informal group. On September 27th our sub-ject will be the work of Dr. Barnado's Homes.

J. L.

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WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP. On September 14th we hope all old members and friends will join us for the first meeting of our Autumn Session. We also look forward to welcoming any other ladies who we hope will enjoy our Fellowship. We are glad our own Minister will be the speaker and will, no doubt, as usual give us something to think about and remember.

On September 28th Lord Royle of Pendleton will speak to us on "Parliament". Lord Royle was a member for 19 years. After his retirement last year, he became a life peer. He is a most interesting speaker and one who I am sure you will enjoy listening to. We are fortunate in getting him and hope you will all be present on the 28th.

L.B.R.

CHRISTIAN AID. I am very grateful to all who have remembered their donations to Christian Aid during these two holiday months. The total for the two months is £17.15.6d.

Marjorie Hayward.

CHURCH CARE COMMITTEE. In order to ensure early attention, leaders of groups and organisations are requested to record all damages, defects and deficiencies, in the book which will be found on the key board in the ladies' cloak room in the Church Hall.

Coffee morning and Bring and Buy Stall. This venture, arranged by the Gift Bazaar Stall members at the home of Mrs. Nodes, proved a most happy and rewarding occasion; in fact it was a garden party in miniature except that the attendance of over 70 members and friends made it more like old times. After the deluge of the previous evening, the sun shone brightly and friends sat in the garden. The Bring and Buy Stall did a good trade and the income from the whole of the morning's efforts reached £30.5.0d. This sum will assist other stalls in getting off to a good start at the Fayre in November.

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THE FAMILY.

Our thoughts have been with Mr. Truss in the illness and passing of his wife and we continue to support him with our prayers. We have just heard that Mr. Eaton has passed away and we offer our sympathy to his wife and daughter.

We have also sent our remembrances to Mr. Horsfall in the loss of his wife.

Mrs. Hite and Mrs. Watson are both making good progress, in fact they are almost having a race to see who can get on the more quickly. We shall be glad when they can literally - have a race!

Mrs. Dunn has had an operation and is progressing well.

Miss Mumford has had a fall and has, as a result, an ulcerated leg which we hope will quickly heal.

Mrs. Nuttall is now having a course of injections in Leeds Hospital and we hope these will greatly benefit her.

Miss Dymott is getting better.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Flying Officer Grayson on his recent marriage, we pray that both Mr. & Mrs. Grayson will be most richly blessed.

And to Mr. Clive Perrett and Mrs. Geoffrey Virrells on gaining entrance to London University.

Also to Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Dore on the gift of a daughter Amanda Jane.

From the Minister.

Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Hite wish to convey grateful thanks to all friends for sympathetic and practical help during their long period of incapacity. It has been very much appreciated by the family.

I wish to thank our Church Members for all their kindness, sympathy and flowers during the illness and passing of my dear wife. You will, of course, understand that I cannot answer every kind message personally, and so please accept my grateful appreciation.

A. Truss.

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Mr. R. O. Parker acknowledges with thanks gifts of money in lieu of flowers which enabled him to send £14.5.0d. to the British Empire Cancer Campaign for Research and £3.0.0. to the National Society for Cancer Relief. Mr. Truss is also very grateful to friends who have contributed in this way.

Since the issue of the last Church Chronicle one of our oldest and beloved members has passed away. Mrs. E. Rule was one of the first members of the Working Party and often held the meeting in her home in turn with others. After the sudden death of her husband she went to live with her younger daughter at East Malling. Our sympathy has already gone out to the family.

It was largely due to the great effort of Mr. Rule, the then Church Secretary, that the Church Hall was lengthened by ten feet. His sudden death only two weeks before the opening of the Church Hall was a great blow to all who knew and had worked with him.

They will be remembered for their great Christian Love and Belief.

C. S. Wood.

DIAMOND WEDDING.

On Thursday June 17th, 1965, Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Deslandes, now living at 20, Tower Road, Clacton-on-Sea, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

In the earlier years of our Church growth these friends did much to help us, Mr. Deslandes being a member of our first congregation.

On the above occasion they received many congratulatory greetings, including one from the Queen. The local council also sent some beautiful flowers.

C. H. C.

BAZAAR NOTES.

NOVEMBER 20th - "Don't Forget."

Keep this date in mind for the Christmas Fayre.

Bazaar Committee Meeting Wed. 29th September at 7.30 p.m.

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"The shadows left behind, the twilight gone,
They just step out to meet the radiant morn."

On July 31st this year there passed away in Dewsbury Hospital Mrs. E. Horsfall. Mr. & Mrs. Horsfall had formerly lived in our neighbourhood for over 15 years, and taken a happy and most useful part in our Church life.

Coming south in 1948 for health reasons, these Yorkshire friends soon attached themselves to us, and as members, took an active part in our Church. Highly skilled in floral arrangements, Mrs. Horsfall gave valued assistance with the flower stalls at the bazaars held for Church Building, and the container which stands on the steps of the rostrum, with its inscription, was typical of her love and interest when gifts were asked for Church furnishing.

But not only flowers, music also, and beauty in all its varied forms appealed to her, and she radiated a gaiety of spirit which sparkled, dimmed only when she became ill in November 1963. Returning to Yorkshire to live the following spring, our friend never fully recovered, and the funeral service fittingly took place in the Church where she had been brought up as a child, and where she was married, and for over 20 years was leading member of the choir.

When in Worthing Mr. Horsfall gave valued help and advice as a member of our Building Committee. Worthing air restored lost health and local surgeons gave him back his failing sight, and all who shared in happy friendship with him grieve with him in his great loss.

On Tuesday August 3rd in a local nursing home, after several months of illness, our fellow-member Mrs. E. Truss entered into the happiness of new life.

Mr. and Mrs. Truss came to us from Acton in 1942 and as Foundation members at Goring, have throughout the years taken a very real and helpful interest in our Church work. In quiet ways, but with marked unselfishness and generosity of spirit, Mrs. Truss illumin-

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ated her daily walk in life and was ever ready to render help in time of need. Also her happy sense of humour made one appreciate her company at all times and our Church owes much to them for their loyal and consistent support throughout long years.

Both Mr. Truss and their life-long friend Miss Hilda Lowman can be assured of our sympathy and kindly thought at this time.

C. H. C.

 THE BIBLE SAYS:-

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Psalm 57, v. 11.

For he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye.

Zechariah 2, v. 8.

P. S. W.

A QUIZ!

How well do you know your Hymn Book?

In which hymns (Congregational Praise) do the following lines occur?

1. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet.
2. Glad when Thy gracious smile we see.
3. I only know I cannot drift beyond His love & care.
4. For all are brethren, far and wide.
5. In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
6. Wonders of grace to God belong.
7. This thought will soothe our pain.
8. Jesus knows our every weakness.
9. The hidden depths of many a heart.
10. But labour ends with sunset ray.
11. For means of grace and hopes of heaven.
12. And make this world Thy home.

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United Nations Association (Worthing Branch).

At a meeting of the above Branch on August 5th Mr. Gordon Walker discussed fully and frankly the problems that are now facing U. N. O.

I thought some of his points might be of general interest.

- 1) He pointed out that this year, in which the General-Assembly has not been able to meet because of the differences over contributions, has made the world realise that U.N.O. is a necessity.
- 2) It is not an appropriate time for the reform of the Charter, but certain clauses have been ignored, where expression of public opinion seemed essential, e.g. protest against apartheid in South Africa.
- 3) It is quite possible that contributions to a voluntary fund, not for a specific need like the Congo, will break the deadlock that has silenced the assembly this year.
- 4) If the veto were abolished, nations would fall apart and wars would develop.
- 5) The Chinese Republic must be represented in U.N.O. but some arrangement would have to be made for Formosa to remain in the organisation.
- 6) Vietnam - efforts to find means of negotiating a peace must continue and will ultimately succeed, but U.S.A. should include members of Vietcong in any commission of inquiry which might lead to peace. It would be disastrous for U.S.A. to be defeated.
- 7) Nuclear weapons - so long as the mind of man has produced these weapons, they will be made. Only a world authority can insist on their being abandoned and have power to see this is done.

The Speaker suggested this last is so big and difficult a task for busy politicians that Study Groups of lay people might help in the solution of this vital problem.

H. Grey.
(an interested member of U.N.A.)

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The Loneliness of the Christian.

Part of the price of being a follower of Jesus must be the experience of loneliness. Sometimes this must be a painful loneliness, but sometimes it must be a loneliness which we seek. To justify this statement let us look at the loneliness of Jesus. Although it cannot by any manner of means have been the first time that Jesus spent a long time alone, the first occasion of which we hear was the temptation. There is a sense in which to speak of "the temptation" is to use too narrow a term. We incline to think of temptation as presenting a clear cut choice between good and evil, there was no such simple choice for Jesus - better than "the temptation" we should call this "the great decision". Here Jesus had to be utterly alone, none, however wise or well-intentioned could give Him counsel.

How desperately alone Jesus must sometimes have felt amongst His fellow men. He could see the truth of God and, with equal clarity, the errors of mankind, and the disasters to which those errors must lead. Yet men rejected and scorned His words and sometimes, because He was misunderstood even amongst His closest friends, He was alone. "Have I been so long with you Philip and yet hast thou not known me?" Or when they totally failed His need in the Garden - "Could ye not watch with me one hour?", and through all His passion He was utterly alone.

There is another time of loneliness in the life of Jesus and this, the loneliness He sought, the loneliness in which He entered into communion with God. The truth of course about Jesus was that it was what this loneliness meant to Him that made all His other loneliness endurable. And more than this, in Matt. 14 you can read of Jesus being alone, in prayer, and this loneliness is placed between the story of the feeding of the 5,000 and Peter's walking on the sea and the storm being stilled. You may interpret these stories how you like, either as showing that Jesus had power over physical and material things, or as showing that Jesus had power to inspire in men generosity and care for others, and faith to overcome fear - look at it as

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you will - Jesus used power which He needed to replenish, and this He did by His loneliness with God.

