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A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry



**' Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men. '**

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion Service |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,
- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young People's Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship
- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on
third Sunday in month. |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Wednesday Evenings |
| Monday Club | Monday Evenings |
| Tuesday Club | Tuesday Evenings |
| Serendipity | Monthly. Monday evening |
| Women's Guild | Alternate Tuesday afternoons |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings |
| Prayer & Praise | Alternate Thursday afternoons |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club | Friday afternoons |
| Little Fishes Play Group | Every weekday |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups | Various times and days |

Dear Friends,

Another New Year awaits, a fresh time to move forward into new challenges and new opportunities. We like to picture the New Year as a field of freshly fallen snow that has no footprints on it waiting for us to make the first steps to the other side of the field. There is freshness in such a picture that reminds us of how we feel at the beginning of each new phase in life. The picture of the snow covered field is, of course, supposed to make us think of it being untouched as yet, but it has another good image within it for this time of year, the image of what lies beneath the snow.

The snow covered field will change as the year moves forward perhaps offering the colour of spring bulbs sleeping now beneath the snow, then the lush green grass of summer with lots of activity and movement within the field. Changing to autumn and the berries on the hedgerow before winter comes again and the beauty of the fresh snow returns. On the other hand, the snow may also hide all sorts of pitfalls that wait, the unevenness of the land, the briars and weeds that will choke any good growth in the months ahead, or the broken bottles and litter which may adorn the hedgerow. Such things may also lie ahead of us as we see the field covered with fresh snow.

What then does 1999 hold for us? Fortunately, we do not really know. Yet, what we do know, as the people of God, is that this year will be another phase in the pilgrimage of life. We know that 1999 will be another year of growing in faith and as we move into this New Year we can look forward but we also look back. We did not arrive at this new field without having crossed others and what we have learnt before we will use to help us make our way forward. We know what has gone before and we know of the power of Jesus and the knowledge of his guiding our footsteps. We have not only discovered that he is present when things are going well but we also know of his help when things are not smooth. We need to be honest and realistic about our mistakes so that we try not to repeat them and we need to look positively at our successes to see what enabled them to come about. What is true for us as individuals must also be true for our church. Surely, the biggest lesson we have learnt is that prayer has become a good foundation on which to place our



footsteps. The church that prays and is willing to share with one another in prayer and allow others to share in joys and sorrows becomes a church that is open to the power of God moving among its people. With this lesson of prayer will come a growth in faith as we commit ourselves again to Jesus as King of all we do.

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*A
Child Is
Born*

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Janet Hannant change of address to:-
11 Warnham Road
Goring by Sea
BN12 4JW
Telephone: 242622 no change

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Sandra Hipkin (formally Cameron) of 26
South Farm Road was received into full
church membership on Sunday 6th
December 98.

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Mrs Elsie Morgan has died and went to
be with her Lord on 20th Nov. 98



Congratulations to three sets of Grandparents :

Roy & Sheila Gooderham

A Grandson - Jonathan David

Jane & Eric Bond

A Grandson - John Samuel

John & Peggy Mott

A Granddaughter - Alexia Marie Joy

Michael & Audrey Ebeling

A Grandson - Joshua Stefan

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Through prayer and faith we can all
move forward into this New Year
building on what we have learnt so that
we may move confidently as the people
of Christ. As we continue to move in a
new phase of our church's life as part of
the Worthing team, which means this
letter can be read in St Columba's and
Goring let us place our steps in those of
Christ and be guided by the Holy Spirit.
There is a danger with the approach of
the Millennium that 1999 will be a year
only of preparation but God calls us to
work for today as well as look forward
to tomorrow. So, as we move into a New
Year let us use each step in 1999 as a
witness to the power of God in our lives
each day of this year.

Please continue to pray for us during
these coming months,

*Your servants in Christ,
Peter and Eileen Heckels.*



Thanks

I would like to thank all those who kindly sent me such lovely
flowers, gifts, letters and cards while I was in hospital and then
at the rest home, and for the many visits I received on my return
home.

I have truly felt uplifted by your love and concerns and by your
prayers offered on my behalf.

Please continue to pray for me. God bless you all !

Muriel Evans



Denise Elliott with children at the Hallelujah Party. October '98



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December 1998

To: All Churches in Southern Province

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all those churches who continue to send me their church magazine or newsletter each month. I value this as a helpful way of keeping in touch with your events and of sharing your sorrows and joys.

One such magazine has a page each month which provides information about an elder or member of the congregation by asking a series of questions addressed to that person. From the answers given, the challenge is then to guess that person's identity. One of the questions is: "Which season of the Christian year do you like most?" Although I feel that I perhaps ought to concur when the answer given is "Easter" or "Pentecost", I have to admit that I relate much more readily to the response, "Christmas". Reflecting on this, I can only conclude that it is the combined sense of mystery and excitement, of God daring to come as Light into our darkness, which leads me to this response. I bow before the great mystery of the divine Life put into human hands, and I share the excitement of the shepherds hurrying to Bethlehem. That God could do such a wondrous thing leaves me both humbly thankful and tingling with excitement.

Sadly, the world into which Christ comes continues to misunderstand God's loving purpose. An American anthropologist has described a visit he made to Japan shortly before Christmas, where he witnessed all sorts of seasonal displays and decorations. In one shop window was a large Santa Claus nailed to a cross. It was not intended as an act of blasphemy or contempt. It simply indicated the confusion which can surround the Christmas Story. Our calling is not one of seeking so to unpack the Christmas Story that we destroy its mystery, but rather of living out in word and action the wholeness of that Story which enables us, as we respond to it in faith, to become whole people. Crib, cross and crown belong together as they speak to us of the God who loves us and the world so much that nothing is too, costly in terms of self-giving.

May your excitement this Christmas arise from your experience of the mystery of the Christ who comes among us with such transforming love that life can never be the same again - for us and for the world.

I began by referring to church magazines. During my sabbatical leave in December, January and February may I suggest that you do not send them to me. I shall look forward to hearing from you again in March.

Mary joins me in sending love and greetings to you all this Christmas and in the coming year.

Yours in the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ,


DAVID L HELYAR

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Worthing Area Ministry Team

21st November 1998

The process continues of establishing the groundwork of a successful team. There is no positive response

as yet to our need for another full-time stipendiary minister, however we are actively involved in our own training and participation. Preaching plans are prepared, financial matters discussed, and ways in which our resources may be shared, especially with reference to youth and children's work. There is great potential, and we wait for the Lord's guidance in our common pilgrimage and response to the challenges.

"Lord our God, may your blessings be with us.

Give us success in all we do!"

Psalm 90 v17

Jane Bond

SUSSEX WEST
DISTRICT MEETING
3rd December 1998

The meeting was opened with devotions led by the President Rev Charles Martin.

Personalia: the meeting acknowledged the death of Rev. Douglas Smith, and also of Doris Willmer. We are asked to pray for all those who work within the District; elders, ministers, and their families.

Report from the Executive Council

Following the Vision Workshop in June and in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 29 we were asked to consider our responsibilities with

regard to lay leadership at all levels. District wishes to continuously evaluate all its resources in the light of limited numbers of Stipendiary Ministers; also its responsibilities with regard to a large inheritance of buildings, so that they be deployed effectively, with, wherever possible, ecumenical partners as well as other URCs in the District. At the end of business, the meeting divided into small groups to discuss several questions on these points. (Copies of the Resolution and associated notes available from Hilary).

Report from Pastoral Care Committee.

From the Churches:-

Littlehampton: Rev Malcolm Groom (Methodist) leaves in August 2000. Sussex West agreed to the resolution to call a URC minister in his place.

Brighthelm: Seeks to develop a Church Related Community Worker (CRCW). District gave its support.

Report on Evangelism in the District.

Goring: Putting Neighbourhood visits on hold for winter and concentrating on a pantomime.

Littlehampton United: Running fourth Alpha course, planning children's plays and carol singing in the community over Christmas.

Homelink - Churches Together supporting the homeless

Internet - 1,700 'visit's on this link, children's pen-pal link, the sending of peace candles

Charities - raised £5,000

Women's Own - Devotional meetings, project 'Hope & Homes', Parcel to Romania.

Sunday Club - 'It's A Boy' musical drama at old folks home.

Ecumenical matters.

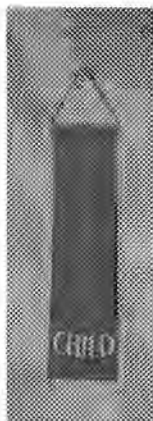
Rev Janet Sowerbutts is the new Provincial Ecumenical Officer, and will be visiting the three LEP Churches: Chichester, Littlehampton, and Durrington. (She will be at our Worthing Area Team Service in April).

Churches efforts need to be concentrated on the Millennium projects masterminded centrally by "NEW START" (Our own Millennium committee have received a copy of the 'New Start' pamphlet). The hope is that no church will be open on June 11th 2000 - Pentecost, because everyone will be attending united acts of worship in the open air - everywhere.

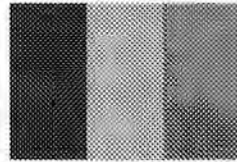
District Youth and Children's work.

Howard Nurden, YCWT, will be leading a District Training Day for all those working with Young People and Children on 17th April 1999. It is hoped that another weekend/day event will be arranged for young people and children at Coldwaltham June 18-20 1999.

Hilary Redman



LINK ROMANIA



Every year towards the end of November, a number of people gather in a Littlehampton Warehouse to do a worthwhile job for the people in Romania.

Churches, schools, and clubs from all over the country pack shoe boxes with toiletries, tins of food, coffee, toys and other non perishable items and then wrap them in attractive Christmas paper.

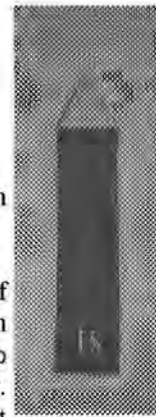


*Paul Redman packing one of the large cardboard boxes.
Note the pile of wrapped shoe boxes in the background !*

Large 7½ ton trucks are sent out from Littlehampton to places as far away as Scotland and Northern Ireland to collect the packed shoe boxes and to bring them back to the warehouse for packing into large cardboard boxes suitable for their long journey to Romania.

These gifts which may seem so ordinary to us in England are very difficult to come by in Romania and therefore are luxury items and much appreciated by the Romanian families.

27000 shoe boxes were sent across the sea last year and it is thought that something in region of 53000 will be distributed this year.



Graham Redman

Christians Together in Goring



As 1998 draws to a close the CTG group has been considering possible events and initiatives for the year to come and in the year 2000.

Following an address on the 'Open Book' project, we discussed possible ways in which we could 'bring the Book to the people and the people to the Book'. It was felt that as this will be a long-term project much planning and co-operation

between the Goring churches will be necessary, so more on this later.

It is hoped to run Ecumenical Study Groups in Lent next year based on a course designed to follow the one used in Lent in 1998, 'Hope in a Time of Change'. Details should be available in January.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be 18-25 January and English Martyrs RC Goring will be the host church. There will be times of prayer from Monday to Friday between 12.30 and 1.00 p.m., and churches will take it in turns to lead. The CTG bimonthly service will take place at English Martyrs Goring on Sunday, 24 January,

commencing at 6.00 p.m.

It has been agreed to conduct a campaign to encourage Christians in the Goring area to put Fish Stickers in their house windows and in their cars. In this way Christians living in an area would know where other Christians lived as well as giving encouragement to them. Leaflets explaining the scheme and two Fish Stickers per household will be given out during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Eric Bond.



Basis

A monthly news letter is to be produced under the new editorship of Ian Ring of The Rock Church Centre in Liverpool. (He has taken the place of Ian Stewart).

As a Church we have joined Basis and news letters will be available to borrow from the church hall notice board (Please return, when you have finished reading it). The November issue includes:

a) Report of City Temple Meeting 3rd October 1998

b) Report from October's Committee Meeting

c) Membership statistics by Province.

The December issue includes an overview - written by Ian Ring - of a document produced by PCUSA, The Presbyterian Coalition (USA). This document was produced by the coalition as a strategy for transforming the Presbyterian Church (USA). Ian Ring hopes the URC may follow their lead.

Separately we receive a prayer sheet from Rev Charles Martin who is The Southern Province Prayer Secretary for Basis. His prayer sheet

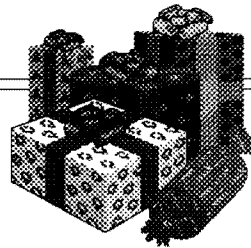
will be available, as it is issued, in the Little Chapel.

Basis Day Conference "The Future Shape of the Church" will be held at the City Temple on Saturday 13th Feb 1999, from 11.00 - 3.00

Basis Prayer Day is always on 10th of each month. Please continue to pray for Officers & Committee, their meetings, and the Renewal of the URC along Biblical lines.

It is still possible for individuals to join Basis. Details are to be found in the news letter.

Hilary Redman



Ecumenical Lent Groups

As midnight approaches on Friday 31st December 1999 people throughout the United Kingdom will be invited to reflect on the past, contemplate the present, and make a resolution for the future.

The Churches in our land have put words to our Christian resolution to build a better world for the new Millennium:

*Let there be
respect for the earth
Peace for its people
love in our lives
delight in the good
forgiveness for past wrongs
and from now on, a new start*

This is a Millennium Resolution that we hope can be shared by all people in our country. As Christians, we can offer a particular insight: we recognise that the Resolution picks up themes from scripture and can be rooted in Christian teaching.

The Ecumenical Lent Course, *Catching the Dream*, enables us to root the Resolution in our faith. It explores five aspects of the Resolution

and sees how they form our commitment to the Kingdom of God.

Catching the Dream

New Start for the Millennium

Catching the Dream has been produced by an ecumenical committee. It is a course to be used in the five weeks before Easter.

If you would like to join one of our Ecumenical Lent Groups, you should wait until *Sign-up Sunday*, which is 31st January. On that day details of the groups will be published in your church. You can then book yourself into a group. The groups meet weekly for five weeks. They begin at some time during the week of 21st February.

Catch the dream! Join one of our Ecumenical Lent Groups.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF THE GROUPS PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME ON THE LIST IN THE VESTIBULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE SPEAK TO PETER HECKELS OR ERIC BOND.



Outreach & Evangelism

The committee would like to thank Graham Redman and Eric Bond for providing the extra 270 copies of *The CHRONICLE* which was distributed to all the houses we visited. We would also like to thank those of you who

collated, stapled and delivered the magazines in quite a short space of time.

At this time we do not know whether any seeds have been sown, but we believe that this part of our "Neighbourhood Outreach" is God's will for us. We shall continue to prayer walk the roads and visit Trent Road and Shaftesbury Avenue after Easter 1999.

Sheila Gooderham - Chairman

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WESSEX PROVINCE

INVITES YOU TO A

NATIONAL ENQUIRERS' CONFERENCE

on

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th 1999

10.30am - 4.30p.m.

at

SARUM COLLEGE, SALISBURY

Participants can come just for the Saturday, or make a weekend of it in the beautiful surroundings of Salisbury Cathedral, by coming Friday evening and leaving Sunday after lunch. No charge will be made, and people are able to bring with them spouse, fiancée) or a friend.

Please make this widely known in your congregation and encourage people to come who could be interested in serving the church as a

Church-Related Community Worker

Lay Preacher

Non-Stipendiary Minister

Overseas Worker

Stipendiary Minister

Application forms and further information from

The Revd. Stephen M. Thornton Tel: 01703 260 625

Please book the date now and ring for the details. Do get in touch.



The Bible Society
Report on the Annual General Meeting
Worthing Action Group
30th October 1998

It turned out to be a beautiful day and many people attended the Annual General meeting at St. Paul's Church Hall, Worthing. There was a variety of stalls and all profits were for the benefit of The Bible Society. The worship session that followed was led by the Action Group Chairperson, Canon Murial Pargeter.

The Treasurer's report showed that the total of all donations collected from the Worthing area in 1997 amounted to £20,140 (£1,750 less than 1996). Up to October, 1998 remittances sent to The Bible Society through our Action Group totalled £2,956 which is £800 more

than up to the same period last year.

We rank in the top five groups in England for our giving and Canon Pargeter thanked everyone for their hard work although much remains to be done. Thanks were also expressed on behalf of The Bible Society for all the support received.

A short drama was then presented highlighting the difficulties of Christians living in Arab countries and those seeking to know about the Christian faith,

The main speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Donna Smith of Arab World Ministries. Her talk, based on the parable of the sower and the seed, was entitled 'Hidden Treasure'. Having spent some 20 years in North Africa she spoke with some authority and challenged

us about bibles which so often are hidden and not used. She spoke of Christian Correspondence Courses used in certain Arab countries but emphasised that care is always needed in promoting the gospel as the post is sometimes confiscated and families are often hostile if a

member shows an interest in Christianity. In certain circumstances Christian videos can even be sent to an Arab country. The Bible Society prepares and distributes tracts, sometimes small enough to look like the pages of a letter!

In Egypt, there has been an overwhelming response to Christian advertising. Book Fairs are used to promote the Gospel to great effect. As Arabs pass through the major ports of North Africa they can pick up portions of scripture in their own language or in French. The Bible Society in Lebanon and Jordan are now sending parts of Scripture discreetly to Iraq. We praise God that there are new opportunities and encouragements as we see the spread of His word.

We then enjoyed tea and fellowship together and had much to think and pray about as the meeting drew to a close. The amount raised at this meeting for The Bible Society amounted to about £350.

Margaret Butcher

Coffee Morning Church Hall

Saturday 16th January
10.30am

Including a Bring and Buy Stall

Proceeds in aid of World Mission
Committee and in support of the work of
Christian Aid.

Please bring articles for sale to the Church
Hall on the day - Thank you.

Further information may be obtained from
Ian Hennell on Worthing 240560



Feba Mailing

Feba Mailing will take place at our offices in Ivy Arch Road in February. Help is needed to collate the information and put into envelopes. We love to see new faces and would value as many folk as possible to come along and help us.

The dates are, Tuesday 2nd February and Wednesday 3rd February between 9am and 5pm.

Phyllis Wheeler

October 1998

In Fellowship with the Ukraine Reformed Church

Reverend Brian Wroe
 104 Hormare Crescent
 Storrington
 West Sussex
 RH20 4QR

Dear Friends.

You may remember many of you that I wrote just 2 years ago on behalf of the Reformed Church in Ukraine at Nagysolos where the Rev'd Bela Czirik is the Senior Minister of the Congregation.

My letter referred to an appeal to raise funds to build a Conference Centre and Manse. The response to this has been most encouraging, both Churches and individuals contributed most generously, more than £3000.00 has been forwarded to the Congregation at Nagysolos.

The project is not altogether complete though the Conference Centre which is referred to by members as 'The Prayer House' is being partially used for children's classes. The work is proceeding satisfactorily and hopefully everything will be completed early next year.

We rejoice and give thanks to God for your support of the work of the Church at Nagysolos, Ukraine which has little funds of their own to reach forward with the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Whilst visiting Ukraine and preaching in a number of their Churches, and more recently through corresponding with Church Leaders and Ministers, other needs have become apparent and I share just 2 of these with you.

The Reformed Church High School at Nagyberég, Ukraine, the first Christian School founded in 1993 (after the collapse of the Soviet Union) with 1 teacher and 15 pupils now has 75 pupils with 7 or 8 teachers including Mrs Janet Davidson, an elder at Petworth United Reformed Church. There are obviously numerous expenses in maintaining such a school where the pupils are all boarders living in during term time plus all the necessary purchase of text books and stationary items.


They are asking for funds in particular to purchase equipment for science and teaching supplies which cost in the region of £450.00. The pupils too require multivitamin tablets as fresh fruit and vegetable cannot be obtained in the winter months.

One particular aspect of Church life in Ukraine which so greatly impressed me was its work among the Gypsy community, which numbers approximately 20,000. These are poor people and in the main they have little or no education but they do have an awareness of God and want to learn of Him and worship Jesus. One group with the help of the Reformed Church have recently built a small Church in their village. 200 adults plus many young children crammed into a Church suitable to accommodate half that number but they sang with great gusto and listened so attentively to the message, I was conscious that they truly worshipped as they sang Praises to God.

A young Minister, Reverend Sandor Kovacs, living with his family at Szernye has a particular calling to serve the Lord through the Gypsy community, he writes "I have visited many Gypsy camps where they would be overjoyed if someone would teach them God's Word, teach them to pray and teach them songs giving Praise to God".

Thank you again for your support of the Church at Nagysolos, through your giving and your Prayers. For the school at Nagyberég and the Gypsy community in Szernye your prayers and your support are asked again.

We give, thanks together for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ with Christian greetings.

 Brian Wroe

RUTH'S CHAT

(from ENGLAND)

No. 18

December 1998

Reverse culture shock?

£2 coins and shrunken 50ps, mobile phone conversations in the street, double RED lines¹, more sleeping policemen², varnish to take away the pain of sensitive teeth, reward cards³, Sunday shopping, and – could those really be Christmas lights in October?? No! The High Street is decorated for Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. Such is the London to which I returned at the beginning of October.



Some things are still the same though - warming my hands around a mug of tea, trying to park in a narrow space, the Archers⁴, autumn leaves turning to red, yellow and gold. It's good to be home!



Motoring along...

Thanks to Ichthus Motor Mission, I've been covering the miles in *Colette* (a red Nissan Micra), in order to check out family and friends, make *goovey* noises at new (to me) babies, have a go at mixing up identical twins, and talk in churches about the last two years in Africa.

A memorable weekend was spent discovering Merseyside⁵ and *Wallace &*

¹ New road markings for traffic.

² "Humps" in the road to make cars reduce speed

³ Supermarket gimmicks to get your custom

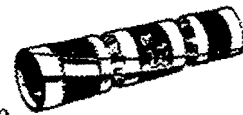
⁴ Long-running radio programme

⁵ Area of NW England

*Gromit*⁶, then helping my brother in Birmingham collect shoeboxes⁷ for Romania. Another Saturday saw me on a boat trip on the River Thames, showing a friend London in the pouring rain! I also had a candle-making session, acquired a new computer, and attended a lecture (in Oxford) with the amazing title "Soul and Science: Thomistic Biology as an Antidote to Reductionism"⁸!

Coming up: Carol concerts, Christmas in Worthing, two family birthday parties...

and then the mad scramble to pack up & head back to Africa on 5th Jan.



I'm looking forward to getting back to Yaoundé, Cameroon, and spending a week or two with some special Cameroonian friends God has given me there. Then it will be another new start, as I move on to join Andrea in POINTE NOIRE, Congo.

Yes, the sad news is that it's still not possible for us to be back in Boundji to work on Bible translation into the Mboshi language. The capital, Brazzaville, remains unstable, with food shortages & incidents of shooting, and whilst there is no SIL⁸ presence there, we cannot work in the north. Our new director plans to move into Gabon with a team next year, whilst Andrea and I have been asked to move to the port city, Pointe Noire, for a year.

⁶ Popular TV cartoon

⁷ containing Christmas gifts to help poor families

⁸ The name by which Wycliffe is known in Congo



Munukutuba – I beg your pardon?

Granted! That's the name of the southern trade language spoken in Pointe Noire, and the New Testament in this language may be just a couple of years away from completion. There are various things we can do to promote the use of Munukutuba in churches, help produce literature in the language, etc, even without speaking it much ourselves.

So what about Mboshi??

It's disappointing not to be making much progress on Mboshi translation work, although it might still be possible to do some from Pointe Noire, if we find suitable Mboshi speakers living there whom we could train for translation. So I don't yet know whether I'll be working mainly on Mboshi or on Munukutuba next year.

Building on the rock – I mean, with Roch

(same pronunciation). One source of encouragement is that our Mboshi co-worker, Roch, has been able to spend time with Andrea in Cameroon whilst I've been here in England. Together they've been working on a primer for Mboshi and attending some workshops, which have given Roch a much better idea of how to develop his language and get people excited about reading and writing it.



Roch now hopes to be in Boundji next year, getting others involved in language development, having the dictionary checked and encouraging reading & writing in preparation for using Mboshi Scriptures.

We're excited about his commitment to the Lord and we know that in some ways he can be more effective in his own community than we could be. So we'll be supporting him as much as we can.

It's sometimes been a struggle for me to accept the many changes in these past few months – saying good-bye to friends in Cameroon, not being able to return to Boundji or Brazzaville, facing a new start in a new town, possibly even working on a totally different language next year. However, I know that God is working out HIS purposes, and he is giving me a sense of peace about the year ahead.

Thanks for the great meals and chats I've enjoyed with many of you recently! (Sorry if I didn't get to you). Whatever situation you find yourself in this Christmas, *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope!"* (Rom 15v13)

Wishing you a hope-filled 1999!

Ruth

(P.S. Have you let me know that you still want to receive "Ruth's Chat"?)