We began by saying that part of the price of being a Christian is loneliness - if this was true of our master, how can we ask that it should be less than true of ourselves.

We too, face the loneliness of temptation and sometimes that may make us feel pretty miserable. Let us remind ourselves of two things, first that to be tempted is not sinful at all and secondly that no one escapes temptation. But we spoke of Jesus in the wilderness as much more facing decision. Decision is one of the hard things of life and finally decision is something we must make alone - crowd decisions are always sheepish. I sometimes find a reluctance on the part of people to make the final and irrevocable decision for Christ - I think they are afraid of the loneliness.

The Christian must be prepared to face the price of being lonely amongst other people; sometimes even amongst other Christians if they do not see their Christianity as he does. Our difficulty is that we all of us like to be liked, it is hard to take a course which separates us from our fellows. We are not likely to face the whipping post or cross but we ought not to underestimate what it may cost for some to make themselves lonely, for some at home, for some in their place of work, for some amongst those they would call friends. Especially we ought not to underestimate what this may cost some of our young people.

It must finally be true of us, as it was of Jesus, that our ability to face the cost of being lonely for Christ's sake must depend upon our willingness so to order our life that we make times of loneliness in it, and in such times find the presence and power of God through communion and prayer.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK.

BIRTH. To Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dore - a daughter,
Amanda Jane - on August 16th, 1965.

BAPTISM. On August 8th - Rachel Elisabeth Martland.

DEATHS. On 11th June - Mrs. E. Rule.
On 3rd August - Mrs. E. Truss.
On 21st August - Mr. J. Eaton.

WEDDING. (At Cambridge) Flying Officer R. J. Grayson
and Miss Christine Jones - 21st August.

CHURCH HANDBOOK - Corrections.

Cane, Mrs. S. - Group 3 not 2.

Copper Miss G. V. - should read Miss G. V. Cooper -
with apologies to Miss Cooper.

Dearsley Mr. & Mrs. F. - Telephone No. W.42550 not
G. 42550.

Dearsley Mr. & Mrs. J. - Telephone No. W.45751 not
W. 42550.

Pinkham Mr. & Mrs. L. H. - for Munhtam read MUNTAM.

Stephens Miss J. - Group 5 not 0.

Stevenson Misses G. H. & M. N. now 2, Queen's Rd.
Ward L. - add Miss. ^{Worthing.}

Wiseman Mr. & Mrs. J. - the number in Westpark Lane
is 20.

Hele Mr. & Mrs. H. E. - address is 168(a), Goring Rd.,
Goring and Telephone number W. 42313.

Miss W. E. Pollott - address is Willitt Lodge,
Chaucer Road.

Miss J. S. Weedon - address now Flat 8, Belsize House,
4, Mill Road.

Gillam Mr. & Mrs. h. C. B. - now 50, Cottingham Grove,
Bletchley, Bucks.

DELETIONS. - Mrs. E. Rule, Mrs. A. Truss, deceased.
Miss M. Scott - transferred to Shelley Road
Church.

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CHURCH CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER, 1965.

Sept.

5th SUN. Divine Worship - The Minister 11 & 6.30 p.m.

9th Thurs. Day of Prayer - 10.30 a.m. with communion
and at 7.0 p.m.

11th Sat. Western District Assembly - Littlehampton.

12th SUN. Divine Worship - Rev. H. J. Rowse.

13th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship at 8.0 p.m.

14th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3.0 p.m.
Speaker - Our minister.

16th Thurs. Junior Church Teacher's meeting - 8.0 p.m.

19th SUN. Junior Church Teachers' Dedication at
evening service.

21st Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.

23rd Thurs. Deacons' Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

25th Sat. Sussex County Union Assembly at Brighton.
Dome Rally of Sussex Congregationalists -
Preacher Rev. John Huxtable M.A.26th SUN. HARVEST FESTIVAL.
Senior Fellowship at 8.0 p.m.27th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship - Subject -
Dr. Barnado's Homes.28th Tues. United Bible Study Groups at 14, Robson
Road at 8.0 p.m.28th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship. Lord Royle speak-
ing on "Parliament".

29th Wed. Missionary Committee - 6.30 p.m.

30th Thurs. Church meeting - 7.30 p.m.

Oct.

2nd Sat. Harvest Supper - 7.15 p.m.

3rd SUN. DEDICATION SUNDAY.

THE NEXT ISSUE of the "Chronicle" will be available
on the 3rd October, and the Editor will be pleased to
receive material not later than the 19th September.

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The Manse.

My dear Friends,

This will reach you on Dedication Sunday when the call is to us all to re-dedicate ourselves to the winter's work. This is a call to all, not only those who are actually engaged in some definite piece of service, for those who can have no specific office or responsibility in the Church's life are called ceaselessly to support all those who have, by their prayers, and none can measure the value of the Church's prayer in relation to its witness.

As we begin a new session there are various changes to report, Mrs. Cunnington for whose leadership of the Life Boy Team we are deeply grateful, has removed to the Isle of Wight. Fortunately we have had come to us from Romford, Miss Grice, who has consented to undertake the leadership until a new leader is trained. The staff of Life Boys will be strengthened by the addition of Mr. Graham Redman.

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Boys Brigade will also be strengthened by the appointment of Mr. Jones as an Officer, we are very thankful for this, for Mr. Stewart has carried on very valiantly alone. The Girls' Brigade will however, be an officer short this session as Miss Ragan will not be able to continue her work with the girls at least for the time being.

We are making an interesting advance in Junior Church. What has been called the Senior Department and has been run as a Department with class teaching, has now become a Bible Class under the leadership of Mrs. J. Dearsley, and we are confident this will be a great success.

At the end of September, 1500 notices were distributed in houses around the Church, inviting the recipients to send me questions which I could answer from the pulpit on Sunday evenings, commencing on October 10th. I want to make it quite clear that members of the Church are also invited to send in questions if they wish, and indeed, I do hope that if you have any problem in mind, you will write it on a card and let me have it. I am asking questioners to send me their name and address so that I can inform them of the date upon which their question will be answered, though of course the names of the questioners will not be made public. Questions which may not be suitable as sermon material will if name and address is given, receive a personal reply and will, of course, be treated in strictest confidence.

Despite our system of groups and visitors, it still sometimes happens that a case of sickness is missed. During the month we shall distribute to each family in the Church a postcard that is already addressed to me. In the event of sickness or trouble a person has only to get the card posted by someone, and I shall know there is need for visitation. Once these cards are distributed no one will be able to complain, if they are ill or in trouble, and are not visited, because they have not posted their card. Please put your card where you will be able to find it at once should you need it.

May God grant that our worship and our labours

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together in these coming months may be acceptable to Him, and, by His Grace, a strengthening of His Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,
WALLIS HAYWARD.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

October Flower Rota.

3rd	-	Miss M. & Mr. E. West.
10th	-	Mr. & Mrs. E. Lowes.
17th	-	Miss M. Curtis.
24th	-	Mrs. C. Nodes and family.
31st	-	Miss M. Hawke.

E. Bond, Secretary.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

For some years the Goring Branch of Toc H. have used one of our halls for their meetings. They now consider it more convenient to meet elsewhere, and on the occasion of their departure, have kindly donated to the Church a very handsome Visitors Book for which we are indeed grateful.

THE HYMN QUIZ: Answers to last month's quiz are -
Nos. 131, 291, 407, 549, 28, 9, 245,
371, 552, 649, 670 and 210.

International Bible Reading Association and Bible Reading Fellowship.

Will any of our friends who wish to join either of the above societies, please let me know by the end of the month as the new orders for 1966 have to go in by the beginning of November.

P. M. Parker, Hon. Secy.

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COLLECTIONS for August, 1965.

	<u>Envelopes.</u>	<u>Loose Cash.</u>
1st August	£28. 17. 6.	£19. 19. 2.
8th "	31. 6. 0.	17. 16. 11.
15th "	33. 0. 6.	19. 7. 4.
22nd "	31. 7. 0.	20. 18. 7.
29th "	37. 1. 6.	23. 8. 4.
	<u>£161. 12. 6.</u>	<u>£101. 10. 4.</u>

Total for the month - £263. 2. 10.SUSSEX CONGREGATIONAL UNION - Western District.

The Autumn Meeting was held at Littlehampton on September 11th.

Elections -

District Chairman for 1966 - Rev. G. Nunn of Billingshurst.
 " Secretary " " - Rev. Macgregor Tutt.
 " Treasurer " " - Mr. B. W. Fancy.

District News -

The small church at Barns Green is to be re-opened under lay pastorate of Miss Marshall of Billingshurst. Littlehampton - has offered the Salvation Army the use of the Church for services on the second Sunday in October. The member of Parliament and local Councillors will attend.

Pulborough - A Work Camp was organised by the Pulborough and Petworth Group of Churches, and more than 34 young people camped at Pulborough. They organised and carried out decorations and renovations to the Watersfield and West Chittington Churches. Rev. D. Bending spoke very highly of the young people, and the hard work they put in on these very worthwhile jobs. Northern District. - Rev. J. Reardon (Horsham) gave an address entitled "A New District Takes Shape". He gave a very clear and interesting account of how the Churches within this area (Horsham Group, East Grinstead, Ashurst Wood and Balcombe) meet together to

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discuss their work and concern for each as a district and as neighbours. This undoubtedly will be the pattern many groups of churches within the county will be following in the near future.

V. W.

"Leave tomorrow's troubles for tomorrow's strength; tomorrow's work for tomorrow's time; tomorrow's trials for tomorrow's grace - and tomorrow's God".

David Livingstone.

THE FAMILY.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Mr. Stewart at the time of the passing of his younger brother, and with Mrs. Bond and her brother Mr. Clark, in the long illness and passing of their father.

Miss Mumford is very poorly and our thoughts are with her and Miss Thomson.

Miss J. Ragan has also been very ill but is making a good improvement.

Mrs. Nuttall is now out of hospital after completion of her treatment and writes to say she is feeling very well.

Mrs. Bussell has had shingles and is now making good progress.

Mrs. Brand has had a heart attack and is having to take life very quietly.

Mr. A. F. Mason is not well and we hope will soon be better.

Mr. Ford has suffered a stroke but is making progress.

We are glad to learn of the safe arrival in this country of Miss Patricia Street and her mother from Lahore and remember Mr. Street who is still in Karachi.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Barker on her marriage to Mr. A. Howard, also to Mr. R. Baker on his engagement. Finally we congratulate all our young people who have achieved examination successes.

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GROUP NOTES.Drama Group.

The next production will be a presentation of the three act comedy "Miranda" by Peter Blackmore. This will take place in the Church Hall on Friday and Saturday, October 29th and 30th at 7.30 p.m.

Programmes are on sale from members of the group.

We hope as many people as possible will support this effort.

I. Bentley, Secy.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP.

On October 11th a local magistrate, Mr. F. J. Phillips will be giving us a talk on his work in this capacity. We shall be grateful if as many members as possible will attend the meeting on October 25th when Mrs. B. Hilder will be giving us instructions on the making of Christmas Decorations with which we shall be stocking our Bazaar Stall at the Fayre in November.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - Book this date - Friday Dec. 10th, when we shall be holding another Family Night - watch the Chronicle for further details.

J. L.

MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

On October 5th we shall have Lord Royle of Pendleton (member of Parliament for 19 years) with us.

On the 19th Oct. an "Any questions" afternoon.

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE. In the afternoon of Wednesday 25th August 21 excited girls, 3 helpers and the Captain, gathered at Sea Place to catch the coach en route for Portsmouth Airport and Jersey, being given a good send off by parents and friends and by Mr. & Mrs. Hayward. Although delayed on account of bad weather in Jersey we duly reached Bethel and quickly settled in after a good meal. Thursday was very wet, and after spending most of the day at Portelet we were glad to get back to our camp where we enjoyed an evening of games. Friday we visited the Jersey potteries at Gorey and in the afternoon toured Gorey Castle. Saturday over to Greve de Lecq Bay on the

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North West of the Island and on Sunday we attended a little Methodist Church in the morning and had our own service in the little chapel at Bethel in the evening. Monday (Bank Holiday) was a really nice day which we spent at Quaisne and St. Brelades Bays. Our last full day, Tuesday, was shared by using the morning to seek exciting gifts for all at home, then in the afternoon a visit to Elizabeth Castle finishing with a bus ride to see Gorey Castle flood lit - just like fairyland.

Each day started with prayers and closed with a short service taken by the N.C.O.s in turn, and all returned home eagerly asking "where next year?"

Brigade Week this year is 3rd - 10th October when for the only time in the year we ask for your financial support to enable us to continue our work amongst the girls - one third of all the monies collected is used for overseas work, and the remainder is used in our own Company work for the purchase of materials for handwork etc.

Please continue to give us your support - our Display this year is on Saturday 6th November at West Park School when we hope to see you all.

We hope you have enjoyed hearing of our Camp Life.

E. S.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP. Fine weather and a good attendance favoured our first meeting of the session on Sept. 14th and we were obviously glad to get together again after the long recess.

Mr. Hayward was our speaker and he and Mrs. Hayward, who led the meeting, created a lovely atmosphere.

The lesson was from Philipians 4, and Mr. Hayward wove his talk around the beautiful 8th verse. He dealt chiefly with memory, reminding us of the joy and pain it can bring, but reminding us too, that the possession of a good "forgettery" is as essential and as great a boon as memory for the Christian Life.

At our next meeting on Sept. 28th Lord Royle will

speak to us of "Parliament".

At our 11th Anniversary on 26th October at 3 p.m. our speaker will be Mrs. Derek Richmond of Caterham, and the soloist Mrs. O. Knight of Littlehampton. All women of the Church and friends are warmly welcome.

We would draw your attention to our Coffee Morning 10.30 to 12.0 on Thursday Oct. 21st in the Church Hall. This effort is to provide funds for stocking the sweet stall at the Fayre. As it falls on a well-known date, the "Battle of Trafalgar" we are reminded of Nelson's famous saying, "England this day expects that every man will do his duty", and translate it as a duty to attend the coffee morning.

B. E.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY.

A happy start was made for the winter session when there was a good attendance. All ladies will be made most welcome to our meetings which are held on every other Tuesday.

E. T.

NEW MEMBERS' SOCIAL. On Saturday Oct. 23rd commencing at 4 o'clock a social will be held in the Church Hall to which all new members of the Church and Congregation are cordially invited. It is hoped that those who have been received into membership during Mr. Hayward's ministry and all those who have come to worship with us during that period will be able to be present to meet the Minister and Deacons and to hear something of the various aspects of the Church's life and work. If your name is not yet in the Church Handbook and you would like an invitation would you kindly speak to one of the Stewards or the Minister or to the Church Secretary by October 12th.

WANTED! If there is anyone who has knowledge of the whereabouts of an unwanted Table Tennis Table please let Mr. Razzell know. Or if there is anyone who would like to contribute towards the cost of a table, new or second-hand, Mr. Razzell will still be very glad to hear from you.

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The late Mr. J. Iveson. Our Church has lost a great friend in the passing of Mr. Iveson, who has been in very poor health for the last seven years. For several years before his illness he was in charge of the men's stall at various Church Bazaars, much helped by his dear wife. He was also one of the first members of the Men's Fellowship and by his congenial disposition endeared himself to the many who knew him.

Our loving sympathy has already been sent to Mrs. Iveson who has nursed him with such loving care through his long illness.

C. S. C. Wood.-

The late Mr. E. E. Hodder. This old friend passed away on September 20th in Southlands Hospital, and we wish to record this because of the indebtedness of our Church in its earlier years. It was about 1949 when Mr. and Mrs. Hodder came to Worthing from Sanderstead, and almost immediately, Mr. Hodder rendered useful service in time of need. By November 1950 our first school hall was erected, designed by our new friend, and by July 1955 yet another hall was built, again designed by Mr. Hodder who, if memory serves, 'asked for no reward'.

In his earlier days he had planned several public buildings in Croydon and district and attended the Congregational Church at Sanderstead. After the loss of Mrs. Hodder our friend in more recent years had lived quietly in West Worthing and latterly had been a member of West Worthing Baptist Church as being more accessible.

The last two weeks in Southlands Hospital he was daily visited by his daughter from Shoreham who reported "He kept very cheerful all the time".

And, throughout the years of friendship, the writer can never remember him ever saying any harsh or angry words of his fellow men - even when provoked. That was typical of our friend and helper Mr. Eric Hodder, L.R.I.B.A.

C. H. C.

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Appreciation. Our Secretary, Mr. Winterton, has received a request from Mrs. E. Watson that we should record her sincere thanks to all who have shown many kindnesses during her incapacity.

A similar message has come from Mrs. Otway.

Moral Welfare Association (Chichester Diocese).

An Autumn Sale is being held at St. Paul's Hall on Friday 8th October from 10.30^{am} to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. to be opened by Mr. Gerald Flood.

The Congregational Churches are responsible for the Grocery Stall and gifts may be brought to our Church Hall on Tuesday afternoon October 5th or to St. Paul's Hall on Friday morning 8th October by 10 a.m.

H. M. Ellis.

The Bible says:-

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Psalm 146, vv. 3 & 5.
P. S. W.

From our minister.

We know that God spake unto Moses; as for this fellow we know not whence He is. John 9, 29.

The subject for our thought I have called "Truth and Light". Let us begin with one or two observations about truth; facts that people do not always realise. The first is that truth is eternal and unchangeable. Sometimes people speak as though truth changed from one generation to another. This of course is not true. People in different ages have different knowledge of and attitude towards the truth, but in fact, what is true is eternal and unchanging. The second thing that we must say about truth is that because it is eternal it must be of God, and this leads

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us to our final conclusion about truth, that it is beyond the capacity of man, at any rate as far as this life is concerned, to know the whole of truth.

Now light is different from truth, it is variable. It may be strong and intense, it may be poor and weak, and it may change from one to the other. Light in our context represents man's knowledge of the truth, and this of course is variable. There have been periods in history when man's knowledge of the truth has advanced very little, it may even appear to have receded whilst there have been times, like our own, when men's knowledge of the truth has made tremendous strides forward. Even so we must notice that even when men's knowledge of the truth is advancing it is not necessarily going forward all the time. Men explore avenues of thought which seem to be true and upon which they base theories, but these may prove to be false trails and they may have to go back to the beginning again.

Now with these thoughts in mind we turn our thought to our special subject of men's knowledge of the truth of God, and as a basis for our thought we have our text "We know that God spake unto Moses, as for this fellow, we know not whence He is".

In the days of Jesus people were confronted by new light on the truth of God, and their attitude was to reject it. They believed they had the truth in Moses, and it was what their people had known for hundreds of years. Their error was of course, that they thought they had the whole truth in Moses, and that beyond what they knew there was nothing more to be said. What Jesus said was different from what Moses had said, and despite the fact that Jesus claimed to be fulfilling what Moses had said, and gave them arguments to justify His claim, Jesus was rejected because if Moses was true, He must be false. Here there was no recognition of the fact that man's knowledge of the truth must be progressive.