**PRAYER TOPICS:**

- > for the new start for Andrea & me in Pointe Noire
- > for Roch to be used by the Lord in Boundji
- > for greater stability & security in Brazzaville & the whole of Congo

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The Pantomime

December 19th and 21st

Left: The Full Cast

Below left Herod (Roy Gooderham)

Below centre: Abigail (Bill Marshall)

Below right: Abigail with (Sibohan Smith, Susie Webber, Kerry Gill & Ricky Mitchell)



Financial Results

Jumble sale on the 21st November raised £213

Gift Day on 22nd November raised £3606

Retiring Collection in aid of the Bible Society - £95

I think, when I read that sweet story of old,
when Jesus was here among men,
how He called little children as lambs to his fold,
I should like to have been with them then;
I wish that His bands had been placed on my head,
that His arm had been thrown around me,
and that I might have seen His kind look when He said,
"Let the little ones come unto Me."

The above hymn was written by Jemima Luke and is a favourite of Lord Soper. Also, I understand, Mrs. Connelly taught her son William to sing it. It is a favourite of mine, too.

Leslie Monford

Peace On Earth

New Year Prayer Vigil

Throughout New Years day, every person named in our Church handbook will be prayed for by name.

Please spare ½ hour and add your name to the list in the Vestibule, and be part of this day of blessing. Let us offer ourselves and dedicate each other to the service of our Lord in this our church in the coming year.

The following was discovered in
Grasmere Methodist Church by Ken Irving

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




JANUARY

Happy New Year!

1	Fri	7.30am - 8.00pm	New Year's Day Prayer Vigil	
3	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship with Holy Communion Evening Worship	
5	Tue		Women's Guild	
10	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship. Evening Worship	
14	Thu	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	
16	Sat	10.30am 7.00pm	Christian Aid Coffee Morning - see page 12 Social in Church Hall	
17	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship <i>* Last day for February Chronicle material</i>	
18	Mon	12.30pm	Start of "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" 18 - 25 January English Martyrs RC church open for prayer 12.30 - 1pm daily. See CTG article page 4	
21	Thu	7.30pm	Meeting to arrange Social Events for 1999. Harris Room. All interested are invited.	
23	Sat	9.30am	Elders' Half Day	
24	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship. Rev Norman Croft. CTG United Evening Service at English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church.	
28	Thu	7.30pm	Church Meeting	
31	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship Evening Worship	World Leprosy Day



The February edition of *The CHRONICLE* will be available on Sunday 31st January.

Please make sure articles are placed in the box in the Vestibule or reach the Editor by Sunday 17th January.

Thank you

Advance Notice

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service for our area will be held on Friday 5th March at the New Life Church, Salvington Road, Durrington at 8pm.

The service this year is prepared by the Christian women of Venezuela, and is entitled 'God's Tender Touch'. The speaker will be Canon Muriel Pageter. Five Churches are involved in the Service, New Life, St. Symphorians, St Michael's, St. Andrews, Durrington L.E.P. and Goring U.R.C.

Our Church needs to provide four participants for the service, three readers and one for the offertory. If you would like to share in this service please let me know. The practice will take place on Monday 1st March at 7.30pm.

Carol Webber

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The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.
A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry



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SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8.00 am Holy Communion Service
- 10.30 am Family Worship,
 - with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
 - Young People's Worship.
 - Junior Church with Creche.
- 6.00 pm Evening Worship
 - with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on
 third Sunday in month.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Fellowship United Reformed Youth	Wednesday Evenings
Monday Club	Monday Evenings
Tuesday Club	Tuesday Evenings
Serendipity	Monthly Monday evening
Women's Guild	Alternate Tuesday afternoons
The Ark for Parents and Toddlers	Thursday mornings
Prayer & Praise Alternate	Thursday afternoons
Kestro (Stroke) Club	Friday afternoons
Little Fishes Play Group	Every weekday
Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups	Various times and days

Dear Friends,

As we sit just a few days into the New Year, it is surprising that so far we have only seen the small Easter eggs in the shops and these of course can be bought all year round anyway. Are the major chain stores slipping up? It's only 12 weeks to Easter as we write! Still there is always the celebration of St. Valentines Day to come first and of course the Christmas cards, which should have told us about God's love for us, have already been replaced by those which will declare anonymous love. This is the trouble with so much of what we do, one event has just passed and we are propelled headlong into the next. There is no time for reflection on what has been, just a hurrying forward towards the next. Perhaps this is why so many people find life is rushing past at great pace, perhaps that is also why we never get the maximum benefit from any event.

God, it seems, asks us to take time to reflect. In the story of creation for example God reflected at the end of each day on what he had done 'He looked and saw that it was good'. There seems to have been no rushing into the next day but rather a reflective pleasure in each knowing that once it had been enjoyed the next would come. Even with Jesus and God's coming into the world there was no rushing; a baby needs time to grow into an adult and so time was allowed for reflection and enjoyment. Man made in the image of God was surely shown the need for time to take its course when God became man.

How wonderful it would be to be able to take time, yet we don't even achieve this in the life of our church. No sooner do we get over Christmas and Epiphany Sundays then we are counting the Sundays to Easter. Within three to four months the baby becomes a man and we are thinking of what will happen next. Clearly we cannot stay with the baby at Bethlehem for Calvary does loom and if you are to be a disciple you must take up your cross for the cross of Jesus will lead to Resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit. However, pause and reflect, give the baby time to grow up, give faith time to mature for God's work has its own timing and will not be bound in lectionaries or diaries. Was Christmas not a wonderful celebration? Were you not moved by the familiar reading and carols? Did you sense that this was an event worth celebrating? So if it has become a distant blur ask yourself why that should be? Perhaps it is because we Christians are caught up in the ways of the world and the secular celebrations rather than seeing them through God's eyes.

So, as you read this, it will only be two weeks to Valentines Day. We shall be made to think again about love -- the sort human beings share. Let us hope that commercial interests will not cheapen love again, for love is a gift of God. This year on February 15th, we shall be having special services to which we can invite our loved ones, our friends and our neighbours when we shall celebrate the gift of love. God became a human being and revealed the depth of his love and how good it will be to pause again and reflect on all that means in our relationships with one another as we hurtle towards Easter and recognise the price that will be paid. Perhaps we may even find time to pause and reflect as we squeeze our shopping trolleys past the chocolate eggs that are filling the supermarket aisles.

Please continue to remember us as we appreciate your prayers and your love.

Peter & Eileen Heckels

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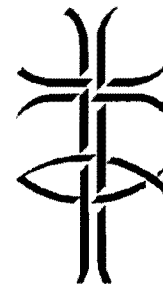
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Handbook Amendments

Changes of address

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There was a misprint in the January Chronicle. Janet Hannant's change of address should have read, to:-

11 Warnham Close

Goring by Sea

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Telephone: 242622 no change

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Mrs Isobel Kirk has moved to West Wickham.

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We give thanks for the lives of those who have died and have passed into the fuller life. We pray for the peace in the hearts of their family and friends.

Tom Lyons wishes to thank all friends who kindly sent cards and letters and for remembering him in their prayers during his recent stay in Worthing Hospital.

This was greatly appreciated and he is pleased to say that recovery is slow but sure.

Please note: that Peter Heckel's has every Wednesday away from his Study and is therefore not generally available on that day of the week.

Ena Hanson

Ena Hanson's favourite hymn 'Jesus stand among us in Thy risen power', embraces all that was best in her life of faith, hope and love. Born a member of a large family, with especially loving parents and brothers, Ena preserved their memory throughout her life. Christmas and her birthday, which occurred on December 31st, were times of great celebration to which she invited her friends. As a friend maker Ena excelled and equally received friendships throughout her life.

Ena Hanson, whilst appearing to be self-effacing, had served her country throughout the war as a very competent and mobile civil servant. Next to her Church and Women's Guild, which she greatly loved, she served the Goring Resident's Association for many years. When age and infirmity began to overtake Ena, she remained a patient and uncomplaining friend, welcoming her closest friends to the rest home in which she was well cared for until she peacefully died.

Whilst it would be invidious to name those who sustained her in weakness there are those here who ministered to her needs, practically and spiritually in a singularly gracious way. Ena was fond of playing Scrabble. Let these words from the dictionary be used to summarise her life: 'Godliness with contentment is great'.

'A Friend'

Tearfund Lunch

7th March 1999

All are welcome to this Tearfund Austerity Lunch after the morning service on 7th March.

There will be a short video about a crisis in India and to link with this theme the lunch will be curry and rice.

(An alternative will be available)

Please come and support this event.

Any queries to Gaynor (784303)

Junior Church

As we move into this New Year we give thanks to God firstly for a full team of teachers/ helpers and secondly for the many children He gives us the privilege of teaching Sunday by Sunday. We are greatly encouraged.

The children's offerings for 1998 were donated to both the Salvation Army and St. Barnabas Hospice (Chestnut Tree House). For those of you who don't already know Chestnut Tree Trust's aim is to help families of children with life limiting conditions. It was set up in 1997 and in April 1998 the trustees of St. Barnabas Hospice and the Chestnut Tree Trust formally agreed to work together to expedite the provision of palliative care facilities for families living within Worthing and the surrounding district. Our children felt that this was something that they wanted to support. We had a lovely letter of thanks for our £250 donation. More information on this item can be found on our notice board in the Church hall.

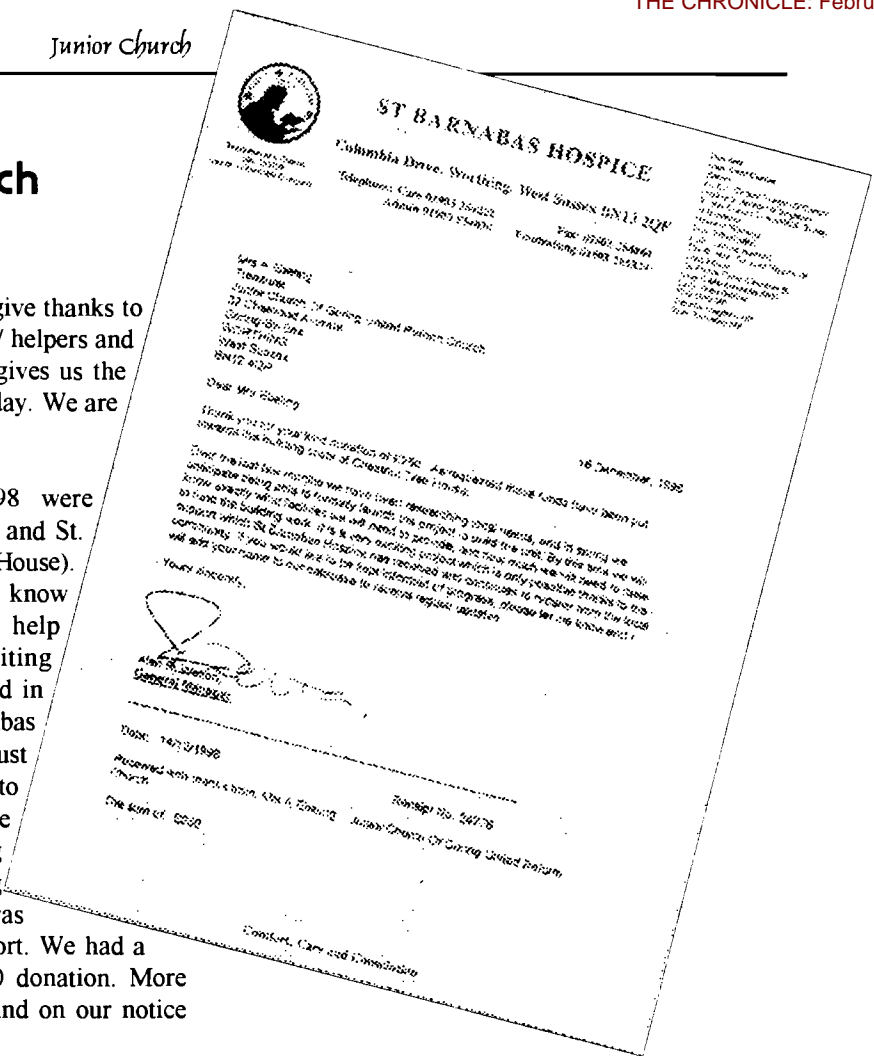
On Saturday January 9th we held the Children's New Year Parties - 34 children attended and a fun time was had by the children and teachers alike. Our thanks go to Bobby Hitchin and Doreen Norris for preparing a lovely tea which everyone enjoyed.

We have just begun this year's Bible Exploration in Trailblazers and GAS. The theme this year is 'Partners in Prayer'. We will be focusing on Bible passages from 1 Samuel and the Gospels of Luke, Mark and Matthew as we explore prayers and praying by looking at the experiences of several biblical characters, especially Hannah, Samuel, Mary and Jesus. We have 22 youngsters taking part, we hope and pray that they will find the course fun, interesting and challenging. It will run over a period of approximately 11 weeks which will take us up to Easter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement as we share the love of God with the children.

Junior Church Co-ordinator.

Wilma Smith



St Barnabas Hospice write -

6 December, 1998

Dear Mrs Ebeling

Thank you for your kind donation of £250 . As requested these funds have been put towards the building costs of Chestnut Tree House.

Over the last few months we have been researching local needs, and in spring we anticipate being able to formally launch the project to build the unit. By this time we will know exactly what facilities we will need to provide, and how much we will need to raise to fund the building work. It is a very exciting project which is only possible thanks to the support which St Barnabas Hospice has received and continues to receive from the local community. If you would like to be kept informed of progress, please let me know and I will add your name to our database to receive regular updates.

Yours sincerely,
Alan R. Welton
General Manager

Flowers.

Every Sunday we have an arrangement of flowers in the church and for this, I give you thanks. The reason we have the flowers is primarily to bring praise to God as we worship together. The second reason is that, for many people, it is a time to give God praise and thanks for an anniversary or birthday or loved one. If you have such a time or person to remember and would like to do it in this way then please sign the list in the vestibule against the appropriate date. What do I do then? On the preceding Sunday if you would like to put some money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name, the date of the flowers

and any specific colours or type of flowers, and give this to Pheniah Taylor. It is as easy as that. It may be that you would like to arrange your own flowers and that is no problem just let Pheniah know.

I am grateful to Pheniah and Audrey Gerlach as they have taken on the administrative responsibilities of the flower list. We are now hoping to have a rota of flower arrangers who are willing to take their turn in arranging the flowers for our Sunday worship. This will involve buying the flowers and then arranging them. If you are willing for your name to be on that list please see Audrey and let her know. Remember the more people we have, the fewer times our names will appear!!

After our Sunday worship is ended, the flowers are then distributed to the sick and those with special needs at that time. If you know of anyone who is ill or has a special anniversary on any particular weekend then please let Pheniah or Audrey know – we cannot send flowers if first we do not know there is a need.

Once again may I say a big thank you to all who are involved in this ministry in any way and I pray that we will always be blessed in this area of praise using the beauty of the flowers that God has provided in his creation.

Eileen Heckels.



Basis News

The Newsletter for January 99 is now available on the Noticeboard in the Hall.

It contains a report from the Lambeth Conference held in the summer of 1998, where there was 'a difficult and painful debate on human sexuality'. The conference approved the report - it was passed with 526 votes for, 70 against, and 45 abstentions.

Hilary Redman

The Alto's Lament

It's tough to be an alto when you're singing in the choir
The sopranos get the twiddly bits that people all admire.
The basses boom like loud trombones, the tenors shout with glee.
But the alto part is on two notes (or if you're lucky, three).

And when we sing an anthem and we lift our hearts in praises
The men get all the juicy bits and telling little phrases.
Of course the trebles sing the tune - they always come off best:
The altos only get three notes and twenty-two bars rest.

We practise very hard each week from hymn-book and the Psalter.
But when the conductor looks at us our voices start to falter.
"Too high! Too low! Too fast! - you held that note too long!"
It doesn't matter what you do, it's certain to be wrong!

Oh! Shed a tear for altos, they're the Martyrs and they know,
In the ranks of choral singers they're considered very low.
They are so very 'umble that a lot of folks forget 'em:
How they'd love to be sopranos but their vocal chords won't let 'em.

And when the final trumpet sounds and we are wafted higher,
Sopranos, basses, tenors - they'll be in the Heavenly Choir.
While they sing 'Alleluia!': to celestial flats and sharps,
The altos will be occupied with polishing the harps.

This poem was found in All Saints church in Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, signed 'Bob the organist'. It came top of the favourites on Classic FM's poll to find the nation's 100 favourite humorous poems. Nottingham URC is now sending it on to us to share.

Outreach & Evangelism

Those of us who took part in and those of you who came to watch the Christmas Pantomime thoroughly enjoyed themselves **BUT** the reason for staging it was to encourage people, who did not know, the real meaning of Christmas, to acknowledge that God became part of His creation as a baby – Jesus. We shall never know the growth of the seeds planted through the pantomime and our outreach programme – the neighbourhood visits and the Flower Festival, but we believe that God was with us in each of these activities and that He will be with us as we continue during this year.

The proceeds of the pantomime, after expenses were paid, were £370 of which £250 was sent to the Worthing Homeless Project leaving a balance of £120.

We know of at least 2 people who responded in different ways to the delivery of the Chronicle and leaflets and even if only one person comes to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour, it will all have been worthwhile.

It is proposed to have a special service on 14th February. See 'Welcome' for further details.

Please pray for this Committee as we seek God's guidance for 1999 and prayer walk both Trent Road and Shaftesbury Avenue in preparation for our visits there after Easter.

Sheila Gooderham – Chairman

Pantomime - thanks

Thank you for the hard work put in by all those who were involved with the Pantomime in December - I enjoyed it. I hope that many from outside the Church came to see and hear the message. Thank you and love from.

Janet Dean

House & Fabric Committee

The Committee proposes to hold another Working Party Day on Saturday 20th March 1999 from 9.15 a.m.

There are various jobs which need attention both to the interior and exterior of the Church premises.

A list of the jobs will be fixed on a notice board in the vestibule. If you would like to help please put your name against an item.

All offers of assistance will be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to redecorate the interior of the Sanctuary during May. Additional volunteers are required if the project is to be a success. Please contact our Chairman, Mr. Matthew Smith, if you are willing to be part of the team. Paint, brushes, ladders, scaffold etc will be provided by the Church.

Redecorating the Sanctuary by this method will result in a very considerable saving when compared to the price a builder would charge for the work.

Colin Nodes

Marmalade Outreach & Fund-raiser

You may remember that in 1997 the fellowship was asked to use their skills to raise funds for the Church. I offered to make marmalade from which 50% would go to the Church.

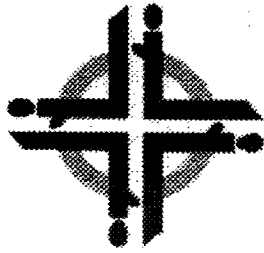
I have continued to make marmalade since then and you may be interested to know that during 1998 £50 was raised for the funds. Please keep your orders coming in for both orange and lemon.

My thanks go to Bett Swierk who has set up a 'marmalade market' at Goring First School – she is doing good outreach there putting our

Church on the map.

Roy and I were greatly amused by a P.S. to a thank-you letter we received from one of our granddaughters. She asked us not to forget to collect from friends of ours 'a recipe for Mrs. Zippy mud pie'! This tells something about her geographical knowledge and her imagination!!

Sheila Gooderham



WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH 1999

'God's tender touch' is the theme of this year's service, prepared by the Christian women of Venezuela. Each year a different country prepares the service and more than 170 countries and islands use the same draft service, translated into very many languages and dialects. In this way all people, women and men, are invited to share and pray for the concerns of the women of

Venezuela where many are undervalued and discriminated against, where economic crisis cause the disintegration of the family group, and where a million and a half children struggle to survive, sometimes living on the streets.

Services in our area on Friday 5th March are: -
 Wednesday 3rd February at St Lawrence Church, Sea Place at 10.00am for 10.30, led by Miss P. Fetherstone. All are welcome, for it is by 'informed prayer and prayerful action' that we may best help our sisters in Venezuela.
 3pm in our Church, speaker Mrs Yvonne Whitehead
 8pm New Life Church, Salvington Road, speaker Canon Muriel Paegerter. (See Jan Chronicle)

Eileen Rhodes (Goring representative) & Carol Webber (Durrington representative)

There will be a preparatory Bible Study on

The symbol above shows the cross in the centre, the heart of our faith, with your praying figures from four corners of the earth. All are joined together within the circle of the world and enfolded in God's love.

Feba Radio

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST

IVY ARCH ROAD, WORTHING, WEST SUSSEX, BN14 8BX

We have a vacancy for a temporary part-time receptionist to cover maternity leave, starting mid-February.

The hours are 1.30pm to 5pm Monday to Friday but some flexibility is possible. You will be answering incoming phone calls as well as dealing with visitors to the office. Previous experience is not essential, as full training will be given. The salary for the job is £5 per hour.

If you think you can help us then please telephone. -

Jenny Anderson/Jacqui Marshall on 01903-237281

or write to the above address for further details and an application form.

Feba Mailing Dates : -

- Tue 2 February - Wed 3 February
- Tue 9 March - Thu 11 March
- Tue 4 May - Wed 5 May
- Tue 8 June - Thu 10 June
- Tue 17 Aug - Wed 18 Aug
- Tue 14 September - Thu 16 September
- Tue 2 November - Wed 3 November
- Tue 7 December - Thu 9 December

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CPAS Ministry among Women

- for Ladies of all ages.

Broadwater Baptist Church
Friday 12 March 9.15 - 2.30

Title: Forgiveness & Healing

Speaker: Lisa Guinness

£5.00 Bring packed lunch & Bible.
Tea & Coffee provided

Crèche available

Serendipity

We will be gathering on the 18th February for a video evening at 7.30pm in the Harris Room.

Here is the current list of the years events so far,

- Feb 18 Video evening
- March 18 Games evening
- April 15 Pedicure
- May TBA Body Shop tour
- June 17 Walk on Highdown
- July TBA Horse Riding
- August 7 BBQ

For further information please phone -

Gaynor Anderson-Easey(784303)

KESTRO

Worthing Stroke Club

Can YOU help?

We urgently need drivers to bring members to their meeting on Friday afternoons in our Church hall. Could you help on a regular, rota or occasional basis, when regulars are on holiday, or have you a friend or neighbour who might help us out.

Members need to be collected from about 1.30pm and then taken home at 4pm.

You would be very welcome to join us for the afternoon. Mileage allowance can be claimed for your journeys.

Please speak to -

Robin Bradley (240908) or

Carol Webber (690334)

Rowland Singers

Although only a handful of people attended the carol concert given by the Rowland Singers on the 9th December the retiring collection of £25 paid the choir's expenses.

The choir will be giving one of their Easter concerts in our Church on Wednesday 24th March at 7.30pm. The programme will be Stainer's Crucifixion, Vivaldi-Gloria and Faure-Vontique de Jean Racine. So please make a note of the date and time before your diaries become full. Further details in March Chronicle.

MUTUALLY ENCOURAGED!

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong - that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each others faith

Romans 1v11&12

A prayer and news letter for those interested in the work of the R111 Trust

December 1998

Likhubula Conferences, Malawi



The beautiful setting of the CCAP's Youth Camp at Likhubula in the foothills of Mount Mulanje

In July/August we had the opportunity and privilege of teaching ministers and elders from the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Malawi. Some readers may recall that we had a similar opportunity last year in the Nkhoma Synod. The Secretary of the General Synod of the CCAP, Revd John Mphatso, had been present on that occasion and had arranged this second visit because he thought it would be helpful to Blantyre.

Churches in the Blantyre Synod had been going through a distressing time over a number of issues, some of which were related to "pentecostal" practices. Only a few months before we arrived, this culminated in three of their ministers leaving the

CCAP and setting up another Presbyterian denomination in Blantyre. The general consensus was that our visit was part of God's answer to the problems. The only regret was that we hadn't gone the previous year.

We held four conferences on the person and work of the Holy Spirit - two for ministers and two for elders. Nearly all of the ministers (97 in all) and 60 elders attended. There were good times of Bible teaching and sharing which helped the ministers (in particular) to look at their situation through different eyes. Revd Abamfo Atiemu, from Ghana, has also been able to join us and his approach and experience made a tremendous difference.



Revds Malcolm Smith, Abamfo Atiemu & John Hall

The Romans One Eleven Trust

Masajja Reformed Presbyterian Church Uganda

We were pleased to receive Revd John Ssali Katumba and his daughter Petua earlier in the year.

They visited churches and spoke at meetings in at least ten different churches. They spent a significant time in Newcastle-upon-Tyne as well as making quick visits to other places. In some cases meetings were poorly attended but it is important to try to get world church issues into peoples minds and break new ground. We need to keep trying. There was one District day conference on missions which was well attended and which went very well. John and Petua finished their tour in Steyning Community Church, where one of the Trustees is now an elder.



The church in Masajja, partially built - with school rooms in the background

John is Stated Clerk (that's American for Synod Clerk) of the Church and represents all its work as well as being pastor of the Masajja congregation.

John was a drunken womaniser (his description, not mine) before he was converted to Christ. Since then he has given up a job as a civil servant to be a pastor and leader within the church and has helped to plant the church in Masajja, a hard Moslem area.

The congregation worships in a temporary bamboo building. The buildings that are completed are school rooms and their completion before the worship area says something about the priority they give to education. Not only is education vital for the future of the country, it is also one of the best means of witness and evangelism.

Please pray for John Ssali Katumba and the church in Masajja.

[We offer our congratulations to Petua who was married in September.]



New schoolrooms built with gifts from England

PLEASE PRAY

For the RPC in Uganda.

For the Back To God Evangelistic Association.

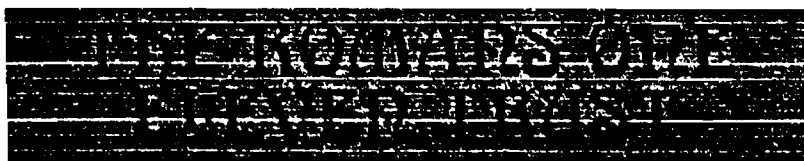
For the Presbyterian Bible College.

Relations between the RPC and the Bible College (Korean run) are much better and there are RPC students in the College again. However this, together with a dispute in Mwera, has helped to isolate Peterson Sozi from his brethren. Please pray that there will be a complete reconciliation. And please pray for Colin Bones who, with Canford Heath Church, is highly involved with the situation in Mwera.

PLEASE PRAY

For a large team (ten people we think) going to Uganda in February from Presbyterian Renewal Ministries in New Zealand.

They will be leading conferences and working with pastors in particular. They will be working with the Reformed Presbyterian Church alongside other churches.



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 Quiz

Studying God's Word (GNB).
Can you complete the phrases?



1. Give thanks to the ___ because He is __, and His love is __ (Jeremiah 33:11)
2. The Lord said, "I was ___ to answer ___ but they ___" (Isaiah 65:1)
3. The Lord says, "I am making a new ___ and a new ___" (Isaiah 65:17)
4. The Lord's ___ and ___ still continue ___ as the morning.
as ___ as the __. The Lord is all I have so I put my trust in Him. (Lament 3:22,23)
5. Then a ___ appeared and covered them with its __, and a ___ came from the __.
"This is my own dear ___." (Mark 9:7)
6. No one tears a piece off ___ to patch up ___ (Luke 5:32,36)
7. Instead be ___ in all that you do, just as God who ___ is Holy. (1 Peter 1:15)
8. The ___ of the Lord was present for Jesus to ___ (Luke 5:17)
9. If you have ___ then listen to what the ___ says to the ___ (Revel 2:7)
10. "And now, I will make all things ___" (Revel. 21:5)
11. When anyone is ___ to __, he is a __. The ___ is gone the ___ is come.
(2 Corinth. 5:7)
12. What I have ___ stays __. (John 19:22)
13. Those who are ___ by __, are God's ___ (Romans 8:14)



FEBRUARY

2	Tue		Feba Mailing
- 3	Wed		Feba Mailing
4	Thu		Day of Prayer Sussex West District Meeting at Shelley Road
7	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship with Holy Communion - Rev Peter Newell Evening Worship
9	Tue		Churches Together in Worthing launch Millennium Programme
11	Thu	7.30pm	Elder's Meeting
14	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning 'Outreach' Worship. Evening Worship <i>* Last day for February Chronicle material</i>
18	Thu		Serendipity Video Evening
21	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship - Rev Bob Murray Evening Worship
25	Thu	7.30pm	Church Meeting.
28	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early Morning Communion Morning Worship. Evening Worship.




MARCH

5	Fri	Women's Day of Prayer
7	Sun	Tearfund Lunch
12	Fri	Ministry among Women
24	Wed	Rowland Singers Concert

The March edition of *The* CHRONICLE
will be available on Sunday 28th February.

Please make sure articles are placed in the box
in the Vestibule or reach the Editor by Sunday
14th February.

Thank you - Graham Redman

This Year's
Forthcoming
Attractions!

Spring Fayre 15th May

Harvest Supper 25th September

Jumble Sale 10th October

Craft, Cake and Christmas Fayre -
6th November

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The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.
A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry



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SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion Service |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,
- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young People's Worship
- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm | Evening Worship
- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on
third Sunday in month. |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Wednesday Evenings |
| Monday Club | Monday Evenings |
| Tuesday Club | Tuesday Evenings |
| Serendipity | Monthly Monday evening |
| Women's Guild | Alternate Tuesday afternoons |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings |
| Prayer & Praise | Alternate Thursday afternoons |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club | Friday afternoons |
| Little Fishes Play Group | Every weekday |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups | Various times and days |

Dear Friends,

This year March will be very much a month of preparation for the followers of Jesus for we shall be preparing to celebrate EASTER on the first Sunday of next month. The coming of Holy Week and Easter Day, with the great mixture of emotions, brings with it a strong awareness of the love and power of God and of all that He did for us in Jesus. It really doesn't matter if you have been a Christian for many years or a few weeks. Too often we want our religion to be just that, religion – a system of faith and worship but we are called to so much more. We are not followers of a system but those who have faith (belief) in Jesus as God's only Son and who worship God (pay homage or service to God) as an expression of our love for all Jesus has done for us. Easter cannot be a time when emotion is put to one side as if it were not part of our being.

As you read the Easter story just note the emotions which are expressed: the anger of Jesus in the Temple as he clears out the money changers (Matthew 21 vs 12-13); the pain as Jesus weeps over Jerusalem (Luke 19 vs 41-44); the amazement as Jesus washes the disciples feet (John 13 vs 6). This selection does not include the shame that Peter felt after he had denied Jesus (Matthew 27 vs 75), the loneliness that Jesus felt on the cross (Matthew 27 vs 46), the joy and wonder at the discovery of the empty tomb (Matthew 28 vs 8 and Luke 24 vs 12), and the indescribable feeling as the risen Jesus meets with his followers (Luke 24 vs 32, 37). Easter is a time of emotion that we should never deny lest we deny something of the experience of Jesus in our lives. Of course, we cannot prepare ourselves for emotions and perhaps that is what we find so difficult yet God made us with emotions and they really are a part of what we bring to God especially at this time. No matter how often you hear or read the account of the last day of Jesus life – the betrayal, the desertion, the mockery, the scourging, the trial and finally the horrific death on the cross – do you not still feel a pain in your heart that makes you want to cry? If you don't, remember that all this really did happen to Jesus, your friend as well as your Lord. The reality of the events must not be hidden just because the words become so familiar neither can you truly experience the full joy of Easter without shedding tears of joy that God has again shown the wonder of his power as Jesus appears to us risen and triumphant. The feelings of despair give way to a new awareness of God again familiar words can mask the truth if we are not open to receive what God wants for us.

All these emotions will be inspired in us over the Easter period and at our special services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. Of course, they should be very much in our thoughts each service and especially when ever we celebrate Communion. Jesus said, "This is my body broken for you. This is the cup of the New Covenant." In these phrases lies the full meaning of Easter, of death and resurrection. So if your heart is moved as we break bread together and share the cup never be ashamed rather give thanks to God and welcome Jesus into your life.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek to fulfil God's purpose.

Your servants in Christ,
Peter and Eileen Heckels.

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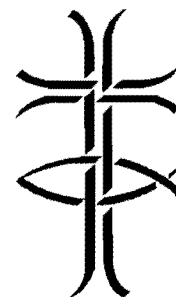
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For your Diary ...



Handbook Amendments

Congratulations to

Sue and
Malcolm
Nicholls on the
birth of another
son, James
Matthew on
Wednesday
10th February.

8lbs 5oz



Baptism of David William Anderson-Easey on Sunday 14th February.



New Address

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Isobel Kirk
Sidcup Nursing Home
2-8 Hatherley Rd. Sidcup. Kent. DA14 4BQ

Thanks

Alice Cleall wishes to thank her friends in the Church for their good wishes, visits and flowers which were very much appreciated following her recent stay in Goring Hall Hospital

Rose & Henry Nicholls wish to thank the friends of Goring UR Church for the gift of flowers - very unexpected but duly appreciated

Ethel Gilby - A tribute

Ethel Gilby was born in May 1899 in Highgate, the youngest of four children. Sadly, her father died several months before she was born. The family were all staunch members of Highgate Congregational Church, and Ethel remained actively involved there until she left Highgate for Worthing in the late 1950's. One of her brothers, Will, of whom she was particularly fond, emigrated to Australia when she was about twelve - she didn't see him again until she visited him and the three generations of his large family when she was 80!

Most of her career was in the London County Council, where she attained some seniority in the Vehicle Licensing Department. Just before she retired she came to live in Melrose Avenue, West Worthing, and joined the congregation at Goring Congregational Church. She loved to travel, and we have discovered many scrapbooks full of photographs taken on her excursions in this country and in Europe. In the last years of her life, with declining physical and mental health, she has lived in two or three local residential and nursing homes.

My father Peter, who died in 1996, was the youngest of three brothers born to Ethel's elder sister Florrie. She was very fond of all three of them, and played an important part in their upbringing, all the more so as my grandmother was widowed just after my father was born. My father was in every way the apple of her eye, so it was a mercy that she was not ever really fully aware of his death. But she was delighted to know that we had re-established the family's roots in Highgate after a gap of some 40 years, when I came to be Vicar here three years ago. If she had lived just a few more months, Ethel would have been 100: just a few more again, and she would have lived through the whole of this century! She was a Christian lady of quiet dignity and she will always be a central part of my boyhood memories.

The presence at her funeral of her minister and of so many other friends from Goring URC would have meant such a lot to her, and they helped us make it a celebration of the whole of her life. Thank you all.

With Christian greetings and renewed thanks,
Yours sincerely,

The Rev Dr Jonathan D. Trigg is Ethel's Great Nephew

ETHEL GILBY.

Ethel was a member of the Women's Guild at Goring URC to which she gave her full support over the years.

My last visit to the Nursing Home before Christmas was one to remember. In her quiet and gentle manner, she was happily humming a chorus -

'Follow Him, Follow Him, yield your life to Him. He has conquered death. He is King of Kings. Accept the joy which He gives to those who yield their lives to Him'.

A reassurance of her love and steadfastness she held for her Saviour Jesus Christ as she walked with Him during her long and varied life.

'In Heavenly Love Abiding'.

Pheniah Taylor

Monday Club

Good News ! When we started this term in January the five boys who all go to church either here at Goring or elsewhere.

I continued to pray that more would join us and on the first week in February one of the boys brought a friend along - I thought this was great but continued to pray for more children especially some girls as those we had lost last summer did not return in September.

The next week two boys who have a connection with Little Fishes through their younger brother came and also two girls who used to come to Little Fishes ! With these new children it means half our group do not attend a church on Sunday which is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the Gospel.

Since January, Janet Dean has joined Barbara Popplestone and myself as a helper fortnightly.

Please continue to uphold us all in your prayers.

Denise Elliott

Worthing Area Team Ministry

The team meets monthly to discuss and act upon the affairs of the four Churches in the Worthing Area. By the time you read this we will have been to Bosham in February for a three day training session and we

hope it will result in a better understanding of the running of a Team Ministry.

The Joint dedication service on the 18th April when The Revd. Janet Sowerbuts will be leading us, will be a chance for

us to get together as a team of Churches to the glory of God. Let us all pull together to make this a great success.

Leslie Stewart. St. Andrews.

PS Very shortly information about our Area Team Ministry will be available on the internet.

LANDMINE CLEARANCE CHARITY SUPPORT

Mine Clearance International (MCI) have been offered support from the children of Moscow Youth Choir. The Choir will be coming to Worthing's Assembly Hall on March 28th for a concert beginning at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £5.00 (Balcony £6.00) and are available from the Box Office 01903 820500

The choir will also be giving a concert in Hastings, and will be travelling to London to take part in the Blue Peter Television programme.

If you can offer the gift of accommodation to one of the choir members, please telephone 01903 530648, or 01903 523065.

See poster in the hall. Fuller details from Hilary Redman



Sixty people gathered together on Saturday 30th January in the Church Hall for the New Year's Party. The party started with quizzes pinned up around the walls, and we played various games including the Pudding Game - I was one of the participants of this game I thought the flour was going to collapse before we had made the first cut ! (The pudding is made entirely of flour, each person in turn cuts a slice until it collapses)

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

I think everyone had a lovely time.

Pictures by Matthew Smith

Thanks to Carol for supervising the drinks, and to Michael for being MC - he did it brilliantly !

Daphne Eames Soc Sec



SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT MEETING

4th FEBRUARY 1999 - held at Shelley Road URC

(These notes taken from Minutes circulated to reps and secretaries, 13th February)

The meeting was opened with devotions led by Rev Norman Croft reps are being sought.

1. Personalia: The Rev Ian Cramb, Methodist District Ecumenical Office - SW London, was welcomed. The District mourned the death of Douglas Blows former Church Sec at Shelley Road. Nancy Welch spoke about the family of Mrs Hilda Tizzard, a Minister's widow who had given devoted service to the church at Bosham.

2. Certificates and cheques were presented to Daryl Sinclair and to Ken Ashby on their retirement from Children's Worker and Property Advisor respectively.

3. Rev Peter Heckels spoke to the following proposition "Recognising that the result of the group discussions set up by General Assembly in 1997 under Resolution 18, are not yet known: the Sussex West District Council proposes the following resolution for General Assembly: *This Assembly agrees that decisions on human sexuality made at this Assembly should be tested by voting in Local Churches, District Councils and Synods before being ratified at the next Assembly.* The meeting voted, and as a result the secretary will forward the proposal to the Synod Clerk, for support from Synod before it can be submitted to General Assembly.

Report from the Executive Council
District Strategy: Representatives are asked to remind Elders and Church members to consider how best to use all resources, including lay leadership and buildings, in order that churches are enabled to support one another effectively - that is both within the URC and ecumenically.
General Assembly 1999, Southport from 5th - 8th July. Ministerial reps will be Revds Jenny Martin, Philip Burroughs and Geoffrey Haigh. Three lay

Property

East Wittering have applied for a grant to help with essential building work. The District unanimously supported the application.

Report from Pastoral Care Committee.

The District Lay Preachers Sundays will be 24th or 31st October 99.

Report on Evangelism in the District.

Presentations were received from four churches: Sompting, Lewes Rd. Brighton, Saltdean and Littlehampton on their experiences with Alpha Courses. All very enthusiastically.

Dave & Hazel Kirkwood from Littlehampton describe taking an Aid Convoy to the Ukraine in January 1999 see article on Page 6.

Ecumenical, C&S and World Church

Rev Jenny Martin reminded the meeting of the Women's Panel to be held at Goring URC 10.15 April 14th.

The Panel can only continue if a secretary can be found.

District Youth Committee.

District Day for all those working with young people to be held at Sompting URC 17th April 1999
Event for children and young people to be held June 18th - 20th details to follow.

The date of the next meeting was fixed at Billingshurst on May 13th. The following meeting will be on September 16th hopefully at East Wittering.

The Rev Ian Cramb closed the meeting with prayer.

CHURCHES' MINISTRY OF HEALING

March 6th Tonbridge URC, Kent 10.00 - 4.00

"What do we understand by Healing?"

A day exploring aspects of the Healing Ministry.

Ministers and Lay people are invited to share in a day looking at the Healing Ministry in the local church. Cost £5.00 To register or for further info. contact Rev Delia Bond the Manse, 23 Saxon Close, Hythe, Kent CT21 5QS

Southern Province URC

April 20th - 24th the Old Rectory, Crowhurst, Battle, East Sussex.

An opportunity for Church Prayer groups to explore aspects of healing and prayer

Apply to The Old Rectory Tel: 01424 830204

AID CONVOY TO CHERNIGOV JANUARY 1999

DAVE AND HAZEL KIRKWOOD

On New Year's Day Dave and I and our son Lindsay set off for Dover with a well laden van for the Ukraine. We met up with the rest of the convoy at the ferry port: - George who heads up "BRITISH AID FOR DEPRIVED CHILDREN" from Little Sampford near Saffron Walden and who then had Lindsay as his co-driver, Bill and Dawn from Sittingbourne, Big Ray, who led us with Fred as his co-driver Bob Chase from ? and Mick (the AA man) and Pauline from Braintree. Mick has just been awarded the MBE for his Humanitarian Aid and AA work. We crossed at 5.30 pm and Big Ray led us on to the motorway heading due east for our long journey of 1,686 miles. We all had CB radio which is essential for a group of six vehicles travelling together and not only for when we get separated or have mechanical problems, but when any of us are tired and need a light hearted chat to keep us awake as we plod along at around 45-50 mph. It took three solid days to get there, and we stopped for fuel and toilets only two or three times each day, driving until after midnight more often than not, and then falling into our sleeping bags till it was time to hit the road again.

As we arrived late Monday afternoon Doctor Pasechnik (can't pronounce his name!) and some of his team came out of the

centre to greet us. This treatment centre was started three years ago and when George first went there, it was an empty building with not even curtains, flooring, or furniture. Now it is fairly well equipped and bright, with treatment rooms, massage rooms, electrotherapy cubicles, a multi-gym a snack bar and kitchen and offices and computer room thanks to the sponsorship of a small number of charities.

The number of children being treated has more than doubled since last year and we had to put on three children's parties as we could only get 45 (+ parents) in each time. It was great to see these children learning to walk and several of them managed to get themselves out front and do a little party piece for us. The cost of the treatment is beyond most of the parents' reach, so to find sponsorship is the only chance they have of improving their health: seven children sponsored by us this time.

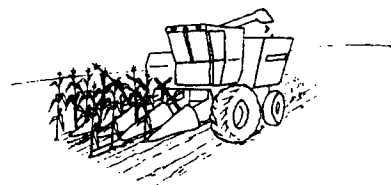
We also gave a lunch party for the big noises in Chernigov to keep them involved with the centre and try and get more support. Dave and I went to a Sanatorium not far away where 60 children live in. This place was to have been closed down but the staff kept it going (with no pay) and Ray has taken food,

medicines and vitamins, toys, bedding, etc. every other month this past year. On our final day when the snow had started again in earnest, the Mayor had arranged a little sight-seeing tour for us, so we went in the minibus to the museum, St Catherine's Cathedral, the Icon Exhibition, the city ramparts, and the catacombs. - interesting but ccccccold!

The week had sped by, but we said our farewells next morning and began the trek home. Ray's van which had developed a gearbox problem on the way out, had been stripped down by a young mechanic while we were there - who not only worked on it over Christmas, but had adapted and made replacement parts to fit!

The journey back was not uneventful; we met swirling snow, icy roads, strong winds and finally rain. We crept into Littlehampton about one o'clock Wednesday morning saying, "Thank you, Lord, for keeping us safe."

from Sussex West District



Activities



Robin Bradley with Geraldine Winter & puppets, and members of The Kestro Club being shown Punch & Judy on Friday afternoon 19th February.

Punch & Judy
Come to
The Kestro Club



The Rowland Singers Easter Concert

The Rowland Singers Easter Concert takes place
in our church on Wednesday 24th March at 7.30pm.

The programme includes Vivaldi Gloria and Stainer's Crucifixion. The soloists are Soprano Anne Robinson, Contralto Jane Bowen, Tenor John Watkin and Organist Leonard Lee.

At the time of writing the Bass soloist has yet to be decided.

Admission is by programme costing £3.00 and can be obtained prior to the Concert from members of the choir including Rosemary Terry, Win Marriott, Cath Findley, Roy and myself, or at the door on the evening.

We do hope you will be able to come and join in the hymns of the 'Crucifixion' which portrays so well, in both words and music, the suffering of our Lord.

Sheila Gooderham.

WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

TEAR FUND

Do you know that Tear Fund has been responsible for sending £200,000 to Bangladesh, £3.5 million to Sudan and £2.5 million to the Central America Disaster Fund? These are all areas that have experienced major natural disasters and are in urgent need of continuing aid.

Please remember Tear Fund Sunday on March 7th. Following morning worship there will be an "Austerity lunch" when a bowl of curry and rice will be served (an alternative will be available). There will be a video about India. We do hope you can come. Further details from Gaynor Anderson-Easey.

Tearfund Lunch

7th March 1999

All are welcome to this Tearfund Austerity Lunch after the morning service on 7th March.

There will be a short video about a crisis in India and to link with this theme the lunch will be curry and rice.

(An alternative will be available)

Please come and support this event.

Any queries to Gaynor (784303)

GHANA

Rev. Samuel Nkrumah has written to give us details of his new church at Pankese. He faces a major challenge in completing a new church building and a new manse. He is also in need of new spectacles. He has very poor eyesight and has broken his glasses and cannot afford to replace them. We have written for more information but if you feel you can make a contribution towards the cost of a new pair, please see Norman Prattent or one of the committee members.

A "pen pal" is required for a young man who lives at Half Assini and is a member of the Presbyterian church there. If you would like to make contact please see Norman Prattent for details.

CHRISTIAN AID

£166.50 was sent to the Central America Hurricane Fund as a result of our Christmas morning collection. Our Christian Aid contributions last year amounted to £1,194.58, including £958.58 from house to house collections, which compared with £1,019.49 in 1997. Overall, the Worthing Churches contributed £26,564.35, up from £21,817.82 in the previous year.

The recent coffee morning raised £109 towards our financial objectives for 1999. Ian Hennel is our representative and will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about Christian Aid.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

The retiring offering on Bible Sunday in December raised £96 slightly down on last year.

Rev. Dr. David Spriggs, The Bible Society co-ordinator for The Open Book project, addressed members of the Churches together in Goring during October. The way forward is now being actively considered by the churches in Goring.

Margaret Butcher, our Bible Society representative has details of the "Bible a Month" scheme. Leaflets are also available in the vestibule. Margaret will be pleased to help and explain what the scheme is all about.

KAZAKHSTAN

Some of you may remember that not long ago Miss Phyllis Wheeler copied out the New Testament in long hand and raised sponsorship money that was sent to The Bible Society and earmarked for Kazakhstan. She has now given us some details about the work of the Bible Society in that country:

According to The Bible Society in Kazakhstan many people in Aimaty are desperate for food and clothes and are unable to afford Scriptures. Please pray for the workers of the Consolation Church as they help the poor by working in hospitals and prisons and with the local Bible Society, freely distributing hundreds of Bibles, New Testaments and Scripture Portions.

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Kazakhstan. Continued from page 8

Regular bible studies are run in children's homes in Bishkek, in hospitals and homes for the elderly, while services are held in four prisons. Give thanks that The Bible Society is able to provide 600 Russian Bibles and 350 Scripture portions free of charge.

Igor Savich was an atheist who felt that science held the fundamental answers to life. One day, he received a Russian New Testament and began to read it. He goes on to say: "I was busy with other things and I put it down. Then my son started to read it. He also got hold of another Christian book and subsequently became a Christian. In turn, my son led my wife to know God and they persuaded me to take another look at the New Testament. That is how I finally understood the real meaning of life. The Bible is the most important book in my life."

Igor Savich is now the Executive Secretary of The Bible Society in Kazakhstan. The country has the largest Russian population of the Central Asian Republic. Praise God that the children's illustrated Bibles are still very popular with many children and adults and this year The Bible Society expects to distribute about 30,000 copies. Please pray that all those who received copies will find out more about God's love.

RUTH CHATFIELD

Following her recent visit home on furlough, Ruth returned to Cameroon at the beginning of January. Her future movements are uncertain and we wait to hear from her whether her hopes of returning to Congo are fulfilled. Please continue to pray for her and for the work of the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION

The United Reformed Church is one of the partner churches that go to make up a network of Christian witness across the world. Our church supports that partnership and contributes some £2,000 through our denomination each year. We receive regular updates of the work of CWM mainly contained in prayer requests and through their official magazine "Inside Out".

The most recent magazine highlights the work of the churches in Mozambique through their Christian Council. Mozambique, like it's near neighbour, Malawi, with whom it shares common

borders, is a very poor country, for many years under the control of the Portuguese. During those years, very little money was invested in the development of the country and both agriculture, roads and commerce suffered. Your mission committee chairman experienced at first hand, and on more than one occasion, travel through the country on badly neglected roads with evidence of poverty, desolation and fear all around. Under Portuguese influence the main church was Roman Catholic which competed with age old tribal customs.

A very cruel war to release the people from the Portuguese influence, has led the country in to a time of uncertainty and new problems. Gradually, the country is getting back on its feet and through the work of the Christian Council, there is greater freedom of worship. Military arms, previously used in warfare are now being handed in under an amnesty and in return people receive farming equipment.

The United Congregational Church of South Africa is training lay pastors and evangelists and because of the increasing Christian presence there has been very little violence on the part of returning refugees.

Please continue to pray for our partners in Mozambique.

Norman Prattent

If you have any items of missionary news you would like to appear in "Chronicle" please contact Norman Prattent who will be happy to include your article in our mission committee spot.



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Ashley Ralston: 01273 885916

for your Diary...