What I want to ask you now is this. Knowing yourself as you do, if you had been there at the time of Jesus, do you imagine you would have sided with Jesus or His enemies?

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Of course, it is impossible to answer that question, but the point of it is to bring out with all possible force the question of our attitude to progress in truth today, do we side with Moses or Jesus?

We live at a time when men's knowledge of truth in every sphere of thought is advancing more quickly than at any other time in the history of mankind. Do we imagine that men's thought upon all subjects should advance, except in his knowledge of God and that there it should stand still? Upon our answer to this question depends our attitude to what is in fact going on about us. Men are having new thoughts about God, and about Jesus - do we refuse to hear or think anything in our religion that is different from what we were taught as children - are we angry or resentful at suggestions of new light upon the truth. In this as in every other sphere of thought men will explore false avenues and wrong ideas to find them to be wrong, only so can there be any progress at all. I believe that there is no greater harm that we can do to Christianity in these days than to refuse all new light upon the truth of God and of His Son Jesus Christ, as if we imagined, like the enemies of Jesus, that what we had always believed is the whole truth and the only possible truth.

Let us look at the alternative. To believe that our knowledge of the truth of God in Jesus Christ is incomplete is to recognise that 'the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from His word'. How thrilling to live in an age when men are discovering more and more about the universe, about the world, about man, his body and mind. How infinitely more thrilling to live in an age when men are discovering more about the truth of God, even more as we realise that to learn more of the truth of God must be to have a fuller experience of, and communion with God.

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Christian Aid.

It is nearly a year since I began the task of collecting pledged gifts for Christian Aid for the needy and under privileged peoples of the world. I have been greatly encouraged by the many members who give to me month by month, without reminding, who give cheerfully and generously. I never hear grumbles about the month's dues coming round too quickly or any criticisms about the work done by those in authority and this makes my self-appointed task a real joy.

I do not write much in the magazine month by month except to give the total collected for the previous month but I feel that once a year you should hear a little of the work. Dr. Cooke has stated in a sermon that he believes the great outpouring of Christian Aid to stricken peoples has been one of the great features of Church Life in recent years and that it is a magnificent chapter in modern Church History. After visiting Asian lands (amongst many other stricken areas) he says "I have found no immunity from the poignancy of their miseries - no anaesthetic against the heartache caused by their suffering. Everywhere you can see sunken eyes, the high and hollow cheekbones - the thin lips and taut mouths of the hungry ones. Behind so much of this suffering is the need for Bread - the struggle to get it and the pain that comes from not having it. If there is one problem greater than any other in our world, if there is one cause greater than any other of our world's unrest and trouble, then it is "BREAD". Christian Aid does not go unquestioned and uncriticised. Some say "Is this really a proper task for the Church? Should it not rather be solely witnessing to the Gospel?" There are some who see this as a rival to the Church's specifically missionary calling. There is of course one obvious reason why the Christian Church must be concerned with this problem of Bread. It is that it cannot be faithful to the Gospel and its Lord unless it is so concerned. It seems to be writ large in the New Testament. Again

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quoting Dr. Cooke, "we only meet man's needs when we enable him to have bread with laughter - that is - with the joy of having it because he has earned it, because he has been able to exercise his skill in getting it and has provided it for his family and himself with dignity and with hope".

This is what Christian Aid is trying to do - with the help of your gifts of money and the full-time service of ministers and Christian laymen of high technical competence.

One hears and reads criticism of administration costs. For instance Dr. Cooke was criticised by some people for flying to Canada to give one lecture - great expense etc. What was the result? That one lecture completely altered Canada's outlook on sick refugees. Before his lecture refugees with T.B. were not allowed into the country - afterwards the country opened up its home and medical treatment to these suffering and homeless ones.

Sometimes expenses seem to us to be out of all proportion but before we withhold our aid let us make ourselves fully aware of the need and results of such expenses. I feel that our money, given to God through Christian Aid and used by dedicated men in administration can be a means by which a great contribution to World Peace can be made. After writing all this and in view of the fact that in three months' time we start a New Year, I would ask you all to consider whether you would like to join our Church's effort for Christian Aid. Some of you already give to Oxfam or other similar funds, and this is not addressed to you - please go on helping as you have been doing. But I am appealing to any of you who haven't realized before what a need there is for "BREAD" and all it means to men and women, to consider your budget for 1966 and see if you too would like to put something - 1/- a month or multiples of 1/- into our fund.

Our total for the month of September was £8.18.6d.

Marjorie Hayward.

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From the Secretary's desk.Weddings.

Sept. 15th - Mr. Alfred Howard to Mrs.
Doris May Barker.
" 18th - Mr. Paul Harris Victor Bravo
to Miss Faith Kathleen Vera
White.

Deaths.

On the 22nd Sept. - Mr. J. R. Iveson.
On the 20th Sept. - Mr. E. E. Hodder.

Church Handbook.

Mrs. D. M. Barker now Mrs. A. Howard, 28,
Alinora Avenue.
Mr. & Mrs. H. G. King now Group 7 not 1.
Mrs. D. Smith now 92 Portland Road.
Mr. Truss now Bedford House Private Hotel.
Tel. W. 4816.

Deletions.

Through death -
Mr. J. Eaton.
Mr. J. R. Iveson.
Mr. E. E. Hodder.

Additions.

Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Hoy, 8 Derwent Drive.
Mr. & Mrs. D. R. Lewis, 2, Rycroft Close.
Misses F. I. and A. M. Wharhurst, 3 Chesham
Close.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER, 1965.

- Oct.
 2nd Sat. HARVEST SUPPER 7.15 p.m. Church Hall.
 3rd SUN. Dedication Sunday. 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
 5th Tues. Men's Fellowship. Talk by Lord Royle.
 Women's Guild Working Party. 2.30 p.m.
 10th SUN. Divine Worship. 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
 11th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship. 8.0 p.m.
 12th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship. "Any Questions".
 Chairman Mrs. G. Wraight.
 14th Thurs. Day of Prayer. 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 17th SUN. Divine Worship. 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
 19th Tues. Men's Fellowship. "Any Questions".
 Women's Guild Working Party.
 Youth Council 8.0 p.m.
 21st Thurs. Deacons meeting. 7.30 p.m.
 23rd Sat. New members Social. 4 p.m.
 24th SUN. MISSIONARY SUNDAY, United Nations day and
 Education Sunday.
 25th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship. Mrs. Hilder.
 26th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship. Anniversary 3 p.m.
 29th Fri. (Drama Group - "Miranda" by Peter Blackmore,
 30th Sat. (at 7.30 p.m.
 31st SUN. Rev. Violet Hedger, L.L.A., B.D.
 Nov.
 2nd Tues. Men's Fellowship. Speaker Mrs. R. A. Black.
 4th Thurs. Church meeting.
 6th Sat. G.L.B. Display, West Park School Hall.
 20th Sat. CHRISTMAS FAYRE.

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My dear Friends,

One of the things that rejoices the hearts of us all in these days is the growing spirit of unity in the Church, and I have been thankful since coming here to find that this is also true in Goring.

A matter for concern for all Churches in an area such as this is that we should make contact with new people moving into the neighbourhood. Working together the Churches have produced a pamphlet giving the times of the principal services in each Church, and with a map shewing the location of each Church. Now we have divided the area up so as to make each Church responsible for a part of it, and the plan is that we should find a warden or steward for each road in our area who will be responsible for noticing when any house is re-occupied, and taking a leaflet there. Our area is bounded by the east side of Clive Avenue, the North of Goring Road, (Clive Avenue to George V

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Avenue) and the top of George V Avenue on the west. Our northern boundary is the railway line but we have also to include the Boulevard. I shall be glad to receive names of volunteers to act as wardens in this area, and if we can have any wardens in any roads west of the Boulevard there is no reason why we should not do so. It has been made quite clear that the distribution of this pamphlet does not in any way conflict with what any Church has done or wishes to do in this direction. I hope then, that if anybody moves into an empty house or flat near to you wherever you may live, you will still regard it as a duty to call and leave one of our "welcome to your new home" pamphlets.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January each year is being more closely observed by all Churches, and more and more made an occasion for a practical expression of unity. I further rejoice that the Vicar, the Rev. P. Curgenvin, the Rev. Robin Cooper of Bury Drive Methodist Church and I have agreed that we shall have a united service on the Sunday evening of that week. This year the Sunday will be January 23rd: we shall close our own Church that evening and go to St. Mary's Church where the service of Evensong will be conducted by the vicar assisted by the Rev. R. Cooper, and I shall preach. In 1967 the Service will be held either at Bury Drive or Shaftesbury Avenue.

Thank you to those who have sent me in questions to be answered in an evening sermon; you will receive notice when your question will be answered. I am still open to receive any other questions. Isn't it surprising that I haven't received one question as a result of the 1500 bills distributed!

I hope that elsewhere in this magazine space has been found for an article by our newly appointed "Transport Officer", Mr. J. Dearsley and I do hope every motorist will give in their names as requested. The object of this scheme is purely to enable us to make the best use of our transport facilities in getting sick or aged folk to Church, and performing

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similar acts of mercy.

On Saturday Nov. 6th our Girls' Brigade will give their Annual Display at West Park School. We have a splendid G. B. Company and we ought to be proud of it and give the officers all the support we can. I should like to see many more of our folk at this display and can assure you that you will find it well worth while.

Have you collected the card which you should have ready for posting if you need to be visited? If not, please do so, and if you do not know what this is all about, ask any Deacon or myself and you will get a full explanation.