MARCH

1	Mon	3pm	Choir Rehearsal at Goring URC for Women's Day of Prayer
5	Fri	3pm 8pm	Women's World Day of Prayer at - - Goring URC. Speaker Mrs Yvonne Whitehead - Durrington New Life. Speaker Canon Muriel Pargeter
7	Sun	8.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Early morning Communion Morning Worship. Tearfund Lunch. See Page 8 for details CTG Service at Bury Drive Methodist
9-11	Tue to Thu	9am-5pm	Feba Mailing at Offices in Ivy Arch Road. Please take sandwiches if staying for lunch. Tea and coffee provided.
11	Thu	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
12	Fri	9.15am - 2.30pm	CPAS Ministry among women. Broadwater Baptist Church
14	Sun		Mothering Sunday. Usual Service times. Rev Ron Christopher 10.30am Last day for April Chronicle material
18	Thu	7.30pm	Serendipity Games evening
20	Sat	9.15am	Working Party Day in Church. Contact Matthew Smith
21	Sun		Usual Sunday Service times
24	Wed	7.30pm	The Rowland Singers Easter Concert - See Page 7
25	Thu	7.30pm	Church Meeting
28	Sun		Usual Sunday Service times. Landmine Concert in the Assembly Hall at 7.30pm - See Page 3



APRIL

1	Thu	8pm	Day of Prayer Maundy Thursday Evening Holy Communion
2	Fri	10.30am	Good Friday Morning Service
4	Sun		Easter Day with usual Sunday Service times with the addition of Holy Communion at 3pm. <i>April Chronicle available today</i>

The April edition of *The CHRONICLE* will be available on Sunday 4th April, Easter Day

Please make sure articles are placed in the box in the Vestibule or reach the Editor by Sunday 14th March.

Thank you - Graham Redman



A Video tape recording of the December Pantomime is now available.

- from Sheila Gooderham

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Christ the Lord is risen to-day,

Alleluia!

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- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.
- Young People's Worship.
- Junior Church with Creche. |
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Dear Friends,

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Bless the bed they lie on.

- I'm very grateful that there are four Gospels in the New Testament. Each author has his own interpretation of the events, encounters, miracles and teaching that make up the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. We see Jesus through four different pairs of eyes. Each of these four portraits tells us something about the artist as well as the subject. More importantly, each author bears witness to the same event, - the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. That is the Gospel, the Good News.

As I respond to the invitation to write a pastoral letter to all the churches within the Worthing Area Team Ministry, it seems to me that there is a parallel between the four evangelists and their witness and the four churches which constitute our Area Team Ministry and our witness. Each of our churches has its own distinctive emphasis. We come from different traditions within the United Reformed Church. Our worship styles are different. We use three different mainstream hymn books. Our ethos and emphasis are different.

More important than our differences, however, is the fact that each Church exists to bear witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. That is our "raison d'être". That is what we are for.

As we celebrate Easter 1999, and as we move more further along the path of discovery what team Ministry means, I believe it is important for us to maintain and cherish our diversity. But it is even more important that we use our rich diversity to bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Whatever other items appear on the agenda of our Elders, Church and a Team Meetings, witness to the cross and resurrection IS OUR AGENDA.

When I began to preach the Gospel in the rural churches of Gloucestershire some 45 years ago, I use to see in the pulpits of some of them this text in bold letters: "Sir, we would see Jesus", (John 12: 21) - a reminder to the preacher that he had not come to air his own views, but to point men and women to Jesus. That is a text not just for preachers, but for every follower of Jesus. At the end of his gospel, John concludes that he has written it 'in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that through his faith you may have life by his name.'

I wonder how many people down the centuries have come to living faith through reading John's Gospel? More crucial than that idle speculation is the challenge of that comes to us this Easter: - are men and women coming to living faith through our witness to Christ crucified and risen, - through our words and deeds and the quality of our life together in Christ?

Your friend and a minister,

Robert Murray

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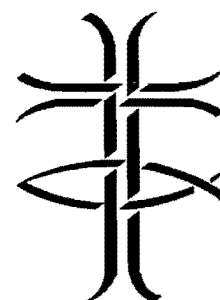
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Miss Jenny Allison
Offington Park Nursing Home
145 Offington Drive, Worthing

Thank you

Jane Allen and Florrie Freeman have asked me to say 'thank you' to everyone for the love and prayers offered while they have been poorly.

Editor

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It is time to say thank you to so many folk for their kindness and good wishes during the time I have been out of action due to trouble with my eyes. I have so appreciated the offers of lifts to and from Church and a special thank you to my fellow Elders who have taken over my duties at short notice.

Audrey Gerlach

Death

Mrs Joan Purkiss on 12th March 99
We give thanks for the life for those who have died and pray for the peace in the hearts of their family and friends

Tearfund Lunch

7th March 1999

Many thanks to all who gave money for the Tear Fund event this year. Total raised was £276.22. A big thank you to all who helped serve and wash up. Despite many adversities the Lord wanted this event to happen and it did, very successfully. If anyone would like the video, please see me. Thank you

Gaynor Anderson-Easey

2nd Worthing Scout Group Celebrates 75yrs of Scouting

May I say a very big thank you to Peter, Eileen, Geoffrey, Denise, Stuart, Graham and Malcolm for making the afternoon of the 28th February special for the second Worthing Scouts. In the year 1998/1999 we have been celebrating 75 years of continuous scouting in West Worthing and that afternoon we gave thanks to God for those years. We had Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts, Leaders, many parents and friends and older members some going back over 50 years. A memorable afternoon.

Thank you, *Bill Marshall*



Church Decoration

We are hoping to redecorate the interior of the Sanctuary from May 17th to 22nd.

Additional volunteers are required if the project is to be a success. Please contact our Chairman, Mr Matthew Smith if you are willing to be part of the team. Paint, brushes, ladders, scaffold etc. will be provided by the Church.



Colin Nodes

PROVINCIAL WEEKEND

HERNE BAY

19th - 21st February

With the car loaded to the brim with nappies, children and wallpaper, (yes we were instructed to bring with us a role of wallpaper), we set off for Herne Bay. The journey was a lot quicker than we estimated only taking one hour and 50 minutes on four motorways. We arrived to a very warm welcome from the organiser whom I had been in contact with previously, and were shown to a very large family room.

Friday evening we met with the speakers for the weekend Peter Scuthcombe who is the evangelism enabler for the Southern Province, and Richard Cole who is a teacher in a primary school and helps with Decade Ministries enabling churches to share 'good news' through drama, art and visual aids.

Saturday started with prayers before breakfast, then in the morning session we discussed the past decade of evangelism and also considered our own highlights from the past 10 years. We then had some drama presentations, of how to spread the Christian message to the non-Christians. The children were included within the adult programme but our boys were the only children attending apart from Peter Scuthcombes two children. The organisers did apologise to us for the lack of company for the boys.

Saturday afternoon was free, we had a walk around the grounds and looked in the bookshop, also enjoyed some fresh air on the nearby beach. We were told to return by 5pm with a roll of wallpaper (luckily we had come prepared !!!)

We used the wallpaper to do drawings and illustrations to demonstrate a Bible passage or a hymn, this was led by Richard Cole and was very interesting.

We quickly prepared something for the evening as we needed to bring some sort of entertainment. The Nicholls family sang, *Jesus' love is very wonderful* as the boys knew this from Junior Church, we had painted some pictures and words on to the wallpaper which was shown at the same time. The evening ended with a video finishing at midnight!

Sunday continued with a theme that decade of evangelism

Richard Cole's prayer for children was very appropriate to us and made us realise that we are not the only parents who struggle at times bringing up children, during this time he had Mark occupied looking for a sheep puppet among the 75 people attending, he was then involved in a puppet show about the sheep who was lost then found. The weekend ended with worship and communion.

At the start of the weekend we were unsure as to how we will would cope as we have not been as a family to weekend like this before but as soon as we are all lives we were made to feel very welcome, the atmosphere was so relaxed the boys settled immediately. We all gained something from the weekend, and learnt many different ways, good and bad of putting over the Christian message. Would we do it again? - Yes. It was a really good weekend, excellent company, speakers and food !!!

Dates for next year February 11th to the 13th

Sue and Malcolm Nicholls

Christian Aid Week

9th to 15th May

The annual Christian Aid Appeal week takes place on the above dates, when our Church, together with virtually all the Worthing churches, helps with the house to house collection in roads allocated to us.

In recent years we have never

had a sufficient number of volunteers to cover all the roads we have been given, and so I would appeal to anyone who feels able to do so to lend a hand. Obviously the more volunteers there are the lighter the load on each individual.

The work involves about three or four evenings during the week, firstly to drop the envelopes into house letterboxes, and then, later

in the week, to call at those addresses and pick up the envelopes, hopefully with a contribution inside them.

After Easter there will be a list on the Vestibule notice board which intending volunteers can sign, or, if they prefer, see me direct. I do hope for a good response.

Ian Hennell

WORTHING AREA TEAM MINISTRY

Conference at Bosham 16th & 17th February 1999

The Team Members (excluding Revd Bob Murray) met on Tuesday and Wednesday all day with Christian Educators Revd Harry Undy and Marion Morley. These two are experienced in training groups and clusters of churches, specifically with urban churches in London, but have developed this into a training package more widely used in the denomination. They provide some thought provoking exercises and material including a 'temperature sorter', case studies and management

guidelines, looking at other types of church clusters, and some progressive steps to take in Teams.

We worked hard and in very concentrated sessions.

We learned from our discussions with some very positive reactions i.e. that in some respects we are well forward in our thinking and approach to the particular challenge which the Worthing Area presents. The involvement of both Ministers and lay

together on the Team, with regular Team meetings means that communications are open and on-going.

However we still need to address and evaluate our main aims, identify what is our "core" activity, - the necessary nucleus to all that might be considered to be extras, or the outcome.

They finished with giving us some project ideas which we may be able to use.

Team meeting Thursday 18th February 1999

On Thursday our time was spent together with our monthly agenda.

It has been noted that with Bob Murray's retirement in September, if we still have no new member in the Team, there will be two vacancies. Peter and Norman's workloads and responsibilities will increase, and at the moment St. Columba's have an expectation that they have a prior claim, whereas in reality the vacancies are within the Team as a whole. The Team and the Churches all have much to learn in what such sharing means.

We are planning our shared service on 18th April at 3.30 pm, which will be hosted by us here at GURC, and will be followed by tea. Provincial Ecumenical Officer the Revd Janet Sowerbutts will lead the service, but it is felt that it would be appropriate to make this a combined communion service, and on different lines from last year's induction service.

Shelley Road have suggested a Day of Prayer for the Team. We would like this incorporated into our monthly day of prayer, and therefore suggest this from 10.00 - 12.00 on Thursday 1st

April. It is hoped to produce a special booklet with prayer thoughts to be available, plus a tape so that the house bound may share. Members of the Team will circulate to each others churches during this time.

The Ministers will be sharing the regular letter to the churches in the magazines. The Goring evening service is to be advertised in the other churches.

A new date has been set for a meeting with the treasurers for Mon 8th March at 7.30 at Shelley Road. St Andrew's will be having an ecumenical

procession of witness in Rustington on Good Friday at which we will be welcome.

It was an intense three days which left us feeling that we have many challenges to overcome, however, I am encouraged by Jesus saying that "this is impossible for man, but for God everything is possible." Matt. 19 v.26

Jane Bond

Outreach and Evangelism

The Outreach and Evangelism committee met in February, too late to put a report in the March Chronicle, but given to the February Church meeting. The following are items of outreach for which we would value your prayers.

1. To complete our neighbourhood visits we start again on Monday the 19th April visiting Trent Road. We shall meet at the Church at 6pm for those who will undertake the visits and those who will pray in at the Church. We meet on Monday 17th May, at the same time, to visit Shaftesbury Avenue. If you are able to, please prayer walk these roads prior to the visits they are a necessary foundation for those making the calls and for the people we visit.

2. We shall be having three bookstalls from the Wesley Owen Christian Bookshop

at the Spring Fair on the 15th May; Church meeting 30th September to Sunday 3rd October and at the Autumn Fair on the 6th November

3. We have 100 copies of The Jesus Magazine (T J M) to give away.

We would like you to give one to anybody who you feel would appreciate its message such as people who are homeless, jobless, have broken relationships, bereaved etc. Please let us know to whom you have given one as we can arrange a follow-up visit if possible. They cost 80p each and if people wish to donate they can.

4. The committee meets again on the 12th April - we would appreciate any questions, comments or views.

Sheila Gooderham

Worthing Area Team

United Service

Goring URC

18th April 1999 3.30pm

Speaker: Rev Janet Sowerbutts
Provincial Ecumenical Officer

Service will be followed with tea

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Open Air Service 2000

Plans are already in hand for an Ecumenical Open-air Service to be held on Goring Green in the afternoon of Sunday, 16 July 2000.

Last year's 'Celebrate '98' was highly successful, with over 400 people joining in Worship. The organising group composed of representatives from all the Goring churches, has already met twice and is working to ensure that next year's service is an even more successful one in terms of unification of worship, outreach and a celebration of the 2000th Anniversary of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Operation A-Z Prayer

Walking.

The 'March for Jesus Day' will take place this year on 22 May and will be linked with Global Neighbourhood Prayer Walking, when groups of Christians walk streets in their neighbourhood praying as they do so for blessings on neighbours and friends where they live, work or study. More details are being sent to all the Goring churches.

Prayer Group for Goring

It has been suggested that a Prayer Group should meet monthly on a designated afternoon, two people from each church in Goring attending regularly as the core of the group. However, the meeting would be open to all Church Members. Janine Bryer of the Goring New Life Church and our Glen Dean will be making arrangements for the group and will be pleased to give further details.

Eric Bond.

REPORT FROM SYNOD

13th March 1999

Brighthelm

This spring Synod was attended by Rev Peter Heckels, and Mrs Hilary Redman. We set off by train for the short journey and were soon among many friends coming to Brighton. The theme for the day was World Church & Mission.

The opening worship was led by Rev. K Lynch of Brighthelm, then the Rev Dr R Mearkle led Synod in Bible Study based on Acts 11: 1 - 18.

Provincial Council report to Synod:

Provincial Development Officer - Mr Desmond Colechin has now been appointed and begins on 1st April 1999

District Evangelism & Mission Enablers - two posts are to be advertised initially, although it is hoped that there will be one DEME to each District.

Pilgrim 2000 - Eight people from the Southern Province will go on this pilgrimage. A place for a young person is still available.

Ghanaian Minister for London - The Revd Francis Kwame Amenu has been appointed for four years from July 1999. Southern Province is to find a house for him - he has three daughters and one son. This Ministry replaces the Chaplaincy.

Millennium Events in Southern Province - any information about planned events for the Millennium should be given to the Synod Clerk.

Sussex West Resolution - (see March Chronicle, District meeting report) Synod passed the Resolution by one vote. It was thought inappropriate for the Provincial Council to have voted on this resolution prior to Synod as their vote may have unduly influenced Synod. Provincial Council agreed to take advice on its future function.

Resolution from Provincial Council - It was agreed to be careful not to be exclusive when talking of 'Parent(s)/Toddlers': 'Mothers/Toddlers' groups, and to use the title 'Toddlers and Carers Club/Group'.

DATES for your diary: Provincial Finance & Property Administration Committee Consultation Day - May 8th 1999 at Lindfield URC. Details from Church Secretary.

Mission Council Report to Synod:

Congregational Union of Scotland/URC - No objections had been received by the General Secretary to the proposals for union which meant that a simple majority would be required at the 1999 General Assembly to ratify the decision. Also a simple majority required at the Congregational Union of Scotland Assembly in Sept. 1999. Unifying Assembly likely on 1st or 8th April 2000.

Other matters from Mission Council Report - are available on request from the Church Secretary.

"Drop In Any Time" a play to illustrate the World Church & Mission theme "Belonging to the World Church" was presented after lunch, giving an insight to the way in which some in the UK may still think of Missionary work being done by those in the UK going overseas, and failing to realise how much we have to share with Christians from all over the world.

Miss Catriona Waterson gave a vivid and lively account of her

visit to Bangladesh last year. She was one of a group of young people to see Bangladesh and speak with the Bangladeshi first hand. She is available to talk to

groups or churches.

Story from Sussex West District

Three members of Brighthelm presented some fascinating facts about the development of the Community Church in Brighton. In the 60's there were two Congregational Churches and one Presbyterian Church which joined together to become the Brighton Central Free Church. In 1985 the present building was opened to provide a community based church premises. Many activities are carried out here, the halls being used for many diverse groups, bringing a range of people within the walls. There are 70 volunteer helpers who keep the place open and many rooms for all types of meetings. You would be welcome to drop in to the Loaves and Fishes coffee lounge if you are in Brighton - you would be sure of a warm welcome. One big problem which needs to be addressed is the position of the building; it is rather hidden from view by other premises and is not easily noticeable from the pavement!

'For a Rainy Day' is a video and accompanying pack, about rather 'ordinary' people. It introduces various moral dilemmas, some more or less hidden in the script and would be useful for group work. Available from Tavistock House - £15.95.

Too much material to cover in this report - more details from Hilary if you wish, and in Welcome and elsewhere in the Chronicle!

Hilary Redman

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Above: Tearfund Vice-President Sir Cliff Richard backs ChangeMakers.

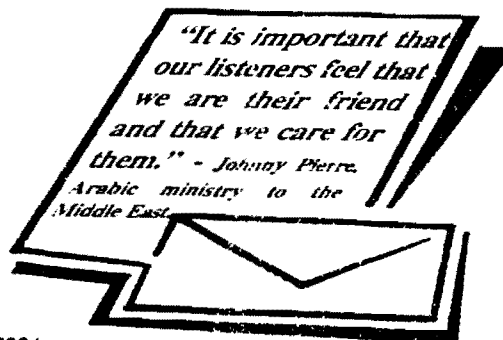
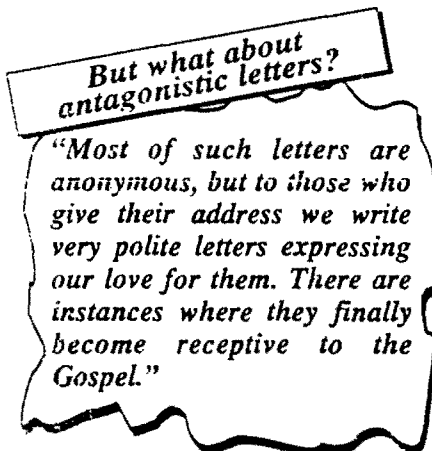
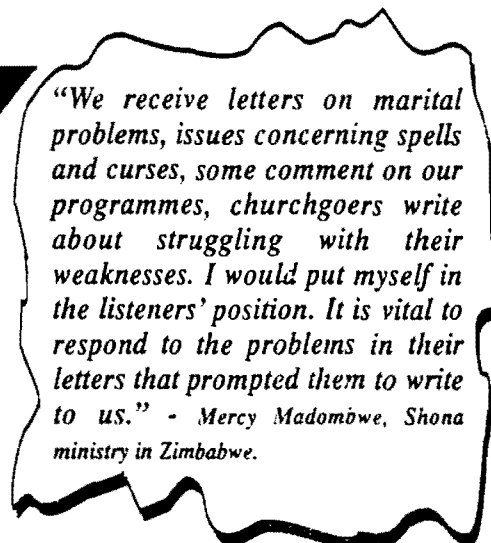




THERE'S MORE TO RADIO THAN MEETS THE EAR

On Feba Radio Sunday (25 April 1999) churches around Britain will be praying for Feba's ministry. This year the focus is on what happens when the programme is over - the work of Correspondence Counsellors.

Thousands of listeners write to Feba. Correspondence Counsellors ensure that each letter is replied to personally. What do they mean when they say they are involved in "friendship follow-up"? Here are just some of their answers:



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- 9-11 Fri-Sun URC Westminster Conference 'Church Accessible'
Details on Hall Notice Board
- 11 Sun 8 & 10.30am Early Morning Communion & Morning Worship
6.00pm Evening Service Rev Norman Croft
- 12 Mon 7.00pm Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale Meeting in Harris Room
- 18 Sun 8 & 10.30am Early Morning Communion & Morning Worship
3.30pm Worthing Area Team Service. See bottom of Page 5 for details
No 6pm Evening Service
Last day for May Chronicle material.
- 25 Sun 8.00am Early Morning Communion
10.30am Mr Simon Richards
6.00pm Rev Peter Heckels
- 29 Thu 7.30pm Church Meeting

 * Serendipity will be meeting for a video and *
 * pedicure evening on Thursday 15th April *
 * at 7.30pm. *
 * Please bring along any favourite nail *
 * enamels you may have. *
 * See Gaynor or Sandra for details *



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- 9-15 Christian Aid Week. See bottom of page 3 for details
- 15 Sat 10am - 1pm Spring Fair. See details below
- 23 10.30am Junior Church Anniversary Pentecost Sunday
3.00pm Holy Communion

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**Royal School of Church Music**  
 'Saints Alive' Workshop 17 - 18th July  
 Westergate Methodist Church  
*More details in May Chronicle*

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**Spring Fair**  
 Please make a note of the date of the Spring Fair which we are arranging. It is to be on Saturday 15th May from 10am to 1pm. We are having stalls for cakes, plants, bric-a-brac of all sorts (not clothes) and of course the bookstall, see O&E report. We should be serving coffee, tea, squash and biscuits and possibly ploughman's lunches.  
 Further details in the May Chronicle.  
 Roy & Sheila Gooderham

The May edition of *The* CHRONICLE will be available on Sunday 2nd May.

Please make sure articles are placed in the box in the Vestibule or reach the Editor by Sunday 18th April.

Thank you - Graham Redman



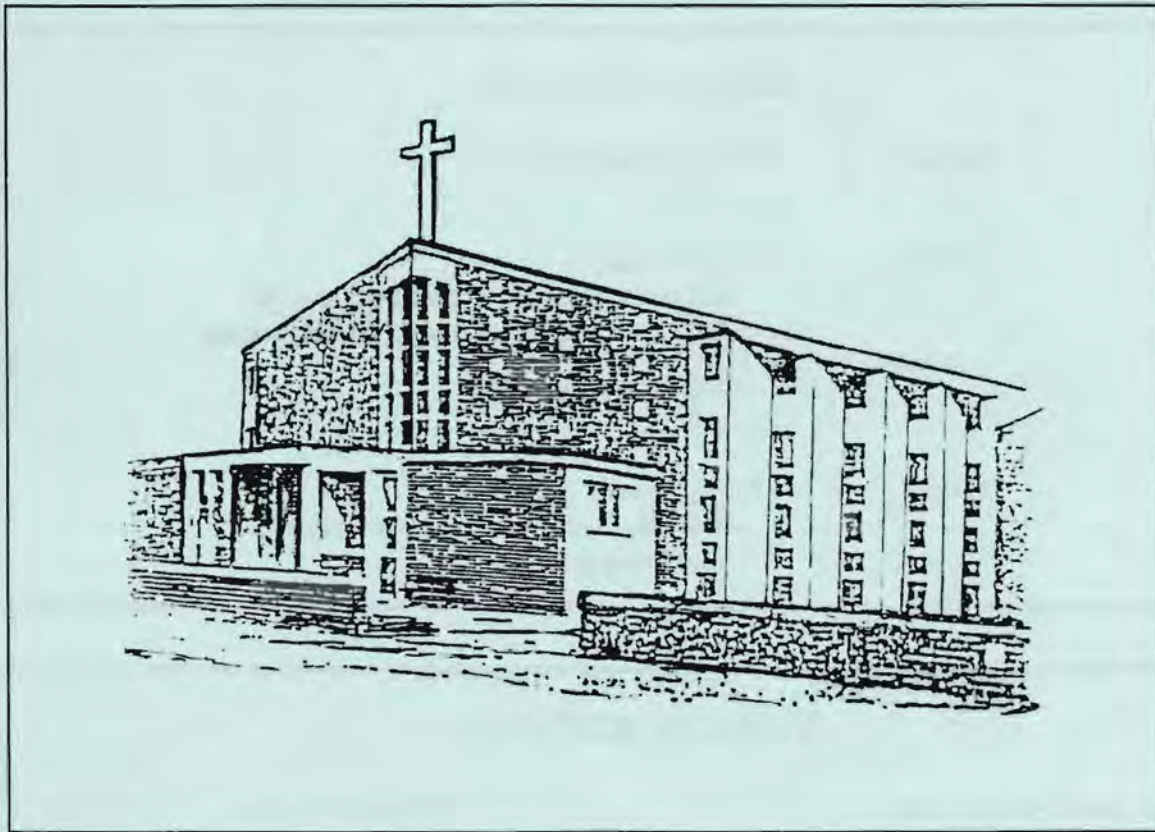
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... from *The Manse*

Dear Friends,

In order to stay ahead of ourselves we are writing this during Holy Week, along with our preparations for Easter. It is our hope and prayer that through the worship we were able to share together through our Lord's victory over death, that Easter Day proved once more for us all an uplifting occasion as we shared in one of the great festivals of our faith. By the time everyone is reading this article, we shall be sharing together in that period between Easter and Pentecost when we shall be traditionally waiting for God's Spirit to come upon His church. Through the blessing of His Spirit, God will guide us in the way forward. Perhaps this will lead us on new paths rather than down the familiar roads that we have trod for so many years. This surely is the call of faith to venture into the unknown relying only in the power of our Lord and trusting in Him alone.

In April, we shared together in the first anniversary of the coming together of the Worthing Area Team Ministry. To many of you, this may appear to have produced little change to the life of our churches as yet. The preaching commitments, which have fallen upon Peter, have meant that we are now regularly sharing in worship in the other churches in the team, while at Goring others are leading worship. No one likes change for the sake of change but we are ever called to work with the Lord to seek and to establish His Kingdom in our time. This means that we must be ever open to God's direction as we reach out with the Gospel into His world. It is important therefore that we view the changes that team ministry brings through God's eyes rather than our own and we try to see what is happening as part of His plan rather than merely practical necessity to ensure ministry in Worthing.