It sometimes seems quite difficult to get Church people to cooperate in schemes which are either for their own good or to enable them to help each other, but most of this difficulty is due to carelessness rather than obstinacy, I believe ----- Have you collected your Card? Have you, as a motorist 'registered' with the Transport Officer? - Careless or Obstinate?

All best wishes,
Sincerely Yours,
WALLIS HAYWARD.

CHRISTIAN AID.

Once again many thanks to all who have contributed this month to the above cause. The total for October was £11.14.6d.

Marjorie Hayward.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Will all members and friends who require a copy of the L. M. S. Annual report please give their names to Mr. F. A. Dearsley as soon as possible. The price to those who, over the year, have contributed less than £2, is 1/6d and it is well worth the money.

F. A. Dearsley.

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The Bible Says: How precious are thy thoughts unto me
O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number
than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee.

Psalm 139, verses 17 & 18.

P. S. W.

Collections for September.

	<u>Envelopes.</u>	<u>Loose Cash.</u>
5th	£28. 17. 6. ...	£21. 9. 2.
12th	28. 5. 6. ...	17. 10. 0.
19th	34. 10. 6. ...	18. 10. 10.
26th	38. 15. 0.	- - -
	<u>£130. 8. 6.</u>	<u>£57. 10. 0.</u>

Total for month - £187. 18. 6d.

The loose collections at the Harvest Festival
Services on the 26th September for the Home Churches
Fund amounted to £33. 2. 4d which sum was increased
by sundry donations to £38. 3. 10d.

R. O. Parker.

I.B.R.A. Grateful thanks to members who responded
to the Special Appeal as a result of which £5.5.0d was
forwarded to the Headquarters. Please note that I
have been advised that the price of 'Notes' has been
increased to 4/-d for the next year.

P. M. P.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Flower Rota for November.

7th Mr. & Mrs. R. Pepperdine.
14th Mr. & Mrs. J. Jenkins.
21st Mr. & Mrs. E. Winstanley.
28th Mr. & Mrs. A. Cozens Walker.

E. Bond, Secretary.

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THE FAMILY.

The sudden passing of Mrs. Wright of Goring Hall Chambers was a great shock to her family and friends - we remember them all in our prayers.

We also remember Mrs. Iveson and Mrs. Millward who have each lost their husbands, may they be comforted and upheld.

Miss Mumford is a little better.

Mr. Bussell is waiting to go into hospital where we hope treatment will give him complete and speedy recovery.

Mr. & Mrs. Brand are both in a nursing home and are a little better.

Mr. John O'Brien has been very poorly and we hope he will soon make a good recovery.

Mrs. Barlow has had an operation and is doing well.

Mrs. Kingswell has also had an operation and has made a good recovery.

Mr. Ford has now gone to stay a while with his married daughter.

Miss Dymott has been very poorly and we hope soon to hear she is on the mend.

It is a great joy to see Mrs. Nuttall in Worthing for a short stay, looking so well. We must be very careful not to over-tire her.

We are also delighted to hear that Mrs. Otway is home again - she will have to be very careful.

Miss Curtis is in St. Bartholomew's Hospital but does not yet know whether she will have to undergo another operation - our thoughts will be with her.

Desmond Jones is in hospital and we hope he will soon be better.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION. You are all invited to a Coffee morning on Friday November 12th at 10.30 a.m. in the Hall of Steyne Gardens Methodist Church. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Peryer will attend and a film on Voluntary Service will be shown.

Admission - 1/6d including Coffee - Bring & Buy Stall.

M. M. R.

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE.

The Fayre will be held on Saturday 20th Nov. and will be officially opened by the Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. H. M. Peryer, J.P. at 10.30 a.m.

The Fayre will be open ALL DAY and tickets for hot lunch can be obtained from Mrs. Jenkins before the day, price 3/6d. Coffee and teas will also be served.

We are hoping this will be a day of fellowship and that you will join us, if only for a short time.

The objects of the Sale are to benefit the London Missionary Society and our own Building Fund.

News from the stallholders:-

BRAN TUB. Members of the Junior Church Staff will welcome gifts (value 6d) by the 14th Nov.

The GIFT STALL. Helpers on this stall will gladly accept any articles, new or otherwise, such as copper, brass, E.P.N.S., china, linen, perfume, handkerchiefs etc. There will be a good selection of stationery, Christmas cards, wrapping papers on sale, also some very attractive modern jewellery. The two coffee mornings brought in £36, and we hope to divide some of this money between the stalls. We look forward to your visit to the Gift Stall.

Needlework Stall. The Women's Guild Working Party have been working hard again all the year making attractive things for this stall. We shall appreciate your paying us a visit.

GO GAY WITH FLOWERS, and visit our flower stall at the Fayre when we hope to have a good selection of pot plants for Christmas presents, also cut flowers.

BUILDING FUND BOXES. Miss Smith will be calling on all friends who have a collecting box for this Fund between the 15th and 18th November. Miss Smith will be calling on you after 10 a.m.

The MEN'S STALL will be as busy as in past years with a "Market Garden". Gifts will be welcome - garden produce and plants - Flower cuttings - garden accessories - dairy produce, etc.

SWEET AND CAKE STALL - Women's Guild members will gratefully receive contributions. Mrs. Bridger needs Sweets and Mrs. Russell & Mrs. Mercer cakes.

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GROUP NOTES.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP. On November 8th we shall be busy making Christmass Decorations for our stall at the Fayre - so save your money everyone until you see what we have to offer. After all this activity, on November 22nd we look forward to a talk from Miss M. B. Flemons on her work as the County Almoner.

J. L.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL THE CONGREGATION.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a 'Family Night' on Friday evening December 10th, commencing at 7.45 p.m. For your entertainment we have secured a very interesting colour film show, consisting of four short films designed, we hope, to suit all tastes. These include a travel film set in the beautiful fjords of Norway. A magazine film showing the workings of a factory which makes 'gnomes' and 'little people' and which also includes a visit to Athens. A modern musical complete with dancing, minstrel show and ballet sequences and finally a documentary by Hovis on a competition for local bakers. This entertainment will be followed by refreshments and the opportunity for a real 'get-together' so come along and enjoy yourselves before you get too involved with all the hard work of Christmas.

J. L.

CHURCH TRANSPORT.

So far very few have responded to Mr. Hayward's request that those with cars and willing to help others to and from Church should let me know.

May I make it clear that there is no desire to disturb present arrangements but to know of any available transport for Church services, should the need arise.

Kindly let me know for which services - morning or evening - I may call upon you.

Thank you.

James Deansley.

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JUNIOR CHURCH. It was with great sorrow we learnt of the sudden and untimely death of our good friend Mrs. V. Wright and we send our sincere sympathies to her mother Mrs. Crabb and her family. In 1963 Mrs. Wright presented to the Junior Church two Scripture Examination Shields in memory of her late husband Mr. Vic. Wright and we shall now treasure these in her memory. On Sunday 26th Sept. our children and young people made their gifts to the Church at the Harvest Festival morning service, and later, a number of the boys and girls took some of the gifts to elderly folk in the district.

As in previous years we shall be running a jar and bottle stall at the Christmas Fayre, and in addition have been asked to conduct a stall from which soft drinks may be purchased. We invite the support of all friends in helping to make our effort this year a bumper one.

E. Bond.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP. We should like to thank all who came to our Coffee morning and helped to raise over £8 which will help us to stock our sweet stall at the Fayre.

Seldom has the story of Parliament been so sincerely told as when Lord Royle came to the Fellowship on Sept. 28th. Himself a member of parliament for nearly twenty years and on his retirement awarded a life peerage, Lord Royle brought to light in a fascinating manner the history, work and lighter side of the parliamentary scene with a wealth of detail and obvious feeling for the privilege of membership of the "mother of Parliaments".

On Oct. 12th our team of four, with Mrs. Wraight as a most professional Question Master, thoughtfully answered a number of questions, the audience adding their contributions from time to time. To the question "if the team were given 2 or 3 minutes on the air to plead a cause, for what cause would they plead?", I think Mrs. Evan's reply deserves further publicity - a plea for the Eye Bank. Many people leave their eyes by will to the Eye Bank which are then used to give sight to people who have become blind or to prevent

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blindness. Mrs. Evans can provide more information about this. (See Calendar for November meetings).

L. E. R.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. On Sept. 21st Mrs. E. P. Evans opened our session with a talk entitled "My Home Town" in which she described Llantrisant, a small Glamorgan-shire town. It has a place in our history, having been granted a charter by Edward II, provided archers for the battle of Crecy, supplied a Lord Mayor of London and sheltered the eccentric Doctor William Price, who cremated his own son. A castle and a church with a Burne-Jones window, and bells cast on the site are other attractions of a town of which Mrs. Evans was clearly very proud.

On Oct. 5th Lord Royle of Pendleton, who left the meat trade in 1945 for the House of Commons and was elevated to the "other House" in 1964, took us round the Palace of Westminster and outlined its history, starting with William Rufus' Banqueting Hall. The many details of procedures in the two Houses provided a most interesting afternoon.

Our meeting on October 19th was taken up with "Any Questions" under the guidance of Mr. Hayward in Mr. Bassell's absence through sickness. "U. D. I.", B. E. C. Programmes, Peerages for clergymen, the Glory of God, Church Unity, the National Anthem were among the problems for which we endeavoured, with varying degrees of success, to find solutions.

P. W. H.

WOMEN'S GUILD WORKING PARTY.

Having had the pleasure of meeting several new lay members of Church and congregation at the "Special Tea" on Saturday 23rd October, I would like to say again how very pleased we would be to welcome them at our meetings; particulars of which are given on the Sunday Order of service cards.

E. M. T., Sec.

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BOYS' BRIGADE.

Our new session began in October with 7 boys "coming up" from the Life Boys to swell our ranks. Unfortunately at the same time we lost some of our senior boys because of evening school commitments etc. but this does not deter us from carrying on with our dozen or so regular attenders. There is obviously room for many more boys and we are encouraging boys to let us have the names of friends so that we can endeavour to recruit them. If you know of any boy of a suitable age please let us have his name and address.

Almost as a bolt out of the blue another officer has appeared in our midst. Up to a week before our session started we had no officer to take our gym. class but then Mr. Graham McCarthy volunteered his help. He has a good deal of B.B. experience behind him, some of it gained in New Zealand. We are thankful to him and look forward to an efficient gym. team that we are sure he is capable of producing. Through our recent Jumble Sale we were able to send a contribution of £10 to the L.M.S., this being the first ever from the Company to the Society. Boys also make their own contributions each week to the L.M.S. work. We were also able to take clothing to a children's home at Lancing. If you have any children's clothing to dispose of we would be willing to collect and distribute same. The week 20th to 27th November marks "Boys Brigade Week" when we invite parents and friends to make contributions to our own and H.Q. funds. We are in urgent need of gym. equipment and, as we have been unable to obtain any despite enquiries, we will probably have to buy it. New equipment will cost something in the region of £50. It is also hoped to hold a summer camp next year and though boys will have to pay to go, some expense will be entailed. Thank you for your prayers and support.

D. W. S.

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A Sermon by our Minister.

matt. 14, 27.

Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid.

The stories of Jesus walking on the water and stilling the storm are amongst those about which people hold very different opinions. Some people have no difficulty in believing that Jesus could do and did such things. We believe He was the Son of God, how can we doubt that He was able to do anything He thought fit to do, indeed the fact that He did these things is part of the proof of His divinity.

Other people cannot accept these things so easily. They believe that Jesus was the son of God, but they also believe that He was a human being, and as limited as any other by His humanity. If this were not true, if the divinity of Jesus were to be found in the possession of special powers, then, they would argue, it is really no good my trying to follow Him because I do not possess these special powers and it was unfair of Him to call me to follow Him when He knows perfectly well that I cannot. For such people proof of the divinity of Jesus is not found in any marvellous thing that He did, but in His perfect love.

However we may interpret such stories, what we are bound to ask ourselves is what should they mean to us to-day and I want to suggest that we should see here a parable of the presence of God.

The first thing we must note is that when the disciples first saw Jesus walking across the water they did not recognise Him, and were afraid. From this we may remind ourselves that there are many people in the world today who think of their gods with fear. We might ask ourselves whether the thought of God would fill us with fear if we only knew Him as creator, especially in the light of modern science, but we know through His own grace, of His love, and perfect love casteth out fear. This is true, but should we not have a sense of awe at the presence of God - we believe that through worship and prayer we come into His

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presence, does that mean less to us than say, the presence of the Queen would, before whom we would feel a certain nervousness and be anxious not to do or say anything wrong and how we should talk about it afterwards! If the knowledge of the presence of God does not mean very much to us, what hope have we of making it mean anything to anybody else?

Next we must realize that the presence of God is comforting and strengthening. Some people may believe that Jesus caused the storm to be stilled and that therefore the disciples were delivered from what they feared. Others may believe that Jesus does not work like that, that what Jesus did was not to still the storm but to still the disciples' fear of it. People who believe like this will not pray that God will take their trouble away, but that in their trouble they may know God's presence and be strengthened by it, indeed the Christian will believe that with God he can ride out any storm.

But we must also remember that the presence of God is challenging. Peter, represented as saying - 'Lord if it be Thou bid me come to Thee upon the water' - is symbolic of all people who, realising the presence of God, find themselves compelled to ask what they are going to do about it. If God comes to us, His coming must be for the purpose of calling forth from our lives the finest and best, it must be to call us to venture out in faith.

What do we mean when we talk about the presence of God in our life? Do we only mean those rich moments of worship and prayer when we are conscious of His presence? Surely what we have been talking about is not only that, but living all our life in God's presence. That is all very well for people like ministers, but what about me, living my busy life in the world? To be in the presence of God does not mean that we have to be conscious of His presence all the time, but that in our finest moments of worship and prayer we should so receive the gifts of His Spirit that He is able to be with us and work through us even when we are not conscious of His doing so.

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GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Our very grateful thanks for the result of our Brigade Week - we have topped £50, a figure not previously dreamed of.

We trust those who came to our Display were not disappointed with our effort. We are repeating this on Tuesday next the 9th November for the old people of the district, after entertaining them to tea.

If any of you have any handkerchiefs to spare, we shall welcome them for our "Handkerchief Girls" at the Christmas Fayre on the 20th November. Five of our Pioneers are off for a Mediterranean Cruise on the 11th November with members of their school and we wish them a most enjoyable educational holiday, with travelling mercies!

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From the Church Secretary's Desk.

BAPTISM. October 10th - Caroline - a daughter for
Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Green.

DEATHS. Mrs. V. Wright - October 2nd.
Mrs. J. Millward - October 19th.

HANDBOOK ADDITIONS.

- 6 Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Biggs, 1, Gerald Road.
- 5 Mr. & Mrs. A. Birch, 38, Cowdray Drive.
- 3 Mrs. Brownless, 2, Durrington Gdns., The Causeway.
- 5 Mrs. Cobb, 1, Charles Court, Goring Road.
- 3 Miss E. W. Davies, 1, Durrington Gdns., The Causeway.
- 5 Mrs. King, 16, Patricia Avenue.
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. W. Osborn, 19, Durrington Gdns., do
- 4 Mr. & Mrs. E. Popplestone, 56, Bolsover Road.
- 4 Miss Roberts, 22, Strathmore Close.
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. D. Turner, 36, Ivydore Ave., Durrington.
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Turnbull, Flat 4, Marlborough House,
268, Goring Road.
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Chalk, Tossie, 12, Pigeonhouse
Lane, E. Preston.
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Ross - add Tel. No. W.45780.
- 7 Mr. Truss, to Bedford House Pte. Hotel, add 5,
Mill Road.

It has been a delight to welcome so many new friends in recent months and to see a good number of them at the Get-together Tea on October 23rd when a brief survey of the Church's Life and work was given by the minister, the Missionary Secretary, the Church Treasurer and the Church Secretary.

H. A. Winterton.

APPRECIATION. Mrs. E. Bond and Mr. H. Clark wish to thank all Church members for their prayers and kind thoughts at the time their father was so ill and also for the kind enquiries made regarding their mother since their father passed away.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1965.

- 7th SUN. Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 8th Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m.
- 9th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3 p.m.
Mrs. M. Anderson - International Cooperation.
Mayflower Club - A.G.M. - 7 p.m.
- 11th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER - 10.30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 12th Fri. United Nations Asscn. Coffee morning - 10.30
Steyne Gardens Methodist Church Hall.
- 14th SUN. Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 16th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 2.45 for 3 p.m.
Mr. F. Dearsley - "My Job".
- 20th Sat. CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 10.30 a.m. Opener The
Mayor, Councillor Mrs. H.M.Peryer, J.P.
- 21st SUN. Divine Worship - Rev. David Bowen - 11 a.m.
The minister - 6.30 p.m.
- 22nd Mon. Monday Evening Fellowship - 8 p.m.
- 23rd Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - 3 p.m. Mr. Hay-
ward speaks on "Laughter & Tears in the
Ministry".
- 25th Thurs. Deacons' meeting - 7.30 p.m.
- 26th Fri.) The Drama Group - "Miranda".
- 27th Sat.)
- 28th SUN. Divine Worship - 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
- 30th Tues. Women's Guild Working Party - 2.30 p.m.
Men's Afternoon Fellowship - 2.45 for 3 p.m.
Mr. Hayward speaks on "Facing old age".
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2nd Thurs. Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.

The NEXT ISSUE of the Chronicle will be available on the 5th December, 1965, and the Editor will be pleased to receive material by the 21st November.

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My dear Friends,

I often wonder whether some folk realise what happy and interesting times we have at Church meeting. I am not complaining about the attendance, and I know that a number of our folk cannot come out in the evening, but I also know that there are some members we seldom or never see at Church meeting. If you are a Church Member I would remind you first that it is a duty and responsibility of your membership to be present whenever possible at the Church meeting, and secondly that if you are not at a meeting you are not entitled to be critical of what that meeting may decide. When I think however, of the privilege of the Church meeting this is what always fills me with wonder and joy, for here, through our worship and thought together we are able to know the mind of God, and do His will.

I have only had one response to my appeal for

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street wardans - I can't believe that we are not interested in letting new folk know about the Churches, and giving them a welcome.

Mr. Dearsley tells me that only twelve motorists have responded to our appeal for them to register with him as Transport Officer. We know perfectly well that most motorists arrive on a Sunday with a full load and that one or two even make two trips. What concerns us is the number of people we have who are never offered a lift and who find it very difficult or impossible to get to Church. May I again appeal to motorists to register with Mr. Dearsley and to notify him as early as possible in the week when they have a seat to spare so that if possible he can give somebody else the opportunity. Are there any other motorists who would do two trips?

We acknowledge with gratitude the anonymous gift of a strip of carpet for the passage at the back of the Church to the Choir Vestry.

Our Girls' Brigade gave a wonderful display on a Saturday evening in November and a new feature this year was that the Boys' Brigade cooperated in this. I hope very much to see this cooperation increase. One thing about this evening must have been very disappointing to the officers who work so hard in the Brigades through the year, and that was the amount of support received from the Church - I find this very surprising as I believe this work is worthy of our best support.

Thank you for one or two more questions, I could still cope with a few more yet.

Now let me list all our Christmas Services.

At the evening of the Day of Prayer on December 9th the Choir will give a Carol Concert in the Hall on behalf of the Home Churches Fund.

Our Gift Service for the Old People will be on Sunday, December 19th.