This month we will celebrate again at an important festival of the church when we will come together at Pentecost to rejoice again in the promise of God, 'to pour out His Spirit on all flesh'. This will again be a time when we shall be renewed in our faith as we are strengthened by the gifts that God has for His people. The gifts of God's Spirit are many and varied and should lead us to a deeper sense of unity both with one another and with God. We await with expectation this chance to give thanks to God for His wonderful gifts.

At a recent Junior Church staff meeting, it was decided that Pentecost would be an excellent day to celebrate as God's family and to share our Junior Church anniversary. The theme of prayer will be the base for the service arising from the Bible Exploration work that our children and young people have been studying. How appropriate for us all to share together on this special day as we reflect on the privilege of being able to talk with our Heavenly Father in the name of His Son, Jesus in the power of His Holy Spirit. A time of thanksgiving for what God is doing in our midst right now and a time of looking forward with hope and joy to that which is yet to come.

Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's guidance for our ministry.

Your servants in Christ,  
Peter and Eileen Heckels.

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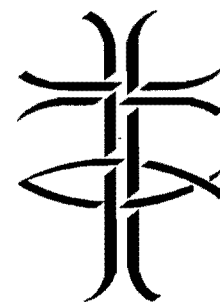
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## Handbook Amendments

### Congratulations to:

Karen & Stewart Higgins on the birth of their son, William David on 28th March 1999.

### New Address

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Miss Jean Hillis  
67 Parklands, Ballymena Road,  
Antrim, Northern Ireland. BT41 4NJ

## Notice of Elders' Election 1999

It is time to seek the names of Church members who may be willing to answer the call to Eldership, and to elect those who will take the place of those standing down after the maximum term of service, (that is usually six years) as laid down in the document "Organising the Church for Growth & Mission".

Nominees must have been Church Members for at least two years prior to their ordination, and can only be nominated by Church members. Nomination forms will be available during May and must be handed to the Church Secretary prior to & including the first Sunday in June. The permission of the nominee must be obtained, and the nomination form be signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder.

This year there will be vacancies for eight Pastoral Elders and two Administrative Elders.

*Hilary Redman, Church Secretary*

## Marriages

Saturday 24th April 99 :-

Fiona St Claire Langley to Mr Darren Mark Robinson

and:-

Nicola Jane Bye to Mr Nigel Theedom

## Weeknight Clubs

Do you know what goes on in our Church Halls from 5 - 6pm on Mondays and from 6 -7.45 on Tuesdays?

At these times you will find children noisily and enthusiastically involved in activities such as games craft stories singing and lots more.

These are our Monday and Tuesday Clubs which follow the same themes as our Junior Church on Sundays. Most of the children at these mid week clubs – **15 out of 20 do not attend church on a Sunday**. This means that we have a tremendous opportunity for outreach. However because of the growing number of children each week we realised at the end of March we would need more adult helpers and leaders. In response to our appeal we have 3 new people who joined us from April.

These groups only happen because people are willing to come and share their love of Jesus with the children. At present we are not able to run our Fury group (age 11+) on Wednesdays between 7.30 and 9pm as we do not have any leaders to run it. Please continue to uphold the leaders in your prayers, they need wisdom and strength. Also pray for good relationships to develop.

*Denise Elliott*

## Transport

With our holiday season rapidly approaching we are certain to need additions to our short list of volunteer drivers who can bring people to Church Service. Most of our regular drivers need to attend to other responsibilities occasionally and willing 'stand-by' drivers can make all the difference.

If you are able to help please contact me.

*Jim Hope. Tel: 248539*

## Church Decoration



We will be decorating the interior of the Sanctuary from May 17th to 22nd. Additional volunteers are required if the project is to be a success. Please contact our Chairman, Mr Matthew Smith if you are willing to be part of the team. Paint, brushes, ladders, scaffold etc. will be provided by the Church.

*Colin Nodes*

## Spring Fair

Saturday 15th May 10am - 12.30pm.

We hope you made a note of the date for the Spring Fair from the March Chronicle and that you have been preparing cuttings and plants for sale.

May is the time for outdoor planting so come to the Fair first before you do yours. There will also be a cake stall, which we would like you to help stock, together with groceries, jams etc. and a bric-a-brac stall which covers almost everything else. We shall also have a bookstall from Wesley Owen the Christian Bookshop.

Admission of 50p. (30p, children) will include coffee etc. and this will be a good occasion for us to get together as a fellowship, but please bring your friends and neighbours. This is the first event for fund raising for the Church.

If you can help in any way on one of the stalls or serving refreshments, please let us know on 506452.

*Roy & Sheila Gooderham*

## Christian Aid Week 9th to 15th May

The annual Christian Aid Appeal week takes place on the above dates, when our Church, together with virtually all the Worthing churches, helps with the house to house collection in roads allocated to us.

In recent years we have never had a sufficient number of volunteers to cover all the roads we have been given, and so I would appeal to anyone who feels able to do so to lend a hand.

## Craft, Cakes and Christmas Sale

NOTE WELL: Our early warning system is operating again.

Saturday 6th November is the day of our Cakes, Craft and Christmas fund raising.

It is not too soon to get your thinking caps on as to just what you are going to make, cook, knit sew or arrange. We hope to have stalls for any handicraft. If you need further inspiration we have a veritable library of craft books available (ask Wilma!). As well as woodwork or metalwork there is sewing, knitting decorations of all kinds, dried or Christmas flower arrangements. Cakes and/or baked goods, jams, marmalade etc. I could go on forever!

We'd like a 'New Gifts' stall (Christmas presents that have stayed in the drawer all year - we've all got them!), and what about a 'Present from', wherever you've been on your holiday? Volunteers will be needed to take responsibility for the various stalls, and if you need things like jam jars etc. do ask.

It is proposed that the cost of craft materials can be claimed when the items are sold, the profits from the sales to go into the Church Funds.

*Any enquiries please phone Daphne Eames (268489)  
or Doreen Norris (503783)*

## Church Family Cook Book

To raise funds for the Church during this year I thought it would be a nice idea to put together a cook book of 100 of our Church family's favourite recipes. The book then to be sold at the Craft, Cakes and Christmas fair at the end of the year. If you would like to let me have your recipes or you would like to help in some other way, say, perhaps the illustrations please let me know.

*Caroline Hibbs*

Obviously the more volunteers there are the lighter the load on each individual.

The work involves about three or four evenings during the week, firstly to drop the envelopes into house letterboxes, and then, later in the week, to call at those

addresses and pick up the envelopes, hopefully with a contribution inside them.

We still need more volunteers, please give this your prayerful consideration.

*Ian Hennell*



There have been a number of responses to the invitation to share views on this subject, which are brought together in these two articles.....

### **That children should not be included.**

#### 1. This is a special occasion.

*When we gather together around the table of our Lord we come to remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, His body broken and his blood shed that our sins may be taken away. When we hear the words: 'This is my body broken for you' and 'This is God's new Covenant sealed with my blood' (1 Corinthians 11:24-25), we are reminded that this is not an ordinary meal but a solemn holy moment when we are united in the greatest mystery of all time.*

*Why do we assume children feel excluded? For many there is a sense of solemnity and importance which they will come to share in when it is appropriate for them. To some adults the solemnity of the occasion is disturbed by the presence of children who are not always well behaved and may be a distraction to many.*

#### 2. The need for teaching.

*In all we do, each of us needs some degree of understanding and there are always those things that we would not allow those without understanding to join in. Communion is surely one such thing and we should be careful to ensure that no one comes to this service without clear instruction so that they are aware of what is happening. Instruction should begin with a spiritual understanding and developing the traditional view of the service within the Reformed tradition and particularly within the URC. Such teaching has been given to those as part of their preparation for membership of the church at an age when they are able to understand what is being taught. One correspondent wrote 'Let our little ones grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus, with our prayerful backing, and when they are ready to commit their lives to Him, then encourage them to have the joy of accepting Communion.'*

#### 3. Communion should not be abused.

*St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth reminding them of the sacredness of sharing together at the Lord's Table and rebukes them for their abuse of the feast. Our situation may be very different to that of the church at Corinth but never the less the need not to demean the celebration remains. Paul charges his readers to examine themselves to ensure that they do not share unworthily, does this not still apply to us today in the church? (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29)*

#### 4. The pressures of the age.

*We live in an age where there is intense pressure for children to move forward very quickly despite having recommended age limits in all sorts of areas e.g. Cinema and video films, smoking and drinking, these are clearly disregarded as young people want to grow quickly. There is a strong danger that within the church we do a similar thing with Communion because the world tells our young people there is no need for them to wait for anything. 'Some may want to grow up too soon in the spiritual area of their life as in others but most will be grateful that they have been taught to wait until they come to the Lord's Supper with living faith and understanding in response to the wonder of God's love offered in Jesus Christ' writes one person.*

*Another wrote, 'so many gifts are taken for granted, seldom appreciated and discarded so easily. If they (children) are encouraged to accept bread and wine at the Communion service will it again be accepted without thought to it's meaning and discarded so easily when other interests fill their lives.'*

*Taking your first Communion should be an important moment in a person's spiritual development. There should be a moment in everyone's life when they feel that they have 'come of age' and feel able to confess their faith and publicly commit their life to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Such a moment should be special and remembered as you journey forward. Sharing in your first Communion service is one way in which this event can be properly marked and remembered at all subsequent services.*

## Communion

### That children should be included.

#### 1. A family meal.

One of the things that unite families together is the sharing of meals. Coming together for meals is a symbolic binding together of family life and there is no way we would exclude our children from the family meal table. Indeed perhaps the very opposite is true for by sitting down and sharing together our children learn so much about how to behave and the importance of being part of a family unit. The Christian family have a meal that they share together, it is the meal that Jesus shared with His disciples on the night he was betrayed and which He told them to share in remembrance of what they did together on that night. This meal has its roots in the Jewish Passover, a family meal and Communion is our family meal that we should share together.

#### 2. Natural growth.

Growth is a natural thing and we learn by being taught and by seeing and sharing. Because Communion is such a holy occasion, it is important that our children have the opportunity to hear but also to see and then naturally come to a moment when they will want to join in for themselves. The whole teaching programme of the Junior Church from the youngest to the oldest centres on teaching about Jesus and His love, of the Father's love and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our children and young people. Within this programme, there are natural opportunities to teach about the Lord's Supper and its special place within the life of individuals and the church. 'Once it was the norm to separate adults and children, now we share together in worship, all sharing at our own level of understanding,' wrote one person.

#### 3. No one should be excluded.

Jesus always made all people welcome, He never made anyone feel that they were inferior or unworthy, He welcomed into His presence all who came to Him. In Mark 10:13-16 Jesus welcomed children and reminded His disciples that the Kingdom of God belonged to such. What are we saying to those children we turn away from Communion? Jesus welcomed them and blessed them so who are we to turn them away from the blessings that Jesus bestows on us as we share bread and wine.

Through baptism, individuals enter the life of the church, Communion is for the whole people of God and there is therefore a strong case for including children who through their baptism are members of Christ's church. Communion is not primarily an expression of our faith; it is more an opportunity to experience the love of God. Through baptism we all become part of the household of God, part of His family and none of us should be seen as outsiders.

#### 4. Knowledge or love?

What is it that brings us to a relationship with Jesus? We all have knowledge but at different levels depending on our age and our experience. Our knowledge of Jesus should go on increasing as we learn more and more about Him. This, of course, is also true about our love, for our love of Jesus should go on and on increasing as we spend more and more time with Him. To come and share in Communion with our Lord we are asked if we love Him and accept Him as our Lord and saviour, who is to decide how much love we need to accept this invitation or how much we need total knowledge of what is being said? Both these things increase as we grow in our faith, it is not a requirement that you have believed or loved Jesus for a period of years but only that you have lived for a certain number. A child in terms of human years may have many more years of experience of knowledge and the love of Jesus than a recently converted adult. Thankfully, we are all God's children, all continuing to grow in our love and knowledge and who is to deny us as children access to the table of the Lord?

So here we have the major areas raised by both sides of this discussion, if you wish to respond in writing please write to the editor for inclusion in the June Chronicle before we discuss and vote at the June church meeting. The closing date for entries into the June Chronicle is Sunday 16th May.

Peter Heckels



# Outreach and Evangelism

## House to House Surveys

By the time you read this edition of Chronicle we will have visited Trent Road as part of our Neighbourhood Outreach.

This month on Monday 17th May we conclude this part of our Outreach by visiting the residents in Shaftesbury Avenue with our questionnaire.

Please do come and help with this work for Christ. Firstly we need - to prayer walk the road committing the residents to God. On the day we visit, in pairs, with a questionnaire, which almost everybody agrees to answer. We shall also need people to pray for this outreach in church whilst we are out.

We meet at 6pm at the Church and are out for about an hour, depending on the number of visitors. Please do come.

*Sheila Gooderham - Chairman.*

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# Finance

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## The CHRONICLE.

I am sure everyone will agree that our Church Chronicles are beautifully produced.

Our last Editor, Leslie Montford, carried out a difficult task with great flair for several years and we were very grateful for the thousands of hours he must have put into the Chronicle's production.

Now we have The Chronicle: Second Generation, and it just shows what 'youth' can do!! This is due to a very great extent to our Editor's very modern and expensive equipment and his very high degree of Computer literacy. (That means knowing which buttons to press).

But this is just to say that it all 'costs'. It was calculated that the December 1998 edition cost 45p each to produce. So when you pick up your copy each month please remember to make your contribution at least this amount, in the box provided in the church.

Thank you!!

*Wilfred Rhodes.*  
*Chairman: Finance Committee*

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## From the - Worthing Area Team

On our morning of prayer on 1st April all four churches devoted time to praying for specific needs and concerns in each of the churches, and was a time of good sharing together. Members at home were also able to share in this time. It has been found helpful and worthwhile to all who were involved.

The joint service on Sunday 18th April held in Goring was also a happy and fruitful occasion. Together we listened to Rev Janet Sowerbutts whose theme, beautifully revealed on her preaching stole, was "May they all be one" from the global to the local, and shared in communion. Fellowship continued over a lovely tea, again provided by a joint effort.

Together we are preparing in prayer for the visit of the potential ministerial candidate - Margaret Ashby on the weekend of 8th and 9th May. We hope this too will be a further opportunity in

which as many people as possible will come together in faith and fellowship before prayerful decisions are made on the evening of Monday 10th May at our individual church meetings. May we continue to learn of new ways together and encourage each other in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jane Bond



### Another Fund Raising event and a note for your diaries.

We are holding an  
'At Home'  
on Thursday 17th  
June from  
10-12noon,  
2-4pm  
and by special  
request 7-9pm.

More details next  
month.

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Further details from Geoff Porter 01243 554657

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The hosts for the 'At Home' on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June are Roy and Sheila Gooderham!

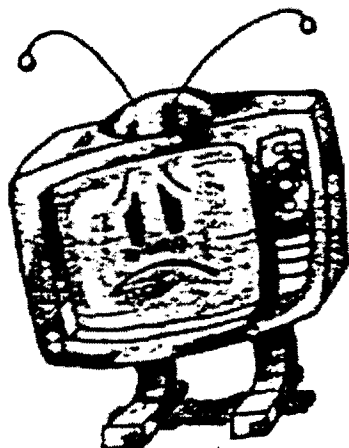


## Unfortunate Change

The beginning of 1999 saw a most unfortunate change in the pattern of the televising of Church Services. In recent years the BBC has included such services on special occasions only, ie Christmas, Easter and a few others while the ITV has broadcast a Church Service regularly on all Sundays.

These regular services have now been dropped in favour of a church service on the first Sunday of each month and a religious magazine which includes a short devotional act, on all other Sundays.

For those many unfortunate Christians of all denominations, who are unable to attend Church through ill-health, old age, or family responsibilities and who have relied on this service to provide a precious opportunity to share



in corporate worship, this alteration cannot fail to cause much distress since, however well a religious magazine may be produced it is a very poor substitute indeed for involvement in an actual service.

May I, through the courtesy of your pages, make an urgent appeal to all Christians of whatever denomination, to protest clearly and vigorously

against this unjustifiable restriction of worship.

Individual protests are needed, as are protests from Church Meetings, Synods and other such gatherings. For it would be truly tragic if at some future date, those who decide our programme content should be able to say 'When we reduced the number of Church services from 52 to 12 a year no-one seemed to be too worried - why not reduce it a bit more or even (God forbid) abolish them altogether.'

Surely there is laid upon each one of us a God-given duty to register effective protest in every way possible, for we dare not let this situation go unchallenged.

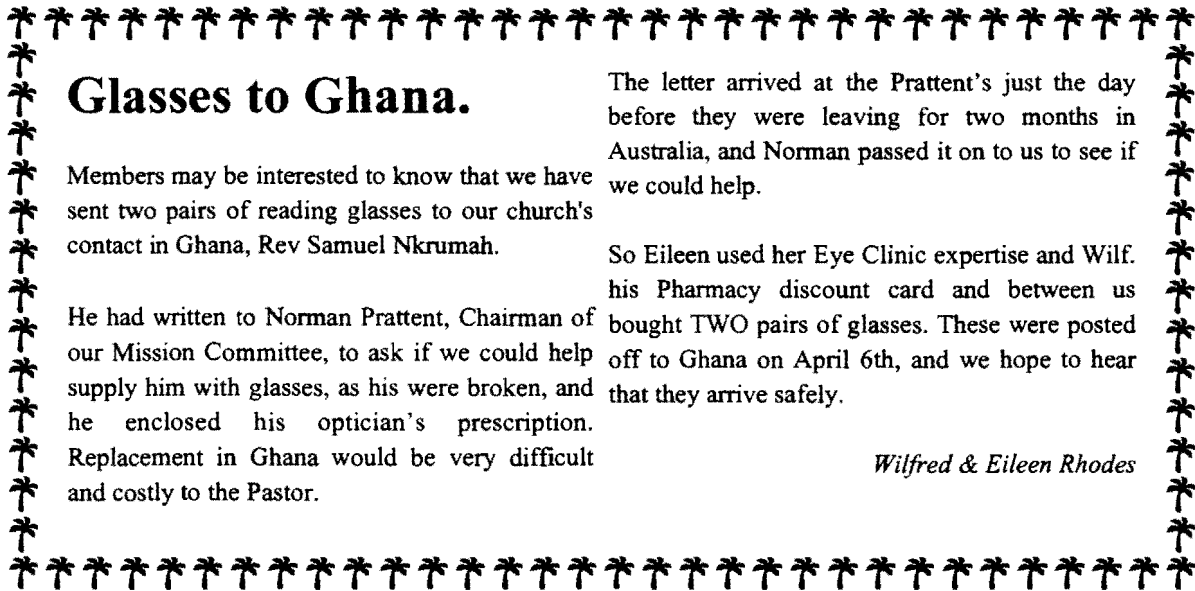
*Rev Wilfred George (Retired),  
Yeovil*

*Taken from March Copy of "Reform"*

## United Church of Bangladesh

Lily Collison has received another letter from the Rev Benjamin Biswas of St Paul's Cathedral, United Church of Bangladesh in which he says that the country is settling down after the devastating floods of last year, with the price of everything very high – especially food.

He also writes: - "Ten evangelists work in our church, even though we cannot pay them regularly. Still they work faithfully. They work generally in groups of Muslim people. They have prepared nearly fifty for BAPTISM. I am delaying the Baptism because the church has to take some responsibilities for the poor people's children education, when they are Baptised. We want to organise a seminar for one hundred Muslim enquirers among whom our evangelist work. Please pray for the evangelists, enquirers and me"



### Glasses to Ghana.

Members may be interested to know that we have sent two pairs of reading glasses to our church's contact in Ghana, Rev Samuel Nkrumah.

He had written to Norman Prattent, Chairman of our Mission Committee, to ask if we could help supply him with glasses, as his were broken, and he enclosed his optician's prescription. Replacement in Ghana would be very difficult and costly to the Pastor.

The letter arrived at the Prattent's just the day before they were leaving for two months in Australia, and Norman passed it on to us to see if we could help.

So Eileen used her Eye Clinic expertise and Wilf. his Pharmacy discount card and between us bought TWO pairs of glasses. These were posted off to Ghana on April 6th, and we hope to hear that they arrive safely.

*Wilfred & Eileen Rhodes*

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MEET MARCELLO, an Open Doors co-worker who travels to remote areas of Colombia to minister to Christians surrounded by terrorists and drug barons

# Living under the law of the jungle

“Everywhere we travel. It’s the same story – nobody can escape the violence however hard they try.” explains Marcello, with sadness in his eyes. His task is to visit churches deep in the heart of guerrilla territory, encouraging pastors, many of whom have received so many death threats they’ve lost count.

Marcello knows the risks – he travels in and out in the space of a few days. “Any longer and the guerrillas will get wise to my presence here and kill me,” he says matter-of-factly.

... by nightmare

He describes the areas he visits. “Several towns along the river bank where I last travelled have become cemeteries. The few remaining people are trapped in a

living nightmare. They told me how they often see corpses floating down the river – mutilated bodies of people who have been killed in the fighting between guerrillas and the paramilitary. Or maybe just ordinary citizens who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time...

“It’s the rural villagers here who suffer the worst. Often they run from the violence around them, thinking they’ll be better off in the cities. But it’s just out of the frying pan and into the fire. They’ve no money or means of earning a living, so they end up in refugee camps,

living in crude huts made of sticks and plastic sheeting. If they’re lucky they’ll manage to come by a handful of rice and some sugar for their daily meal. Some try and come back to their land, but the terror forces them to return to the camps; or they’re massacred in the attempt.”

“One of our intentions is to

strengthen the leaders and provide them with as many Bibles as possible; so that if we cannot be there or something else happens to us, they will be able to continue with God’s work.”

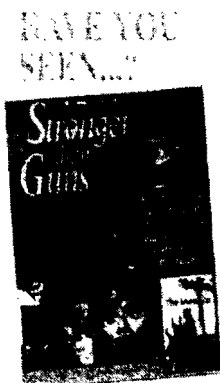
It’s Marcello’s job to work with the local pastors, trying to give them whatever support he can.

Sometimes it’s just a shoulder to cry on and somebody to pray with. On other occasions, he can take in Bibles and teaching books – materials desperately needed

to give hope to people who are living from day to day, never knowing where the next bullet will hit. “One of our intentions,” explains Marcello, “is to strengthen the leaders and provide them with as many Bibles as possible; so that if we cannot be there, or something should happen to us, they will be able to continue with God’s work.”

### Key targets

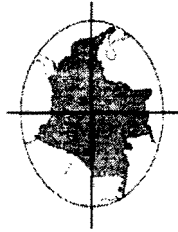
Often the pastors are faced with agonising decisions – they are key targets as the guerrillas resent them. One pastor told Marcello how he was approached by a guerrilla, who told him that he needed to stop evangelising. When the pastor asked why, he was told that as the people embrace the



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Children are often the innocent victims of Colombian violence. These are being cared for in a refugee camp in Turbo

Gospel, so the ranks of the guerrillas are weakened. Another pastor shared this: "In a town near us, the guerrillas sent the pastor and his wife into exile. They were given a date to leave, otherwise they would be killed. We know that these aren't mere threats. We heard of another pastor who faced the same situation, and refused to leave. They killed him."

Marcello knows his job could cost him his life, but his response is heartfelt: "If I don't go, if my colleagues don't go, who is going to help the church leaders here? We can't just leave them on their own."

- 1 FARC, the largest Marxist guerrilla army in Colombia, has waged war against the state since 1964.
- 2 Guerrillas are in control of almost a quarter of Colombia's population and their territory covers a third of the area of Colombia.
- 3 Colombia is the world's largest cocaine supplier.
- 4 Colombia is rich in mineral resources: more than 90% of the world's emeralds are mined there. Oil, and oil products are now the country's main export.
- 5 Rebels in Colombia earn as much as £600 MILLION A YEAR from kidnapping, extorting money from foreign oil companies and imposing taxes on peasant coca crops used to make cocaine.

- 6 The United States spends £60 million annually to help Colombia destroy coca crops.
- 7 Colombia has the world's highest abduction rate.
- 8 Over 30,000 PEOPLE ARE MURDERED in Colombia EVERY YEAR - more than 15 times that in the States.
- 9 Revival has broken out in Bellavista, one of Colombia's worst prisons. Over 500 inmates gather every morning at 6am for a discipleship meeting. (To read about the revival, see page 5)
- 10 In 1997, more than 1,500 people were kidnapped in Colombia.
- 11 A killer can be hired for AS LITTLE AS £6 on the streets of Colombia's cities.
- 12 Refugees fleeing from the violence to Colombia's cities may well end up in just as dangerous a situation. In Bogota alone, over 10,000 refugees arrive daily.

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**Rowland Singers Concert**

**Wed.24th March.**

What a super audience we had for the Easter Concert given by the Rowland Singers. Many complimentary comments have been made and the choir themselves were moved by both the words and music of TheCrucifixion.