On December 16th the Christian Union of the Inland Revenue will be holding a Carol Service in our Church from 1 - 1.30 p.m. and our folk are again invited.

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On 19th December we shall hold a Carol Service in the evening.

On Christmas Eve a Service of Worship at 11.30 p.m., and on Christmas Day Communion at 8 a.m. and Morning Worship at 10.30 a.m.

The Church meeting has decided that it will be wise to have only one Service on Sunday 26th December and that will be a Family Service in the morning.

On 31st December we shall hold Church meeting at 7.30 p.m., this will be followed at 9 o'clock by a social and at 11.30 p.m. with a Watch Night Service.

Now it only remains for me, on behalf of Mrs. Hayward and myself, to wish you all, and those who are dear to you, a very happy and blessed Christmas, May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

WALLIS HAYWARD.

THE FAMILY.

Mr. Bussell has had an operation and first reports are encouraging. We hope he will make progress and assure both him and Mrs. Bussell of our ceaseless prayers for them.

Miss Ford has also had an operation and is doing well.

Mrs. Razzell is in hospital for treatment which we hope will put her quite right.

Miss Dymott has been very poorly but is a little better.

Mrs. Andrew is a little better.

Mr. John O'Brien has made good progress and is now able to work part time.

Mr. Cozens-Walker has shingles and we hope will soon be better.

Mr. S. E. West is home again and we hope he will soon feel stronger.

Miss Carter is also home again after an operation and is quite well.

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Miss Huckle has had an eye operation and now has to wait for an operation on the other eye. We hope she will soon see well.

Mr. & Mrs. Brand are home again, we hope they will keep well.

Mr. Grew has had a heart attack, we hope he will soon be better.

Miss Downing is ill with high bloodpressure.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all these friends and also with Mrs. Ross whose husband has been called to higher service.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS.

Will all secretaries and others who wish to have notices and posters placed on the notice boards of the Church - either exterior or interior - kindly apply to either the Publicity Secretary - Mr. Winstanley, or the Church Secretary.

H. A. W.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

Attention is drawn to the arrangements for Christmas and New Year which are given in the calendar. In particular please note that there will be no service in the Church on the evening of 25th December. We do hope that as many as possible will attend at least one of the services on Christmas Day, and that the morning service on December 26th will be a real family occasion.

The arrangements for New Year's Eve are similar to those last year. The CHURCH MEETING will be on that day instead of the Thursday. The social which will follow is open to all members of the Church and Congregation.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. & Mrs. Hayward on behalf of the Church for all they have done for us during the past year, and of wishing them and their family every joy and blessing at Christmas and in the New Year.

CHURCH HANDBOOK.

Change of address: - Mr. & Mrs. B. C. Hoskins,
36, Alinora Ave., Goring.
Tel. W. 43586.

Telephone numbers: - Mr. & Mrs. S. Arnold - W. 4563
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford H. Powell - W. 47063.

Mr. E. A. Tapley, Wallpaper and Paint Dealer of 5, Wallace Parade, Goring Road, who is one of our advertisers, has sold his business to Mr. A. P. Pickett and Son Ltd., and page 57 of the handbook should be duly amended.

BAPTISMS: - on Sunday, November 14th.

Amanda Jane, daughter of Charles & Wendy Dore.
Joyce Rose Elsie, daughter of Edmund & Margaret Hambling.
Janet Elizabeth, daughter of Richard & Evelyn Richards.

NEW MEMBERS: -

Accepted 30th Sept., received 3rd Oct. - Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Latimer.
Accepted 4th Nov., received 7th Nov. - Mr. & Mrs. W. Osborn.

Collections for October, 1965.

	<u>Envelopes.</u>	<u>Loose Cash:</u>
3rd October ...	£41. 1. -	£23. 16. 4.
10th " ...	31. 11. 6.	20. 4. -
17th " ...	39. 13. -	20. 13. -
24th " ...	31. 9. 6.	20. 18. 7.
31st " ...	30. 14. 6.	15. 5. 7.
	<u>£174. 9. 6.</u>	<u>£100. 18. 5.</u>

Total for the month - £275. 7. 11.

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As a result of the collection at the Communion Service on the 7th November and some additional donations the sum of £13.10.-. has been sent to the Treasurer of the Schools for Missionaries' Children and has been gratefully acknowledged.

The Church has also received two generous gifts, one of £100 for the Building Fund in reduction of the debt on the Church and one for £50 for Church Funds; for these and numerous smaller donations we are deeply grateful.

Building Fund Boxes.

The Building Fund boxes were first brought into use at the end of 1957 and have since been distributed and collected by Miss W. Smith. Including the sum of £47. 18. 5. raised this year the total amount raised through this medium has been just over £400, a wonderful result, for which we are deeply grateful to Miss Smith and the folk who have contributed through the boxes. The time has now arrived when further contributions to the Building Fund through the boxes is not sought.

At the Church meeting authority was given for a new fund, 'The New Development Fund'. This fund is being set up to provide monies to meet the cost of bringing the Church Premises into line with the requirements of the work and witness of the Church. It is proposed therefore to reissue the boxes for the benefit of the new fund and it is hoped that every family will take a box and keep it in a conspicuous place - near the telephone for instance - so that small change and gifts from friends for use of the telephone may be put in it. It is the pennies and threepenny pieces which over the years make the pounds.

Miss W. Smith is willing to continue to arrange the scheme and will be happy to let anyone interested have a box, which will be collected each November.

Thank you.

R. O. P.

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 1965.

Although it was a day of atrocious weather, rain falling most of the day, it did not prevent it being a successful one.

The opening was performed by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. H. M. Peryer J.P., who was accompanied by her husband. A Guard of Honour of the Boys' and Girls' Brigades was in attendance.

The Girls' Brigade opened the proceedings with an appropriate rendering of words to "Jingle Bells".

In introducing the Mayor Mr. Hayward referred to her as not only the first Lady of the Town but also a practising Christian and a fellow Congregationalist, which made her more at home with us on the day. Hilary Wrightson charmingly presented the bouquet. The Mayor visited all the stalls and showed great interest.

Refreshments were served by the ladies during the day. A new departure was the serving of hot lunches, for which we were indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Stratton and their band of helpers. On such a day this was more than appreciated. About 70 lunches were provided. I am sure the girl members of the Brigade who laid the tables and then served the meal deserve another badge for their arms.

Thanks to all the stallholders and those who have worked throughout the year.

The day of happy fellowship and the financial outcome (as shown separately) more than proved the true value of united service and giving.

J. M. J.

The Officers and Deacons of the Church wish to express their thanks to the organisers of the Christmas Fayre and the stallholders and their helpers from the various departments of our Church life who worked so hard, many all through the year, to bring about such a successful result. Their thanks also go to the many members and friends who turned up so nobly in spite of the weather, without whose support we could not have enjoyed such a day of happy fellowship.

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PROCEEDS OF CHRISTMAS FAYRE.20TH NOVEMBER, 1965.

	£	s	d
Junior Church (Bottle Stall).	20.	15.	2.
Cakes	24.	6.	3.
Cake Competition	6.	15.	-.
Chocolate Box Competition	5.	5.	3.
Christmas Decorations (M.E.F.)	10.	2.	6.
Morning Coffee	5.	5.	4.
Flower Stall	50.	19.	9.
Gift Stall	60.	7.	6.
Girls' Life Brigade	16.	3.	6.
Knitting Stall	74.	9.	-.
Lunches	5.	1.	3.
Men's Stall	33.	3.	10.
Needlework Stall	139.	16.	9.
Snowball	4.	15.	6.
Soft Drinks		11.	9.
Stationery	30.	2.	-.
Sweets	20.	9.	9.
Teas	9.	11.	-.
Donations	4.	2.	-.
	<u>£522.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>1.</u>
less expenses	10.	1.	-.
	<u>£512.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>1.</u>

GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE 12TH ANNUAL DISPLAY.

The G.L.B. held their Annual Display on Saturday Nov. 6th, attended by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Peryer, the chaplain, Rev. Wallis Hayward, and many friends.

After the reception of the colours, the Mayor inspected the four lines of girls standing smartly to attention and then came the presentation of awards by Mrs. S. E. West. The girls must have worked very hard and enthusiastically to have earned such a large number of badges and medals for nursing, handicrafts, home management, swimming etc. etc.

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Mrs. Stratton welcomed the visitors and gave a most interesting resume of the years' work and of the things they were hoping to do next year and it was obvious that, under her leadership, the G.L.B. will go from strength to strength.

After that came the lighter side of the programme - sketches and dancing by the girls and a P.T. display by the Boys' Brigade which was a most happy innovation.

The chaplain then closed this happy and successful evening with the benediction.

THE MAYFLOWER CLUB.

Friends of the club may be interested to know that it has just held its second Annual General Meeting.

During the latter part of the year the founder-secretary had to resign because of ill-health but our own Miss E. Gilby has taken over the secretaryship so we know it is in good hands. Our Goring team has met to serve the club every six weeks and has shared many happy afternoons with the members.

We do thank members of the Church who have so willingly helped in supplying cakes and those who gave of their time in entertaining these lonely friends. It is all very much appreciated.

G. P.

The Bible says:-

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

Galations 6, verses 7 - 8.

P. S. W.

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GROUP NOTES.

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP. Tuesday 26th October was a special day in the calendar of the Women's Guild Fellowship, and for all who came to the 11th Anniversary Service, a very happy one. We were very sorry that Mrs. Hayward was unwell and unable to be with us.