Our thanks go to Peter for welcoming both audience and choir and setting the atmosphere by offering the Concert to God; to David Butcher at the door selling programmes and Audrey Gerlach and her team for providing refreshments - always an unknown number. Thank you all.

After the expenses of the choir were deducted, the balance of the proceeds were divided equally between the choir and the church and a cheque for £85.50 has been handed to the Treasurer.

Our 'lighter' Concert is in September - date and venue still to be decided.

*Sheila Gooderham*

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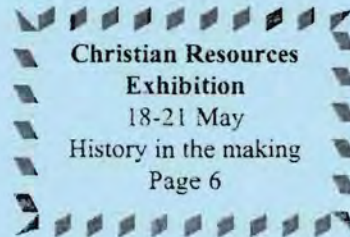
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From Trinity Methodist Magazine, Lowestoft.

for your Diary...



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| 2    | Sun |                          | Usual Sunday Service times. Holy Communion at 10.30am                                                          |
| 3    | Mon |                          | May Day Bank Holiday                                                                                           |
| 6    | Thu |                          | Day of Prayer                                                                                                  |
| 9    | Sun | 8 & 10.30am<br>3.30pm    | Sunday Morning services. Rev John Sutcliffe at 10.30am<br>Rev Mrs Margaret Ashby. (No 6pm service today)       |
| 9-15 |     |                          | Christian Aid Week. See bottom of page 3 for details                                                           |
| 13   | Thu | 7.30pm                   | Elder's Meeting                                                                                                |
| 15   | Sat | 10am-12                  | Spring Fair. See details on page 3                                                                             |
| 16   | Sun | 8 & 10.30am<br>6.00pm    | Sunday morning services<br>CTG Evening Service at St Laurence's<br><i>Last day for June Chronicle material</i> |
| 17   | Mon | 6.00pm                   | House to House Survey. See page 6                                                                              |
| 23   |     | 10.30am<br>3.00pm        | Junior Church Anniversary Pentecost Sunday<br>Holy Communion<br>Evening Worship                                |
| 27   | Thu | 7.30pm                   | Church Meeting                                                                                                 |
| 30   | Sun | 8am, 10.30am<br>& 6.00pm | Usual Sunday Service times                                                                                     |
| 31   | Mon |                          | Spring Bank Holiday                                                                                            |



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| 3    | Thu |                             | Day of Prayer                                                                                                         |
| 6    | Sun | 8am.<br>10.30am<br>& 6.00pm | Early Morning Communion<br>Morning W'ship with Holy Comm. - Rev David Helyar. Provincial Moderator<br>Evening Service |
| 8-10 |     | 9am-5pm                     | Feba Mailing                                                                                                          |

The June edition of *The CHRONICLE* will be available on Sunday 30th May.

Please make sure that articles are placed in the box in the Vestibule or reach the Editor by Sunday 16th May.

Thank you - Graham Redman  
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**Answers to Hidden Books of The Bible**

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a LULL. Kept people looking so hard for facts. And for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But the truth suddenly struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you compete. Relax, now, there really are 16 names of the books of the Bible in this story. *Did you get all 16?*



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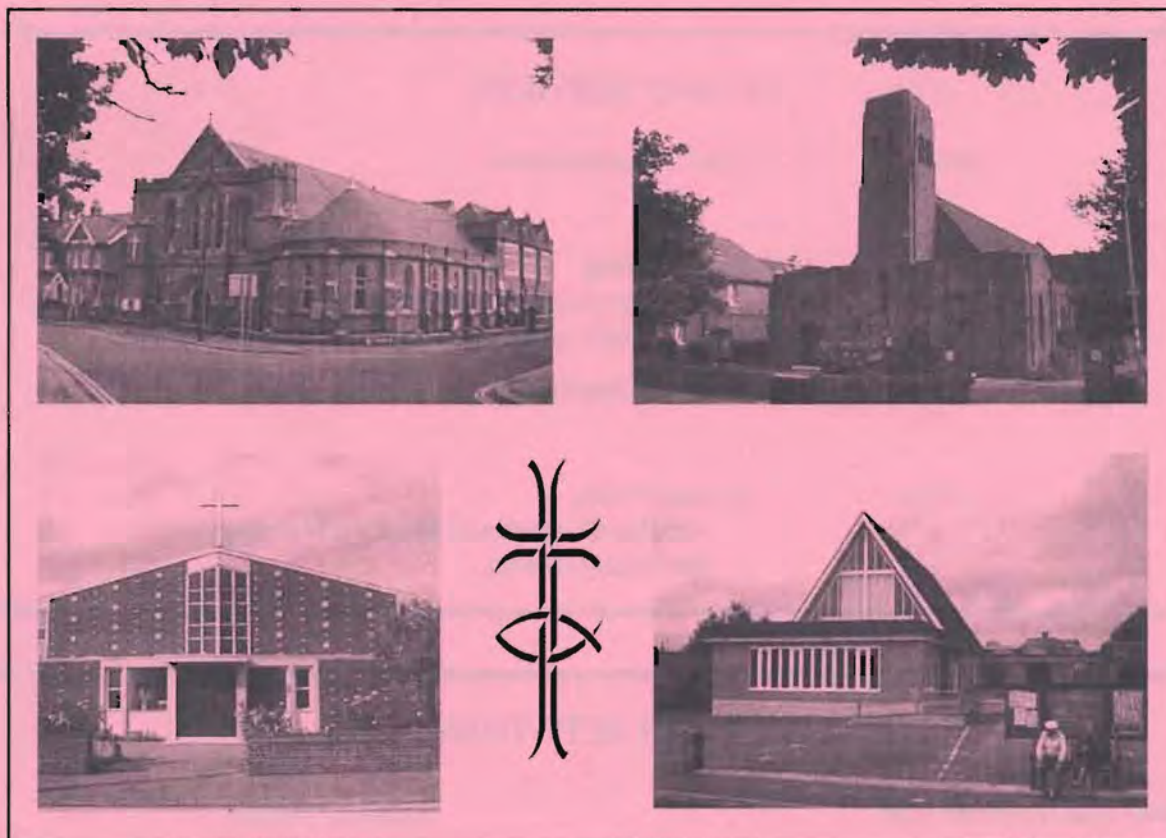
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The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.  
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### SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion Service                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,<br>- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.<br>- GAS ( God's Appreciation Society ) for young people<br>- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm  | Evening Worship<br>- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on<br>third Sunday in month.                                                                 |

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Wednesday Evenings            |
| Monday Club                      | Monday Evenings               |
| Tuesday Club                     | Tuesday Evenings              |
| Serendipity                      | Monthly, Monday evening       |
| Women's Guild                    | Alternate Tuesday afternoons  |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings             |
| Prayer & Praise                  | Alternate Thursday afternoons |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club             | Friday afternoons             |
| Little Fishes Play Group         | Every weekday                 |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups      | Various times and days        |



Dear Friends,

We have recently celebrated in all our churches the Festival of Pentecost. This day will have been celebrated differently by each congregation but we will all have reflected in some way about the power of God coming into our lives. In a sermon, Peter shared with the churches the challenge to become a people of Grace. F.G. Healey, one time professor of Westminster College, Cambridge, defines Grace as "the unmerited, active, loving kindness of God". This Grace is shown in the life and death of Jesus who, although sinless, in obedience to God, His Father, gave His life for the sin of the world, for our sin. The sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the empowering, by God, of those who have committed their lives to Jesus, that they may live out the unmerited, active, love of God. The result of this should be that we, the church, are seen as the living body of Jesus.

Jesus who touched the leper, sat down and ate with the social outcast, befriended those rejected and abhorred by society and called into His close circle of friends those least expected by the religious leaders to be the ones who would herald in the Kingdom of Israel's Messiah. To live by Grace is not solely the task of those who we see as the figurehead of church life. It is not our tradition to set aside those who will represent the church in daily living while we get on with living in the world, rather we believe that all are called in all our living to be Christ's body here on earth.

Gene Edwards writes about the effect of Pentecost those who were called on that first day challenging us as to the practical problems which are laid before us in Acts: 2. There were 3,000 new converts that day, many of whom were visitors to Jerusalem, who had come to celebrate the festival. This group decided to stay together, 3,000 people who needed to be housed and fed. To us the details would be staggering if not impossible but as Edwards says, "for the moment it was a simple, fantastic, insane, glorious decision". This is the effect of the power of the Holy Spirit. The problem of course got worse as time went by, for nowhere near all these people would have property in Jerusalem. So, we read not only of believers sharing their homes but also of selling their property so that they could stay together, pray together, eat and work together for the Kingdom of Christ. As Edwards says "the church cut its teeth on doing the radical. It had its beginning in being practical, not conventional. Church life was born when a bunch of believers, half out of their minds with joy, gave up all they owned and piled into a few houses and started living together." This was the whole body of believers acting in unity, for all shared the same power, the same experience, and the same joy of the Holy Spirit. There were those who had been called by Jesus to be Apostles and others who were now called into different roles but there was common purpose, and a common desire to continue the work of God in Jesus. This was to show the world the Grace that had been freely given to all by God and was there to be shared.

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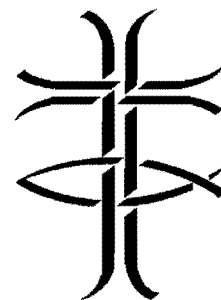
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*... From The Manse*

We are called together to be such a people that through all we say and do we should be reflecting the Grace that God has given to us. We may not be as radical as those first Christians in Jerusalem but if we are empowered and obedient to what God is saying then His

Grace will still be working through us and out into our communities. The challenge to live by Grace is not only to a select few within our churches but is surely God's word to each one. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the guarantee that He will work in us and through us that we may fulfil God's purpose for us all.

So, welcome Margaret and Norman and let us remember that Margaret is called as part of a team ministry that includes each one of us

Your servants in Christ,

*Peter and Eileen Heckels.*



*Norman and Margaret Ashby at Goring during their visit to the Worthing Team on 8/9th May*

## Worthing Area Team

We are delighted that all four churches reached a decision to call Rev Margaret Ashby to the Team and that she has accepted. Her Induction Service will take place on Thursday 9th September at 7pm at St Columba's.

May God bless her and the churches in their preparations for this new work within the Team.

Further details to follow.

*Jane Bond*

## Handbook Amendments

### Wedding Anniversary

We rejoice with Bob & Doris Edwards as they celebrate their 64th Wedding Anniversary on 1 June.

### Deaths

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Mrs Doris Harris on Monday 17th May 99

*We give thanks for the lives of those who have died and have passed into the fuller life. We pray for the peace in the hearts of Eileen Rhodes family and friends.*

### Think on these things by Eileen Jordan

Olive Jones would like to speak to anyone who may have a copy of the above book, so if you do have one Olive would welcome a call from you.

### Christmas Pantomime – '98.

I forgot to mention when I let people have videos of the pantomime, that the cost of the cassette is £1.

The people who have recorded the video for you do not wish any payment and ask that you put the £1. in the collection plate for Church funds. Thank you.

*Sheila Gooderham.*



## Spring Fayre

Saturday 15th May 1999

A big thank you to all who helped both before, during and afterwards on the day of the Spring sale. Not many people from outside attended but there was a lovely atmosphere inside.

The Treasurer tells me that we made £200. Well done everybody.

*Sheila Gooderham*

*Photo right – Roy Gooderham serves Eileen Rhodes with some of his own raised tomato plants*



## Recycling

May I remind everyone that the following items can be left in the boxes either in the Vestibule or the Kitchen – or taken direct to the following places:-

- Spectacles: Dolland & Aitchison or Bateman's, Goring Road
- Foreign Coins: St Barnabas
- Stamps: Mind Shop, Goring Road
- Aluminium Foil (flattened and not silver coloured paper):  
Grove Lodge Vets, George V Ave.
- Furniture: Guild Care. Tel 528600 who will collect.

All the above items can be of use to people in need, both in this country and abroad.

*Robin Bradley*

## Holiday Club 9th – 13th August

Please save your empty Ice Cream tubs and the Fruit Corner type Yoghurt pots for the Holiday Club. They, with prayer, will be much in need for a proposed project. Thank you.

*Bobby Hitchin*



## Sunday Morning 16th May

Sunday morning worship on 16th May was held in our church hall as the Sanctuary was being prepared for major redecoration works due to start on the following day – Monday morning 9 am.

See pictures on pages 6 & 7.

*The church hall was of course opened in 1947 as Goring Congregational Church and used for regular worship Sunday by Sunday until our present church building and Sanctuary was opened in 1961.*

*Graham Redman*

## Junior Church

**On Sunday May 23rd Junior Church celebrated their Anniversary. The service comes at the end of the long period of study undertaken by the children in the "Bible Exploration". This year's subject - 'Prayer'.**



*'Read your Bible, Pray every day, if you want to grow, .....*

This year the National Education Council introduced a new version - there being no exam. at the end of the course. Instead the children completed a workbook, accomplished projects and built up their own project files. These were then assessed and certificates of Merit awarded to each child. The shields were given for the best workbooks/project files.

We trust that the children found the course fun, interesting, challenging and that they have become familiar with the Bible stories covered. Above all we trust that we have helped them to discover more about prayer through the characters in the stories and through what is happening in their own lives.

The presentations were as follows:-

### **Group 1 7 - 8 year olds**

Shield and certificate of Merit - Paul Nicholls

Certificate of Merit - Elizabeth Anderson - Easey  
 Anna Cooper  
 Jonathan Cooper  
 Elizabeth Fordham  
 Alex Tilley

Certificate for taking part - Jessica Combes

### **Group 2 9 - 10 year olds**

Shield and certificate of Merit - Kevin Gill

Certificate of Merit - Elizabeth Hibbs

Certificate for taking part - Nathan Tilley

### **Group 3 11 - 12 year olds**

Shield and certificate of Merit - Kerry Gill

Certificate of Merit - Dean Reynolds  
 Siobhan Smith  
 Jason Tilley

Certificate for taking part - Kate Byerley

### Group 4 13 - 14 year olds

Shield and certificate of Merit - Ricky Mitchell

### Group 5 15 - 16 year olds

Shield and certificate of Merit - Daniel Mitchell  
 Daniel has achieved something very special this year - that is to have completed the Scripture Exam. and Bible Exploration for 10 continuous years. He, therefore, was also awarded the special Full Certificate and our congratulations Well done!



*Daniel Mitchell receiving his shield and Special Certificate during Sunday Morning Service on 23rd May - Junior Church Anniversary*

*This article is produced from notes by Wilma Smith, Junior Church Leader.*



## CHILDREN IN COMMUNION - Two responses to last month's articles.

Much could be argued for both points of view as reported in the *May Chronicle*.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a Sacrament of the Church and must be viewed in that context. In the Anglican and Methodist churches where those partaking go forward to the table and receive the bread and wine individually it is easier to include children. If a child has not been confirmed then often the child will accompany the parents and the child will receive a blessing from the celebrant.



We are gathered at Communion as in worship as a gathered company of believers. We receive the bread and wine together as a corporate act.

I would not object to a child attending if we were able to devise some form of blessing. I am not in favour of a child receiving the bread and wine without some form of confirmation of their baptism - some form of membership of the gathered believers.

*Ron Christopher*

Having read both sides of the "debate", I would like to add a few thoughts of my own. The solution is obviously not clear cut, and there are advantages and disadvantages on both sides.

I, too, feel that taking ones first Communion should be an important and memorable moment in a young person's spiritual development and growth. This should, I am convinced, be preceded by preparation classes over a period of some weeks for children or young people who are ready and prepared to take this step seriously. That is, they already have a desire to love the Lord more dearly. Such a class could be a preparation for "Junior Membership", and the actual first Communion Service could be a special service to recognise this.



I would suggest that children of 10 years and over would be able to comprehend this. Regarding younger children, and those who are not "Junior Members", they would of course be welcome at the Lord's Table as part of their own family, and the family of the Church, and would receive a blessing from the serving Elder who would lay a hand on head or shoulder, and say something like 'the Lord bless you and keep you.'



I think that I shall feel very uncomfortable if I have to vote either way, because for the reasons I have given, both sides have merit, in my opinion.

*Eileen Rhodes*



## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Worthing committee for the Women's World Day of Prayer is **URGENTLY** seeking a new President for the next two years. Two committee meetings are held each year, one in October and the other in February. The President chairs the committee meetings and usually takes a leading role in the Service on the first Friday in March. If you are a regular attender at the Annual Service you will know that the order of Service is set out and just has to be followed. Anyone who feels called to undertake this task please call Pam Cramb on Worthing 201764 for further information.

# Decoration of the Sanctuary



Many thanks to all members who helped with the redecoration of the Sanctuary. It was a daunting task, but by working all day and into the evening the job was completed within a week ( the same time as a firm of builders would have taken ). In addition the entrance vestibule was redecorated, broken plaster repaired and some new fluorescent tubes fitted to the ceiling lighting.

Special thanks to Matthew Smith for organising the skilled workforce and for others who scaled ladders and scaffolding to reach and brave the dizzy heights.

The Church has saved several thousand pounds by members undertaking this work.





**Total amount of paint used - 168 litres**

Our costs are as follows :-

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Painting Materials and brushes etc | £809 |
| Hire of scaffolding & equipment.   | £188 |
| Incidental Expenses                | £13  |

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| <b>Total Cost</b> | <b>£1010</b> |
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*Colin Nodes*



My apologies if you do not appear in these photographs but the response for helpers was so great that it was just not possible to include a picture of everyone who played some part with this project. Maybe you'll get caught on camera another time !

*Graham Redman*



## Open House Thurs.17th June

15, Harvey Road, Goring.

As a fund-raising event coupled with the opportunity to meet and get to know each other better, we shall be welcoming you to our house.

The times are between 10-12pm., 2-4pm. and 7-9pm. We shall ask you to pay 50p to

include your refreshment, which we hope will be taken in the garden.

There will be a bring-and-buy table and Trade Craft goods will also be on sale.

This is also an outreach event so bring your neighbours and friends with you. Come and go as you please. We look forward to seeing you

*Roy & Sheila Gooderham.*

## Treasure Hunt

Saturday 26th June

We are planning this event in the hope that lots of us will take part and help make it a great success. Do Goodchild who is an expert Treasure Hunter has planned a good route for us. We'd like your help regarding tea/supper. Our first thoughts have been for Fish & Chips when we are all back at the Church Hall. We will of course need numbers so there will be a list for you to [a] write your names, [b] your preference as to the food, [c] number of spare seats in your cars. If you have any questions or further thoughts about anything do phone me - 503783.

*Doreen Norris*

## Outreach & Evangelism

By the time you read this we shall have finished visiting all the houses in the area around the church with our questionnaire. We shall deliver to all the houses we visited in April and May, the results of the whole survey, as we did before. We do not know what effect our visits have had but we have followed up the people who responded 'yes' to the question 'Would you like to know more about the Christian faith?'

As we believe that our visits in the first place were part of God's will for our outreach, we shall continue to remember all these people by Prayer Walking the roads over the next few months. There will be a leaflet available explaining how to go about this so please ask Peter or me for a copy. The first date is Monday 7th June at 6.30pm.

Please continue to pray at home for all the people in Marlborough Road, Marlborough Way, Rosebery Ave., Elgin Road, Walpole Avenue, Wellesley Ave., West Park Lane, Trent Road, Robson Road and Shaftesbury Avenue.

*Sheila Gooderham.*



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# SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT MEETING

May 13th 1999 - held at Billingshurst URC

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**The meeting was opened with devotions led by Rev Geoffrey Haigh**

**Personalia:** The President introduced the meeting to two retired Ministers now living in the District, Rev Thomas Jones at Loxwood, and Rev David Williams at Saltdean.

**Report from the Executive Council**

The meeting would be welcoming Rev Marie Roe as President 1999/2000. David Best was succeeded as Evangelism Correspondent by Rev Charles Martin who also wishes to pass the responsibilities on. A new Youth Secretary will be appointed next year. All FURY group leaders are asked to register with the Youth & Children's Work Officer and to be on the mailing list. (Hilary has the form for this). Mr Des Colechin has been appointed as Development Officer.

Those attending Gen. Assembly this year are, Revs Jenny Martin, Geoffrey Haigh & Philip Burroughs, and Messers John Colyer, Alasdair Macaulay & Desmond Curry. (One of these will be invited to come to our Church meeting in the Autumn.)

**Pastoral Care Committee**

Reports were heard from East Wittering and Goring URC, these were accepted by the Council and thought to be very encouraging. Thanks were extended to Jim Bailey for his continued service at East Wittering. Ron Scriven is to continue at Bosham until the end of the year.

**Property & Finance.**

Ken Ashby has written to say thank you for his generous gift on retirement from the post of District Property Adviser. (Goring made a contribution)

**Report from Pastoral Care Committee.**

Rev Margaret Ashby's Appointment was approved by Council and her induction will take place at St. Columba's URC on

September 9th at 7.00 pm. Rev Arthur Williams will be inducted at Durrington LEP in September.

**Report on Evangelism in the District.**

There is a vacancy for Evangelism Correspondent, someone to link with Rev Peter Southcombe and keep the District up to date. (If you would like to consider doing this work please let Hilary know).

**District Youth Committee.**

A successful day for Leaders of children & young people was held at Sompting URC in April. (Goring was represented). District weekend will be at Coldwaltham 25th - 27th June.

**Church & Society**

Province would like us to appoint a District Racial Justice Advocate. Please pray about this.

Diary dates: June 20th Day of Prayer *Stop the Arms Trade*. October 17 - 24 *One World Week*.

The campaign against Nestlé is still on. Nestlé recently lost an appeal to the Advertising Standards Authority on the issue of marketing their Baby Milk.

The Women's Panel will continue to meet once a year.

Howard Nurden gave a presentation based on the Good Practice Guidelines and encouraged those churches who had not yet implemented them to do so. Council had the opportunity for short discussion. (At Goring we could look at producing job descriptions as suggested in the Guidelines).

At the close of the meeting Rev Charles Martin handed the Presidency to Rev Marie Roe, and Council joined in fellowship by sharing in Holy Communion.

The date of the next meeting: September 16th at East Wittering.

*Hilary Redman*

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## The EXP Account



If your EXP account reaches £100 by the end of 2000, the government will add around £30 cash back (so long as you are a tax payer). It's a special one off to celebrate the millennium. Tearfund will make sure your money is used well.

*If you are interested in helping someone in the third world or would like to know more about the above, please ring Gaynor Anderson-Easey.*

## JUBILEE 2000

**Relief of the debt burden for the worlds poorest countries.**

The Worthing Jubilee 2000 Network now has the support of Worthing Borough Council who have also written to Tony Blair in support of the campaign. As well as the coach taking Worthing supporters to Cologne on 10 June to lobby the G. 8 leaders a coach is also being organised for Sun. 13th June to London for the National Rally - similar to the Birmingham rally of last year. The Worthing Network urgently needs venues where pamphlets and petitions can be put to publicise the Jubilee 2000 campaign. A display is also available.

*For information on coaches, venues, resources, etc. contact Worthing 239244 or 241242*

The Worthing Jubilee 2000 Network newsheet is available on the noticeboard.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE WORLD CHURCH AND MISSION COMMITTEE

TO A SUMMER EVENT ON TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 1999 AT 2.30 P.M.

Guest speaker: Dr. James Burton, OBE, who will be talking about his work  
with the Medical Missionary Society.

Afternoon teas will be served and there will be a bring and buy and other stalls available.

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

VENUE: OUR CHURCH GROUNDS (if wet or cold, in the Church Hall)

Tickets £1.00 (including afternoon tea)

in advance from members of the Committee or on the day.

PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN - YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME!

# RUTH'S CHAT

(from the FIELD)

No. 19

Cameroon/Gabon

March 1999

For you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
You alone are God.  
Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in  
your truth.  
Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your  
name.  
(Ps 86 v10-11)

Hello again from your Central Africa correspondent!  
By the time you read this, I will have taken up residence in  
**GABON!** If you're wondering where on earth Gabon is,  
please refer to the profile and map below.

### But what happened to Pointe Noire and Congo??

Good question. I returned to Africa on 5<sup>th</sup> January as  
planned, but I never made it back to Congo, because serious  
fighting started there again in late December of last year.

I spent a very unsettled January in Cameroon, wondering  
whether I would be able to travel to join Andrea in Pointe  
Noire, or whether she would have to leave. By February it  
became clear that the violent clashes between armed rival  
militia groups were likely to keep things unstable for a long  
time to come, and we were forced to start thinking in terms  
of a full withdrawal from the country.

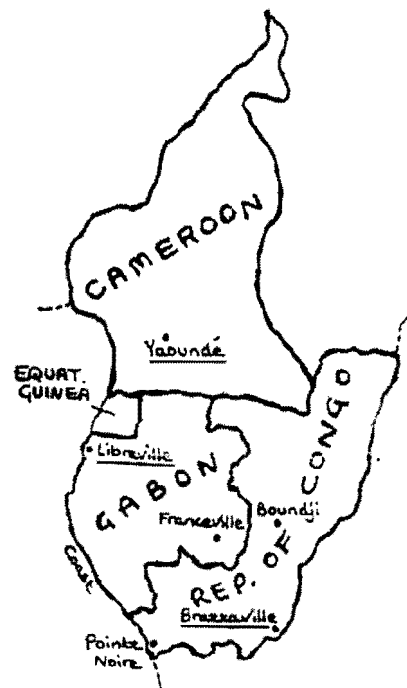
Andrea left Congo in mid-February and is currently  
spending some time in Germany. Other members of our  
group are going back for a short time to pack up and close  
down operations for the immediate future. It is a sad time  
for us, as we hear of more killings, shortages, looting,  
thousands of displaced people, etc.