Mrs. Derek Richmond, who gave the address, is a lively attractive speaker and won her audience from the start. She based her talk on the story of Jesus turning the water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. Jesus helped the family out of a difficulty and just as he changed the dull unappetising water into wine, so when he comes into our lives, he changes our outlook and makes our lives more colourful and meaningful. The Church, Mrs. Richmond emphasized, helps considerably in this, for it brings us together and also sends us out into the world. In Church we learn Christian caring love, for we have opportunities for friendship and service. We were enjoined not only to enjoy the company of friends but also to get to know people to whom we were not perhaps particularly attracted at first. People varied considerably, we were reminded, in tastes, inclinations, ideas, ability, in manner and so on, and we must try as Christ did, to tolerate and like each type. If our meetings gave us the desire to do what we can for anybody there they have succeeded in their aim. Mrs. Evans, who conducted the service, Miss Knight's beautiful singing, the reader, the organist and the choir, all helped the speaker to make it a service of thanksgiving and rededication.

On Nov. 9th Mrs. Anderson gave an interesting talk on the work of U.N.A. in International Co-operation Year dealing particularly with U.N.I.C.E.F. Although they have already benefitted 100 million children in 112 countries, 600 million are still needing help. What a colossal work! U.N.E.S.C.O. is doing a great job helping to teach the illiterate of whom there are 750 million adults. In Uganda they teach the children who learn more easily and they in turn teach the adults.

On Dec. 7th we hope to travel in Germany by the easy way of an illustrated talk by Mr. A. H. Reynolds.

On Dec. 14th is our joint Christmas Tea with the

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Women's Guild Working Party and the Men's Fellowship when the Highdown Singers will be entertaining us and leading in carols.

A Happy Christmas to you all.

MEN'S AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP. See Calendar for the month for the final meeting of the present session on Dec. 14th - United Carol Service with the Women's Guild Working Party and the Women's Guild Fellowship.

On November 2nd Mrs. R. A. Black described with colour transparencies, a recent trip to the Far East. A short stay in Japan provided a contrast between modern traffic problems and the ceremonial customs of old Japan. In Hongkong we saw the work of the mission schools, the Nethersole Hospital and the Hongkong Council of Social Service. The glum conditions of the shacks and the dwellers in boats, aggravated by the restriction of water supplies at times to 2 to 4 hours only per day are gradually giving way to modern blocks of flats.

On November 16th Mr. F. Dearsley, on the subject of "My Job" took us behind the scenes in the docks, showing the working conditions of the dockers in pre-1914 war days, for white-collar workers and others. He described the developments and improvements in conditions which have taken place since those days, but time was insufficient for him to cover the full period to date and we look forward to hearing more from him in a later session.

P. W. H.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP - FAMILY NIGHT, 10th Dec. 7.45 pm.
EVERYONE WELCOME.

We have secured for your entertainment an attractive colour film show to suit all tastes and ages so come along with your friends and family for an evening of fellowship

On Dec. 20th we shall be busy packing parcels to bring a little cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves. With the festive season almost upon us we send greetings to all the congregation for a very happy and blessed Christmas.

J. L.

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WEEKLY FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

To present contributors. I should be grateful if, as far as is possible, contributions for 1965 may be in by the last Sunday of the year, 26th Dec. In view of the fact that only one service is being held on that day, and that many members may be away for the Christmas Holiday, may I ask contributors to put their envelopes for that Sunday, if not inconvenient to them, in the collection plate on the 19th Dec. Thank you in anticipation.

Once again I plead with old members and adherents of the Church, and new ones, to enrol in the above scheme of making your financial contributions to the Church. As most of you know there are new developments being worked out concerning the extension and alteration to our Church premises, and it is therefore, even more important than ever that in the coming year our Treasurer should be able to rely on the income of the Church, and by joining the Envelope System you enable him to do just this. Obviously loose cash in the plate each Sunday must be an unknown quantity, but the amounts placed in the envelopes are "promised". You are not being asked to give more than you do at present, but only to give it in a different manner, namely in an envelope instead of loose in the collection plate. I shall be happy to provide those who will be good enough to join the scheme with a set of envelopes, one for each Sunday in the year, after you have signed a "promise" form on which no amount is mentioned. So I do ask you please, to enrol with the envelope system as soon as possible so that you may commence in the New Year and so help our Treasurer to estimate more certainly the income for the Church for next year.

I hope to be at public worship each Sunday, and will endeavour to be in the vestibule after the services to provide any would be contributor with a "promise" form. If you would care to write to me at:-

4, Little Drive, Ferring, Worthing, (Tel. W.44405)

I shall be delighted to hear from you. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

N. Gregory, Weekly Freewill Offering Envelope Treasurer.

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CHRISTIAN AID. Once again many thanks to all who have contributed this month to the above cause. The total for November was £25.9.0.

Marjorie Hayward.

The BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Rev. Harold Casebow, O.B.E., B.D.,
of the Congo.

Wednesday, 8th December.

Chairman: Rev. Ernest Griffin.

Steyne Gardens Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

APPRECIATION.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley West would like to express their thanks to the many members and friends who have been so kind during the period of Mr. West's illness.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS.

Flower Rota for December.

Dec. 5th - Mr. & Mrs. C. Stephens.
" 12th - Mr. & Mrs. W. Williams.
" 19th - Miss D. Ward.
" 26th - -----

E. Bond, Secretary.

LOST AND FOUND. Will the lady who took a bright blue nylon mackintosh of large size from the ladies' cloak room at the Christmas Fayre in mistake for her own short one of similar colour, kindly return it to the cloak room where she will find her own.

A Sermon by our Minister - by request.

MARTHA AND MARY.

The first question I have received reads as follows:- "I would like more enlightenment on Christ's treatment of Martha. In my experience the result seems to be that the Marys of this world take advant-

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age of the marthas by shirking their responsibilities, feeling that they have chosen the better part". First I would say that I admire the honesty of the questioner; like many of us, whilst she feels that she ought to admire Mary her sympathies are really with Martha.

There are really two questions here. First, are there people who make the thoughtful or devotional life an excuse for not being helpful to others and the second, is Mary an illustration of this.

We must bear in mind that people do vary very greatly one from another. There are people for whom the thoughtful, meditative way of life is pure happiness, they will get done the minimum that must be done as quickly as possible in order to spend their time as they most enjoy.

This way of life has its dangers. It is very easy for most thoughtful people to feel superior to the more practical, easy for them to shirk some of their responsibilities. How selfish a book can make some people. Prayer is one of the highest and holiest occupations in which we can engage, but there is no righteousness in praying if in fact we ought to be giving a hand with the washing up. No virtue in being in Church for worship if we really ought to be giving a hand next door because there is sickness or trouble there.

There is a useful distinction today between religion and Christianity. Religion is doing religious things without sincerity, Christianity is trying to live in the spirit of Jesus. The priest and Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan probably had religious reasons for not helping the wounded traveller.

On the other hand there are people who regard themselves as really practical people - they are most useful at home or at the Church and seem able to turn their hands to almost anything. These people too may have a sense of superiority over the more thoughtful, whom they think of as mere dreamers. Another danger for the practical people is that they think that doing things in the service of God is all that matters, they are so busy that they neglect the devotional side of life and

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become shallow and petty. I have known people who have been so busy in the Church that they have neglected their responsibilities at home. That is another way of being religious without being Christian.

You cannot live the Christian life without prayer and worship. If you sincerely pray and worship you will be compelled to give the impression in practical service.

The second part of the question concerns Martha and Mary.

We have all heard the usual interpretation which is put on this story. Martha was anxious to do honour to Jesus by the hospitality which they gave Him. Mary took the attitude that the then equivalent of bread and cheese or fish and chips would do if it allowed more time for talking with Jesus.

I cannot believe that Jesus was so naive in His judgment of these two women as this interpretation would appear to suggest, nor that He would have so rejected what Martha wanted to offer as the token of her love.

Looking at the story from the point of view of Jesus I do not think He would have rejected Martha's offering, nor have commended Mary if in fact she ought to have done more to help her sister.

To have a truly busy life is really to live, but may God save us all from busy-ness.

I think the truth of the story of Martha and Mary was that Mary, who was as anxious as Martha to do all possible to honour Jesus, had done all that was necessary and had time to sit to talk with Jesus. Martha was so fussed about everything that she became anxious and therefore petty and irritable.

Fussiness is the beginning of anxiety. All anxiety is wrong for the Christian and the answer to all fussiness and anxiety is a balanced life. First the devotional life and then the sort of activity that flows from it in whatever way we must be active.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1965.

- 5th SUN. Divine Worship - 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- 7th Tues. Women's Guild Fellowship - "German Journey",
illustrated - by Mr. Reynolds.
- 8th Wed. Teachers' Meeting.
- 9th Thurs. DAY OF PRAYER - 10.30 a.m. with Holy
Communion. 7.30 p.m. Carol Concert.
- 10th Fri. Monday Evening Fellowship - Family Night.
- 12th SUN. MORNING PARADE SERVICE 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6.30 p.m.
- 14th Tues. United afternoon meeting - Highdown Singers.
(men's Afternoon, Women's Guild and Women's
Guild Working Party Fellowships.)
- 16th Thurs. Inland Revenue Carol Service 1 - 1.30 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 19th SUN. GIFT SERVICE - 11 a.m.
CAROL SERVICE - 6.30 p.m.
- 24th Fri. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 11.30 p.m.
- 25th Sat. CHRISTMAS DAY - Communion 8 a.m.
morning Worship - 10.30 a.m.
- 26th SUN. FAMILY SERVICE 11 a.m. - No evening service.
- 31st Fri. Monthly Church Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Church Social 9 p.m.
Watchnight Service 11.30 p.m.
- Jan.
2nd SUN. NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY - Church Covenant.

The NEW YEAR'S ISSUE of the "Chronicle" will be available on Sunday 2nd January. All material for this issue to the Editor by the 19th Dec. please.