### **FOR PRAYER**

Our Mboshi co-worker, Roch, is in Congo, continuing  
to work for the Lord in the Mboshi community. Pray for  
God to strengthen, protect and sustain him. Pray for  
the impact of 1000 calendars with two Bible verses in  
Mboshi (The verses are quoted in this letter).

### **GABON PROFILE**

Location: Central  
Africa, between  
Cameroon & Congo-  
Brazzaville.  
Size: Slightly bigger  
than UK  
Population: 1.4 million  
(Largely tropical rain  
forest)  
Capital: Libreville  
Official language:  
French  
Other languages: 40  
Dominant religion:  
Catholicism, mixed with  
Animism





## New Start in Libreville



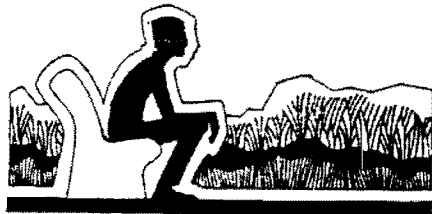
Since the door to Congo is currently closed for me, I will move on 20<sup>th</sup> March to Libreville, the capital of Gabon, where SIL<sup>1</sup> is now starting to work. I expect to be based there for the rest of this year.

During the first few months, the SIL team will consist of the director and his family (Canadian), two American families, and two British singles (Pauline and myself). Our immediate task will be to find suitable housing and get set up.

SIL has a contract to work with the University department for linguistic and cultural research in Gabon. We have been asked to provide courses to train Gabonese in linguistics and related language development work. This fits in well with our desire to put more of our energies into training nationals.

We will not be allocating teams to learn languages and set up Bible translation projects in Gabon – at least not initially. We want to take time to observe & listen, and see what role God wants us to have.

Of course, an important task will be building relationships with churches, and promoting the reading and understanding of God's Word. A couple of Gabonese languages already have a Bible or New Testament, and Gabonese are working on one or two others. Church leaders are eager for us to help them with translation.



<sup>1</sup> The name of our mission on the field

### **FOR PRAYER**

Please pray for the team moving to Libreville, for housing, for a common vision, and for good partnerships with Gabonese.

*Gabon will be my 4<sup>th</sup> African country of residence since 1994! Please pray for new courage and energy to invest again in relationships and lift up the name of Jesus in Gabon!*

Many Gabonese hold to traditional African beliefs (Animism), mixed in with nominal Catholicism or Secularism as a result of close ties with France. May God's truth shine forth so that people come to know Him while there is still time!

As our Mboshi calendar reminds us:

**"In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."**

(Acts 17 v30-31)

Thank you for standing with me through all the changes and challenges! Sorry if you wrote to me in Pointe Noire – please write again to the address below.

Blessings,

**Ruth Chatfield**  
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## Do you drive a car?



## Have you any spare time on Fridays?

If you can answer yes to these questions, please read on.

'Kestro', Worthing Stroke Club meet in our Church hall on Fridays for support, friendship and fun but we do require extra drivers to enable the members to get to the hall for their meeting, especially when our regulars take their holidays. Please consider helping on a regular, rota or occasional basis, bringing folk to the hall for 2pm. and returning them home at 4pm.

On June 11th and July 16th we are going on coach outings, leaving the Church at 10.30am and returning at 5.30pm, could you provide transport on those dates? Are you fit enough to push a wheelchair and join us for an outing?

For further details please speak to Carol Webber (690334) or Robin Bradley (240908).

The Congregational Players  
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**P.H.M.S.**  
**Pinafore**

15<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1999  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL  
SHELLEY ROAD WORTHING

7.30 PM.

TICKETS: TUES & WED £4.00  
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## Did they really say that?

These are actual unedited announcements taken from church magazines and bulletins :

1. Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.
2. Thursday night is Pot-Luck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
3. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
4. For those of you have children and don't know it, we have a nursery down stairs.
5. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Smith, the son of Rev and Mrs J Smith.
6. This afternoon there will be meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptised at both ends.
7. Tuesday at 4pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
8. This Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Murphy to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.





# JUNE

|      |      |                             |                                                                                                                                          |
|------|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3    | Thu  |                             | Day of Prayer<br>Meeting for those interested in the subject of healing.                                                                 |
|      |      | 7.30pm                      |                                                                                                                                          |
| 6    | Sun  | 8am,<br>10.30am<br>& 6.00pm | Early Morning Communion<br>Morning W'ship with Holy Comm. - Rev David Helyar. Provincial Moderator<br>Evening Service. Rev Peter Heckels |
| 7    | Mon  | 6.00pm                      | Prayer walking                                                                                                                           |
| 8    | Tues | 2.30pm                      | Missionary Summer Event. See page 11                                                                                                     |
| 8-10 |      | 9am-5pm                     | Feba Mailing                                                                                                                             |
| 10   | Thur | 7.30pm                      | Elders' Meeting                                                                                                                          |
| 13   | Sun  | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm | Early Morning Communion<br>Mr Norman Prattent<br>Mr Bob Jackson                                                                          |
| 17   | Thur | See Display                 | 'At Home' 15 Harvey Road. See page 8 Display for details<br>Serendipity                                                                  |
| 20   | Sun  |                             | Usual Sunday Service times                                                                                                               |
| 24   | Thur | 7.30pm                      | Church Meeting                                                                                                                           |
| 26   | Sat  | 3.00pm                      | Treasure Hunt. See page 8                                                                                                                |
| 27   | Sun  |                             | Usual Sunday Service times                                                                                                               |



# JULY

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| 4 | Sun  |      | Usual Sunday Service times |
| 8 | Thur | 7.30 | Elders' Meeting            |

The July edition of *The* CHRONICLE  
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Please make sure that articles are placed in the  
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*Thank you - Graham Redman*  
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The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.  
 ————— A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry —————



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- **Women's Guild Cream Tea**              ● **Christian Aid Results**  
     - Tuesday 6th July



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Dear friends,

We have just returned from being the leaders at a church family weekend at Herne Bay. As we drove through the countryside, we were reminded of the great variety of trees that are seen all around. It is when the summer comes and the trees turn into their various shades of green that you realise that some are dead. They stand in the winter alongside the others and unless you take a close look you cannot tell which are dead and which are merely dormant for the winter months. At this time of year the dead stand out clearly unable to produce leaves or fruit and although they may stand for some time it is clear they will eventually fall down. Trees that perhaps themselves have been a source of life for many other creatures now offer nothing at all except the starkness of wood without leaves.

It is possible to compare Christians, and indeed churches with trees in this way. There is a time when the spiritual seed that has been sown produces fruit and foliage, which can be seen and used by others. Here is a resting-place for those seeking spiritual shelter and perhaps even a source of new life for those who come to them. We all know people of faith (not always the famous saints) who have stood out as great pillars in the moulding of our lives, people who we would see as great oaks in our spiritual forest. No doubt, we also know of churches that seem to have been strong enough to offer many branches for rest and protection as well as nourishment for those who need it. What is central to all trees is the trunk and for Christians and churches that are strong and healthy, the trunk is Jesus himself for it is he who supports all and is central to all they do. The sap rising through the trunk can be seen as the power of the Holy Spirit ensuring that Jesus is not only central but also a living part of the whole life of the person or church. With a strong centre, the Christian life can offer many branches of support.

Jesus speaks of knowing a tree by its fruit (Luke 6:43-44) and John the Baptist warns what will happen to the tree that bears no fruit (Luke 3:9). The consequences for dead trees are plain but even dead trees have trunks and can appear to be strong yet you know that it is dead for there is no growth to be seen. The sap no longer rises and the trunk is only a symbol of what it once was. How often do we find lives of individuals and churches which are mere tokens of what was once the living power of Jesus moving in their midst?

We must ensure that Jesus is kept both central and alive in our midst. If we do not ensure that the life giving Holy Spirit enables our living Lord to be real to us then our whole faith will become dead. It may be that dead faith is not always immediately recognised because there will be periods of winter when this can be disguised but once living faith begins to show life then it will be clearly seen what is dead and what is alive. We need to have a living faith based on Jesus that we may all stand strong and mature in our faith that we may offer to those around us the rest and comfort which comes from seeing the love of the living God. Please continue to pray for us as we exercise our ministry among you.

Your servants in Christ,  
*Peter and Eileen Heckels.*

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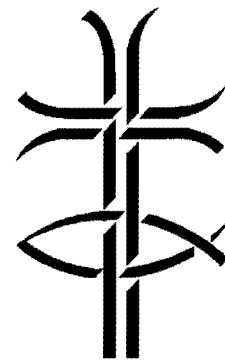
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**Eileen and Wilfred Rhodes** and their family wish to say a very warm 'Thank you' for the love and support shown by so many, following the death of Eileen's mother, Doris Harris, on 17th May. We have felt very conscious of God's tender, loving care comforting and upholding us through all these days. We wish you could have known her when she was well - she was a loving, modest and gracious lady who loved and served her Lord all the days of her life.

In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30 v.15)

### Legacies

The Church Treasurer has received legacies from:-

Miss E Hanson and  
Mrs D Willmott

**On behalf of Mrs Louie Hill** I have been asked to thank the people of the Church and particularly the members of the Women's Guild, for the help and love she and her sister Hilder Rogers, have received over the past years.

Firstly her thanks goes to Peter, who conducted so beautifully, Hilda's funeral and those of us who attended the service at the Crematorium would say 'AMEN' to that. Louie is so grateful to those who have given lifts in their cars to her and to Hilda, and for those whose cars were available for her when Hilda was in hospital - Audrey Gerlach, Vera and Win Trew and probably others.

We still uphold Louie in our thoughts and prayers, and I know she will appreciate visits in the future.

*Joan Burrage*

## Notice regarding the Church Kitchen

We are very fortunate to have such a large well equipped kitchen and it is only right that this should be maintained to a high standard. To this end, anyone using the kitchen should please see that all crockery and utensils are washed and returned to their rightful cupboard. Washing up bowls, sinks and surfaces should be cleaned down.

Flower ladies please see that containers are emptied and put away in cupboards provided. The right hand sink and draining board must be kept clean.

There are a number of cake tins etc left on the cookers. If these are not claimed they will be disposed of together with any other miscellaneous items lying around.

If a Health Inspector made an unexpected call, with the kitchen in its present condition, we would be in very serious trouble, particularly with Little Fishes meeting on the premises daily.

*From The Elders Meeting*

## Outreach & Evangelism

At the May Church Meeting it was proposed that we should make arrangements to have an Alpha Course on our premises. This course is for people who have had no, or little, knowledge of the Christian faith. The course will be on Monday evenings starting on 27th September for 12 weeks finishing on the 13th December.

Each evening starts with a meal, has a speaker then a time for discussion and we hope to finish by about 9pm.

We shall need people to help with the discussion questions and also to prepare and serve the meals. Obviously the number we shall need will-- depend on how many people attend the course.

We have sent off £50. to Holy Trinity Brompton and this confirms that we shall be doing the course and in due time we shall receive almost all the literature we shall need.

It is early days yet to do any planning, but please pray for God's blessing on this outreach and consider whether you are able to help in any way.

*Sheila Gooderham- Chairman.*

## Women's Guild

Our cream tea will be held this year on Tuesday July 6th. Tickets price £1.50 are available from Guild members and we look forward to seeing you.

Our AGM took place on May 11th and from September we shall have a new President, Vice President and Secretary. Please remember Jean Webb, Peggy Mott and Carol Webber as they seek to serve the Lord in these new situations.

Our grateful thanks go to our outgoing President, Ivy Berry, for her leadership and friendship over the last two years, and to Audrey Gerlach, as she steps down after seven years service as our Secretary. Hard acts indeed to follow.

Our new session will commence on Tuesday September 7th at 2.30pm when our speaker will be Rev William Connelly. We would love to welcome you to our Guild.

Enjoy the summer. Blessings

*Jean Webb*

## Little Fishes

It has been a busy year! We had our OFSTEAD inspection in February and currently have a student from Durrington High School and a student from Northbrook College with us.

As we come to the end of the year we once again have a lot of children leaving us to go to school. However, we already have lots of children booked in for September.

We will be holding a leavers concert and tea party during July for these children and their families, so we are busy practising songs.!

Our computer has suffered a 'terminal' accident and is now defunct! If anyone knows of a company who may be able to donate a Millennium compatible computer suitable for games and learning please let us know.

On Monday 26th July we have our summer outing to Fishers Farm Park. This is open to anyone who wishes to join us. Please ask for details if you are interested.

Thank you for all your support, interest and encouragement this last year.

*Sue Mitchell, Denise Elliott and Val Gill*

## Open House: Thursday 17th June

We welcomed 38 people to our home on Thursday 17th June and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by people from the church, neighbours and friends. It was a lovely day and we were all in the garden.

£51.50 was raised for the Church from refreshments and bring and buy, and £27.00 raised for Traidcraft.

Thank you to all who helped on the table, with the washing up and who brought and bought – perhaps we shall repeat it next year.

*Roy and Sheila Gooderham*

## Serendipity BBQ

will be on August 7th but may have to be postponed to the following week if the weather is not fair.

*Gaynor Anderson-Easy*

Photographs that have recently been printed in The Chronicle can be seen in colour on the notice board in the Church Hall.

*Chronicle Photographs*



## Christian Aid

Envelopes in church during Christian Aid week raised £383.31 contributing to a magnificent total of £995.75 after taking into account our house to house collections. Ian Hennell wishes to thank all those who volunteered their time and efforts to make Christian Aid week such a success.

## Ghana

At the request of the committee, Wilf and Eileen Rhodes established contact with Rev. Samuel Nkrumah and very kindly supplied Samuel with two pairs of glasses to help him read without too much difficulty. Samuel has written a letter of thanks together with a photograph (right) of himself and his wife outside their new church at Pankese. The photograph is pinned on the Mission Notice Board in the vestibule. We have also heard that the gift of £170 from Mr. & Mrs. Leal has also arrived safely.



Barbara Popplestone has forged a link with a lady member of Samuel's previous church at Half Assini and will be happy to pass on any interesting news if you ask her. If you are interested in having a 'pen pal' in Ghana, please have a word with Barbara. (see *Pen Pal from Ghana* - Page 7)

## Tear Fund

A special effort was made at the polling stations on the day of voting for the Euro elections when volunteers set up tables with lists for the Jubilee 2000 petition regarding the wiping out of international debts owed by Third world countries. We hope you played your part!

Tear Fund are setting up a new type of savings account whereby if £100 is deposited by the end of the year 2000 the Government will add a considerable subsidy. The final amount will go to Tear Fund for world-wide distribution - and not to the saver! Certainly a novel idea - if you need more information please have a word with Gaynor Anderson- Easey.

## The Bible Society

The committee, with guidance from Margaret Butcher our representative, is examining the possibility of providing a set of videos, produced by the Bible Society, to a local school. It is necessary to have the right contacts with a school and if you can help, please see Margaret.

## Ukraine

Following a letter from our Moderator the committee have sent a cheque to Rev. Brian Wroe for £50 to help towards the cost of his next trip to Ukraine. Mr. Wroe is hoping to fly out to Ukraine in September and has written thanking us for our donation which has helped to make his trip possible. He will let us know about his visit in due course.

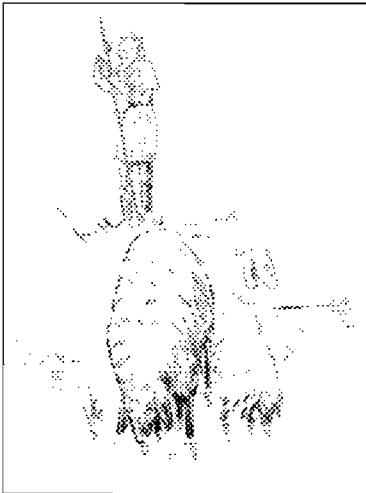
## Medical Missionary Association

We enjoyed a very special afternoon on June 8th at our Summer Event when we welcomed as our guest speaker the President of the MMA, Dr. James Burton, OBE together with his wife, Peggy. Dr. Burton held us all spellbound as he told us about his involvement as the founder of 'WHO' and the wonderful way in which the Lord made possible the acquisition of medical supplies and equipment at a very crucial time. From his experiences as a field missionary doctor in Liberia to his current role in his retirement with the Medical Missionary Association, Dr. Burton modestly played down his part and gave God the



part and gave God the glory. He is encouraging doctors to come out of retirement and to give some of their time in serving as missionary doctors overseas. Under the banner of 'Wealth Serve' not only doctors but nurses, radiologists, physiotherapists, dentists and any other qualified allied medical services are being encouraged to serve God and mankind in this practical way.

There were books, cards and other items on view and sale, published on behalf of the Medical Missionary Association. One book entitled 'Challenged to Conquer' was written by Mrs. Peggy Burton and sets out their experiences in Africa and the setting up and the early days of "Echo" Dr. & Mrs Burton are also involved in the "King's Highway Trust" providing Bibles and other Christian literature to Eastern European countries.



All in all we felt that they both willingly gave of their time and talents to the full in a very active retirement.

As a result of our bring and buy stall and also of our afternoon tea so kindly provided by Audrey Gerlach and her team from the Women's Guild we were able to send Dr. Burton a cheque for £150 for use in the Millennium Fund of the Medical Missionary Association. In return Dr. Burton has let it be known how grateful he and his wife are for our generosity and how much they enjoyed being with us again after so many years.

*Norman Prattent*

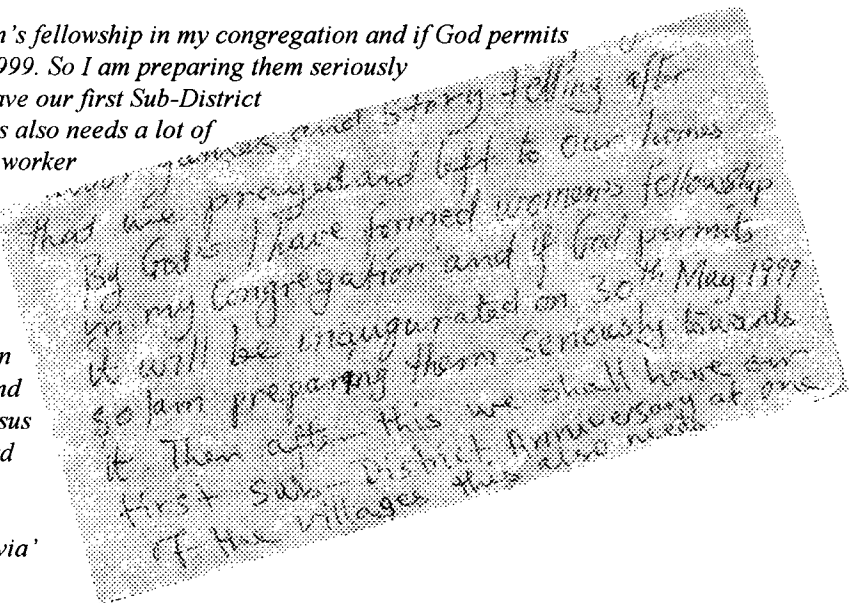
*Illustrations above are from the booklet 'Led by the Shepherd' and have been reproduced here by kind permission of the author, Mrs Peggy Burton.*

## Pen Pal from Ghana

The Missions Committee have been asked by Rev Samuel Nkrumah to find pen pals here to correspond with Olivia Segbedzi and also with a young man in his congregation at Half Assini, Ghana. Samuel has now moved on to another district but Barbara Popplestone has undertaken to write to Olivia. She is very involved in women's work for Christ in nearby villages. Here is an excerpt from a recent letter of hers to Barbara.

' ... .. By God's I have formed women's fellowship in my congregation and if God permits it will be inaugurated on 30th May 1999. So I am preparing them seriously towards it. Then after this we shall have our first Sub-District Anniversary at one of the villages this also needs a lot of preparations since I am the women's worker for the whole Nzema area. In fact it is very vast work, so I am training some people to help me. Some are willing to do it but some are not because it is a voluntary work and only an allowance of \$20 is now given to me so if they will do this without end anything then, but they forget that Jesus knows of our works and he will reward us.

*I remain with greeting to you. Olivia'*





## Elders Election and Church Appointments

A note from the Church meeting: 24 June 99

It was at this meeting that we heard of eight people who are willing to stand for election to Eldership at the July Church meeting. There are five Pastoral candidates: Mrs Robin Bradley, Miss Audrey Gerlach, Mr. Bill Marshall, Mrs Doreen Norris, and Mrs Pheniah Taylor, and three Administrative Candidates: Mr Colin Nodes, Mrs Hilary Redman, and Mr. Wilfred Rhodes.

We also heard that there are three vacancies on the Outreach & Evangelism committee.

Mr Eric Bond is standing down from Print Room Manager.

Mrs Carol Webber is standing down from Women's World Day of Prayer Rep. for Durrington.

At the close of the meeting Mrs Daphne Eames said that she would like to stand down from Social Secretary.

Nominations for any of these vacancies may be given to the Church Secretary prior to the July Church meeting.

*Hilary Redman*



## Church Family Barbecue

**Saturday 17th July 3-6pm**

Plantation at bottom of Aldsworth Ave.  
(If wet meet in the Church Hall)

Please bring food and drink



Family and friends welcome

## A reminder of other special dates for your diary

Oct: 16th Jumble Sale!

Nov: 6th Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale!



*Doreen says 'thank you' to Do with flowers.*

## Treasure Hunt Saturday 26th June

About 20 of us enjoyed a lovely afternoon in Angmering village hunting for clues hidden amongst the houses & shops. Our thanks to Do Goodchild who provided the clues, & Doreen Norris who organised this event and the fish 'n chip supper which followed!

*H & G Redman*





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| 11 | Sun  | 8.00 & 10.30am | Usual Sunday Morning Service times, Rev Peter Heckels                             |
|    |      | 6.00pm         | Christians Together in Goring Service at Goring UKC                               |
| 17 | Sat  |                | B.C.C.                                                                            |
| 18 | Sun  | 8.00am         | Early Morning Communion                                                           |
|    |      | 10.30am        | Morning Worship – Rev Ken Prior                                                   |
|    |      | 6.00pm         | Evening Worship – Rev Peter Heckels<br>( Last day for August Chronicle material ) |
| 24 | Sat  |                | Surbiton Youth camp on church premises for week until Sat 31st.                   |
| 25 | Sun  | 8.00am         | Early Morning Communion                                                           |
|    |      | 10.30am        | Sunday Morning Worship – Rev Graham Sturton                                       |
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| 26 | Mon  |                | Little Fishes Summer Outing. See page 3                                           |
| 29 | Thur | 7.30pm         | Church Meeting. Election of Elders                                                |



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| 1    | Sun     | 8.00am  | Early Morning Communion               |
|      |         | 10.30am | Morning Worship – Mr Wilfred Rhodes   |
|      |         | 6.00pm  | Evening Worship – Mrs Christine Smith |
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|      |         | 10.30am | Morning Worship – Mr Richard Bruton   |
|      |         | 6.00pm  | Evening Worship – Rev Norman Croft    |
| 9-13 | Mon-Fri |         | Holiday Club                          |

#### Submissions for *The* CHRONICLE

During recent months, some articles, poems, snippets etc have been left in the Chronicle box in the Vestibule with no name or suggestion as to where the article may have come from. It is not possible to include articles in the magazine unless it is clear from where it has come. (ie the author and or publication) and who it has been submitted by. To avoid any confusion in the future, please also remember to fill in a pink slip indicating name, phone number and which month or months you wish your contribution to appear.

Many thanks for your help and keep the articles 'rolling in'.  
Graham Redman

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...from The Manse

Flour mills formed a vital part of the economy of this country in times past. Depending where you were in the country depended on what power source was normally used. In Sussex, surprise surprise, the usual source of power was the wind. I wonder why!?! Over the years, of course, technology has moved on and windmills gradually became disused as more efficient ways of milling flour became available. However, many still live on either in the name of a subsequent building such as the Windmill Theatre in Littlehampton or they have been converted to very up market living accommodation. Some however, have been restored, and are once again milling wheat and in so doing are creating a living record of our history.

I have always been fascinated in the way that by wind power alone all the mechanical functions of a mill can be performed and so congratulate the owners of the various working mills in Sussex who have managed to adapt to changing times and needs and have found a place in modern society for technology of a past age.



*The Windmill, High Salvington*

There is also in windmills a living lesson for us Christians not only in the way that some have adapted to changing times but in the very way they obtain their motive power.

The wind comes just as the wind of the Holy Spirit blows. Some keep their sails locked. They will not let the wind do its work. They stand

proud to the skyline, motionless to their purpose. Some take off the brake. They let the wind turn the sails. And then wonderful thing happens. The inner workings of the windmill, the windmill equipment that God has given us, the very reason for which we were created, begins to move. The locked cogs and giant wheels turn, moving inexorably. The shafts rotate. The millstones grind together. Nothing will stop them. At the top of the windmill, the sacks are emptied. The hard indigestible grain falls through the mill. It tumbles down and down, through a complex puzzle and is ground between the stones. Finally it emerges from the bottom of the mill a fine flour.

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## Handbook Amendments

### Change of Address

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Alma & Norman Prattent

( See below )

## Alma & Norman Prattent move to Nottingham

We are sorry we have not been able to get round to see all our friends before we leave Goring so this is by way of saying "thank you to everybody for their friendship and fellowship stretching over the last twenty years.

We are sad at leaving GURC for it means so much to us - we were married in the church way back in 1980 and have enjoyed many years of happiness and service since then. Of course, we are looking forward to finding another spiritual home in Nottingham and who knows, maybe enjoying a time of retirement and refreshment!

We move from Goring on 4th August and will move into our new home on the 5th. Naturally, we shall be pleased to see any of you at any time - you can be sure of a warm welcome! Our new address and telephone number are as follows:

58, Springfield Avenue,  
Sandiacre,  
Nottingham,  
NG10 5LZ      Tel: 0115 - 972 0362

May God continue to bless you all - we look forward to seeing you from time to time!

*Alma and Norman Prattent*

(Continued from page 1) ... from *The Manse*

The same can be said of our lives. Everything that we have stored up for ourselves, the hard grain that we have hidden in the sacks within ourselves, the product of our lives, is turned into a wonderful thing, by the power of God's Holy Spirit a creation that we can use and turn into spiritual food, the sustainer of life. ... *The Bread of Life*.

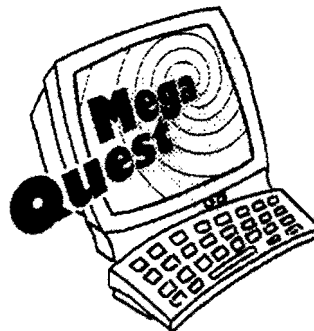
Jesus said 'I am the bread of life' ( John 6 v 35 )

Whoever eats this bread will live forever ( John 6 v 58)

So next time you see a windmill on your travels around West Sussex with its sails turning in the wind on top of a hill, pause for a while and think on Jesus who is after all *the Bread Of Life*

Have a great summer!

*Norman Croft*



This is the logo of the Holiday Club that we will be running from the 9th - 13th August, every day between 10.10am and 12 noon.

The children will be learning about God's Big Plan of salvation from Creation and the ten commandments to Jesus' death and resurrection and finally heaven. Each day the children will be involved in craft activities, games, competitions, singing and much more.

Please remember 'the team' in your prayers as they seek to share the message of Jesus' love with the children, and the children that they may respond to the message.

On Sunday 15th August we will be sharing in the morning service what we have learnt during the week together, so look out for us !

*Denise Elliott*

- Report and pictures next month -

## Alpha Initiative for the Millenium

On the 5th September 1999 the 'Alpha Initiative for the Millennium' will be launched throughout the country via TV., radio and the press.

As you know we are taking part in this initiative and are having an Alpha course starting on Monday 27th September. During August we shall be receiving a package containing all we shall need to get this off the ground on the 5th September. We shall be quite busy after that date.

During the next few weeks we hope to have linked up with other local churches with regard to publicity and have arranged the speakers for the 12 sessions.

On Thursday 26th August at 7.30pm at the Manse there will be a meeting for all those who would like to be involved in this outreach. People who may wish to lead small groups or help with the catering. At this meeting we will share together all that is involved before people definitely commit themselves. You do not have to tie yourself down to all 12 weeks - do what you can.

Meanwhile please include this outreach in your prayers. The Alpha course has been very successful in bringing many people to a knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ and an understanding of God in their lives. The O&E Committee feel this is the right time for us to be involved in this initiative.

## Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale

- in aid of Church funds -  
Saturday November 6th 1999

A long way off ?!!!

Please make sure the date is in your diary.

Also Monday 13th September (see below)

If you are able to contribute craft items, cakes or Christmas decorations for sale please tell Daphne Eames (tel. 268489). All kinds of craft, knitting, sewing, wood work, metal work, dough craft, dry flowers, etc. etc. will be welcome. Sellers are invited to deduct the cost of their materials from their 'takings', and donate the balance to Church funds.

If you would like to make something, but do not know where to start, there are books with ideas available to borrow through Hilary Redman. (tel. 260568) If you know someone else in the Church who is good at making things, please encourage them too.

It may not be too soon to plan your baking. Cakes are very good fund raisers, so we cannot have too many! Jams, pickles and preserves all sell well too.

Have you put away unwanted gifts that you would like to donate?

All items should be new, either purchased or hand made.

Like to know more? ..... Next meeting for all those who would like to offer help in any way, or who would like to sell their crafts, bake cakes, serve at the stalls etc. will be on Monday 13th September at 7.30 pm in the Harris Room. Please do come and join in the fun!



*Far Left: Junior Church craftwork depicting the dreams from the story of Joseph.*

*Left: Barbecue on green at bottom of Aldsworth Avenue. Wilfred Rhodes, Kate and Janice Byerley.*



# A Day Out At Coldwaltham

On a warm sunny Saturday in June our Junior Church went on an outing to Coldwaltham. (Coldwaltham is a few miles North of Arundel on the A29.)

A lady owns a piece of land which used to be a sand quarry and she lets it out to a select few groups, the URC being one of them, for camping, adventures, barbecues etc. The URC church camp this year was held from Friday to Sunday. Other church children were already there when we arrived; some had stayed overnight and others like ours had come for just the Saturday. The children who had stayed overnight were a little older than our group but it wasn't very long before they were all playing together as one happy family!

Eleven children from church went with two of our leaders who stayed at the camp all day to help supervise.

Daryl Sinclair, a leader already there gathered all the children together and made two teams for a game of rounders. The old quarry setting was a real heat trap: the game took place on parched grass at the foot of the quarry wall with trees and woodland on the other side. The children got on with it and got in two games before retreating into the cool shade of a brick-built, garage shaped shelter for refreshments. After cooling down it was off and out again for a scavenger hunt. This was done in

the wooded area next to the grass so it was a nice cool activity after the hot game of rounders.

A salad lunch was provided back in the shelter - buffet style. The children had to do their own washing and drying of the plates after the meal.

In the afternoon the children had a choice of activities. They could do just one or all if they wished!



Here is what was on offer -

- An assault course. This was made up of: parallel ropes; a tarpaulin to go under and a steep climb up the side of the quarry.
- Face painting.



- Football or cricket on the grass.
- Board games in the shelter.

Most children had a go at everything but some were content to run round and round the assault course all afternoon!

The day ended with a group time after supper. Daryl read Bible verses from Luke about Jesus healing ten men. She then spent time teaching and then passed a soap-bubble maker round the group. Each child had to say a prayer and then blow bubbles and watch them float away. God answers prayers but we must not forget to say thank you to him, was the overall message.

The day-children left while the older overnights prepared a campfire. Some of our children were quite dirty after spending all day outside in the dusty & sandy old quarry. Some Mums were very busy with washing afterward I'm sure!

*Paul Redman*





Junior Church

**More News from Junior Church**

**By Wilma Smith (Leader)**

As we approach the summer holidays it is good to reflect on the past year.

We have been blessed with a dedicated teaching team who have come along to share their love of Jesus with the children week by week. There have been one or two changes of staff in the GAS group but we are hopeful that Val and Annette will continue to enjoy working with the teenagers as we look ahead to a new year. I am happy to say all the teachers and helpers have agreed to continue working with the children in

September, 'Praise the Lord'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for all that they do, not just on a Sunday morning, but everything that is done in the way of preparation behind the scenes.

The children turn out too, to share their news with us, to hear more stories from the Bible, to hear more about how special each one of them is to Jesus and how much He loves them and to be part of our Church Family here at Goring. What a challenge and a privilege it is for us on the teaching staff to share with the children week by week. We trust and pray that as the children learn more they will come to a fuller understanding of the love of Jesus.

We have been continuing in our various groups during July. On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July we shared our Junior Church morning with around 25 extra children from Surbiton who camped on our premises. During August the 3 to 5 years old will join crèche and all other ages will join together in the main hall as one group. This will enable the teaching staff to have a well-earned break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. I trust you will have happy and peaceful holidays in the days to come and that you will come back refreshed. Blessings to you all.

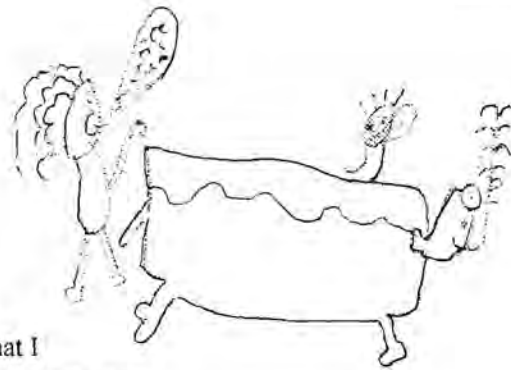
**My visit to Coldwaltham**

I went to Coldwaltham, and it was fun. We played Rounders and went on a Scavenger Hunt. Then we

had lunch. I had lots to eat, plenty. We then played cricket and then went on an Obstacle Course. Then read a story from the Bible. After that I found a sandy place beside a cliff. Then we had tea, and afterwards we went out to play again. After that we came home. When I got home I was sent straight to the bath. Mum said she had never seen such dirty water.



Jonathan Cooper at the Barbecue on Sat. 10th July.



By J. p cooper  
(Master)



A good time was had by all who attended the Barbecue on Saturday afternoon 10th July.

Left: Ruth & Anna Wilma in the background

Right: Elizabeth & Stuart





# Standing together in times of disaster

The year 1998/9 was overshadowed by four major disasters. It was also a year when Tearfund supporters stood with people in need as never before.

Sudan, Central America, Bangladesh and Colombia: Tearfund supporters gave over £7.9 million to bring rapid, life-saving relief to many thousands. The three case studies on these pages show something of what has been achieved.

But Tearfund's emphasis is on long-term help, and as the world's attention moves on, we remain committed to these devastated areas, and to ongoing development work world-wide.

Thank you so much  
for making this  
possible

## SUDAN

July 1998. A young, heavily pregnant mother makes a tortuous journey through the heat to Billing, southern Sudan. She carries her son Simon, down to almost half his proper body weight. After three months at a Tearfund-supported feeding centre he looks healthy and happy (see photos, right), just one example of your support saying lives.

Ongoing projects include seed distribution, sanitation and feeding centres for tens of thousands of displaced people. Longer term projects include animal healthcare; adult literacy; and rehabilitation for war casualties.

But the underlying causes of the crisis in Sudan remain, and Tearfund is working for a just and lasting political peace.



Above: Before... and after intensive feeding. Simon is just one of the lives saved by your support. Tearfund supporters gave £3.8 million. Photos: Emma Roberts.

## Serendipity Barbecue

Saturday 7th August 99

Speak to Gaynor Anderson-Easey for details



## Ruth Chatfield in Gabon



... Here's a view of Gabon  
As you can see, it's a country of rivers and forests straddling the equator. Pauline and I just travelled across the country by train to where I left the vehicle we evacuated from Congo in. It's been sitting there nearly 2 years, so we have now finally sold it. It was a real answer to prayer that God provided a buyer in a short space of time.....

*Ruth Chatfield*

In a recent letter to Norman Prattent Ruth encloses a Post Card (above) and writes in her letter -

"I think you will have seen my March Newsletter now and will know that I am in Gabon. There have been on-going rebel attacks and killings in Congo since the beginning of the year. It's a sad country. It's still possible to live and work in Pointe Noire, although Andrea left for a while and we decided as a group in September when or whether we will be placing anyone there in the near future. So I decided to come to Gabon for this year to help with the start

up here. It's been encouraging to find some large, quite strong churches in Libreville. We've been meeting with church leaders to find out what the Bible translation needs are. Actually, French is taking over from some Gabonese languages, so we need to research the situation carefully. So my future is still uncertain - whether to invest here, return to Congo, or to Cameroon where I have close friends! But the Lord has it all planned!

*Blessings, Ruth "*

### CHARITIES AIR DAY - SHOREHAM AIRPORT SATURDAY 14th AUGUST 1999

THEME: " HELPING IN EAST AFRICA "

Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, and Lady Bryson supporters of relief efforts in Africa will open the event at 10 am following a welcome from Wayne Chandler, Managing Director of Southern Air Ltd organisers of the Air Day.

Participating charities are AIM-AIR, AIVIREF, East Africa Flying Doctor Service, MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP. Illustrated Talks about the activities of the Charities in East Africa as well as videos, 'Fly-a-Plane' computer game for children, and Display Stands are some of the day's features. The MAF Training aircraft is expected, demonstrating the type of aircraft used by the charities. The new Police Helicopter hopes to be available to demonstrate. Flying Doctors have also promised to be present.

Admission and ample parking are free. Refreshments available. The Air Day activities are to be centred in the Conference Hall. Helicopter flights are available for a £20 contribution. There is to be an Aerobic Chipmunk and other fixed wing aircraft offering trial lessons at special contribution prices.



# ISRAEL

By Joan Fordham

Over the years God has led me to love His people, the Jews. This goes back to the war. My father was in the Navy, and I was evacuated from London together with my mother and sister. Because of this, I wasn't very happy. I didn't, of course, know what the war was all about.

After the war I was able to start reading the newspapers which hadn't been available during the war. I was twelve years old. I felt very hurt when I read about and saw pictures of the concentration camps. I began to feel guilty, thinking, "Why didn't I know about this? Why was this dreadful thing happening while I was going about my childish business?"

Over the years these feelings didn't go away. Films and stories on Television would bring them back. God quieted my mind while I brought up my children, and then He started to lead me again. He wanted me to understand His purpose for His people and the gentiles.

I support the Christian Friends of Israel, and this year I went to their yearly conference in Israel. The title of the conference was "In His Presence". One

of the speakers, Sharon Sanders, spoke about her ministry. She looks after and cares for the holocaust victims that live in Israel. She showed slides of the people while she told us of the terrible memories that they live with every day. During her presentation, I could not contain myself any more. I cried and cried and cried. God released me from my burden of guilt. The next day we went to the holocaust memorial and museum. I was able to cope with the pictures of that terrible time in our history, although I still felt very sad at what man can do to man.

With my distress over, I was then able to enjoy the rest of the conference. One night I was laying on my bed thinking about the day's talks, when I saw a picture in my mind of a bridge. Gentile Christians were walking up one side of the bridge and the Christian Jews were walking up the other side. The two groups walked towards the centre of the bridge, where they met and mingled with each other. I thought, "Yes! That's what God wants!", one new man, (Ephesians 2). I also thought about Romans 11 where the Jews and the gentiles are grafted together as one tree, the Jews being the root and the gentiles being the branch that feeds from the root.

God is so beautiful and his plans are so wonderful.

If you would like to talk about the Jews or Israel, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## The next combined Goring Churches Service is on Sunday 26th September 3pm Goring URC

This will be a special service hosted by Goring New Life Baptist  
Church  
to mark their 10th Anniversary

The service will be led by the minister of Goring New Life Baptist  
Church, Rev John Sutcliffe and the speaker will be  
Rev Andrew Kane ( Minister of New Life Church Woking)

Andrew was minister at Durrington Free Church (Baptist) when the congregation that became Goring New Life Baptist Church first started meeting.

## General Assembly Jottings.

### MONDAY

#### Moderator's Address Sound Bites

- Let's be souled and healed.
- Peter's rallying cry is 'get real'
- People say to me 'Sorry we couldn't get to the church meeting, it was the cat's birthday!'
- Worship needs to be the best it can possibly be
- How many elders does it take to change a light bulb. Answer -'change?'

### TUESDAY

#### Discipleship Stewardship and Witness

Elizabeth Caswell started her introduction by telling us a story of a lady who is a chaplain to a night club. There are two questions most asked by the club goers. First-'Where's the fag machine. 'And secondly' Why did Jesus die? We need to be where people are so that we can be around when they ask us the important questions of life

#### Interfaith Resolution

A lively Sikh lady who addressed the Assembly, told of her impressions of the Harare World Council of Churches meetings where she said Nelson Mandella when imprisoned on Robin Island, said he looked forward particularly to the visits of the other faiths as they always bought with them samosas and other nice things to eat as well as support.

#### Youth and Children's Work.

One of the speakers said that at his church, the young folk who they were trying to work with were pinching, on average 20 toilet seats a week and on one

occasion had even tried to filch the snooker table. Pot was also being smoked regularly in the loos. However after they took them to Yardley Hastings, [ our residential youth centre ] all that changed.

#### Human Sexuality Debate

This was conducted in an unemotional but responsible way. Resolution 34 was passed the following day and there was much discussion. For 326 against 189

### WEDNESDAY

#### Worship

The talented and beautiful voiced Maggie who led all the worship unaided by any instrument, managed in this worship slot to perform the miracle of keeping 500 people together in the singing of " I am the bread of life" by the simple expedient of turning her long white arms and amazingly long fingers, into a couple of musical items with which she indicated to us whether the tune went up or down, and how the words fitted.

#### New Churches New Ministers.

It was very encouraging to hear of new churches being opened . There were four of these and we also received a fellowship into the denomination composed largely of Pakistani Presbyterians. However on the other hand 11 churches have closed .

### THURSDAY

Gear Prayer Meeting. This began the day with a picture given to one participant. It concerned a church gathering that she saw herself praying for. She was facing the congregation, and was praying about the future. When she began her prayers, the church had about

12 people in it. When she finished, and opened her eyes the church was full. Is this a vision of the future of the URC? It could be but only if we all work to God's agenda as hard as we can.

#### Mission Council. Growing UP Report.

This report concerns evangelism and is important for all to read. The speaker told a true story to encourage us to think of new culturally acceptable ways to package the Gospel. John Williams, in the early days of the mission to the South Seas, on one occasion took a group of local evangelists by boat to the Cook Islands, to begin their evangelization. These folk went ashore garbed in western clothes and were immediately set upon. Barely escaping with their lives they returned to the waiting craft in the bay. John Williams was in despair. 'Who will go now ? ' he asked. A couple of natives volunteered and stripping themselves of all Western clothes they tied their Bibles in bundles on their heads and swam ashore. This time successfully.

### FRIDAY.

When moving a resolution for peace in N. Ireland, Gabrielle Cox, who is an Irish Presbyterian, was moved to tears as she spoke of the fear and terror in which she and her friends constantly lived. I brought it home to those of us who live in peace, just how dreadful it is to live with fear and violence.

#### Moderator Elect. Bill Mahood

Bill expressed his gratitude to the work of the BB without whose influence he would never had been a minister. He also stressed the importance of local congregations.



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*Contact Peter Goodall*

*Phone 01903 264556  
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for your Diary ...



# AUGUST

|      |         |                |                                               |
|------|---------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Sun     | 8.00am         | Early Morning Communion                       |
|      |         | 10.30am        | Morning Worship – Mr Wilfred Rhodes           |
|      |         | 6.00pm         | Evening Worship – Mrs Christine Smith         |
| 5    | Thu     | 7.30am-12noon  | Day of Prayer                                 |
| 7    | Sat     |                | Serendipity Barbecue. See page 6              |
| 8    | Sun     | 8.00am         | Early Morning Communion                       |
|      |         | 10.30am        | Morning Worship – Mr Richard Brunton          |
|      |         | 6.00pm         | Evening Worship – Rev Norman Croft            |
| 9-13 | Mon–Fri | 10.10am-12noon | Holiday Club                                  |
| 15   | Sun     |                | Usual Sunday Service times, Rev Peter Heckels |
| 22   | Sun     |                | Usual Sunday Service times, Rev Peter Heckels |
| 26   | Thu     | 7.30pm         | Alpha helpers meeting at The Manse            |
| 29   | Sun     | 8.00am         | Early Morning Communion                       |
|      |         | 10.30am        | Morning Worship – Mr Stuart Nixon             |
|      |         | 6.00pm         | Evening Worship – Rev Peter Heckels           |



# SEPTEMBER

|   |     |         |                                                                        |
|---|-----|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 | Thu |         | Day of Prayer                                                          |
| 4 | Sat | 1pm     | Wedding of Karen White & Gary Hall                                     |
| 5 | Sun | 8.00am  | Early Morning Communion                                                |
|   |     | 10.30am | Morning Worship – Rev Peter Heckels. Ordination & Induction of Elders. |
|   |     | 6.00pm  |                                                                        |
| 6 | Mon | 7.30pm  | Elders Meeting                                                         |
| 9 | Thu |         | Usual Sunday Service times, Rededication of Jun.Ch.Staff. Promotion    |

### Submissions for *The* CHRONICLE

#### Photographs

Photographs that appear in *The* CHRONICLE can be seen in colour on the notice board in the Church Hall.

#### CHRONICLE contributions

To avoid any possible confusion, please remember to fill in a pink slip indicating name, phone number and which month or months you wish your contribution to appear.

Many thanks for your help and keep the articles 'rolling in'.  
*Graham Redman*

The September edition of  
*The* CHRONICLE will be available on  
Sunday 29th August.

Please make sure that articles and pink slips are placed in the box in the Vestibule or reach the Editor by Sunday 15th August.

*Thank you - Graham Redman*  
*Tel / Fax: Worthing 260568*



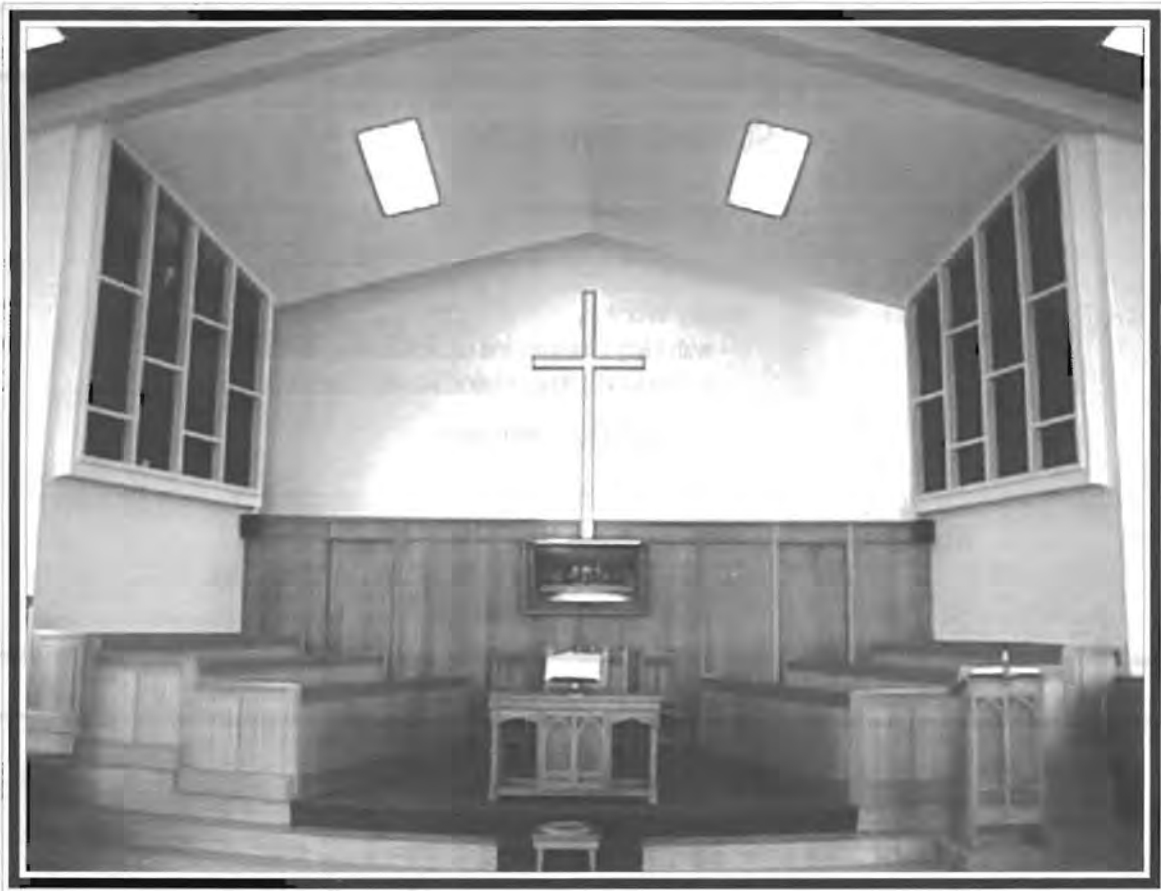
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### SUNDAY SERVICES

|          |                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion Service                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,<br>- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.<br>- GAS ( God's Appreciation Society ) for young people<br>- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm  | Evening Worship<br>- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on<br>third Sunday in month.                                                                 |

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Wednesday Evenings            |
| Monday Club                      | Monday Evenings               |
| Tuesday Club                     | Tuesday Evenings              |
| Serendipity                      | Monthly, Monday evening       |
| Women's Guild                    | Alternate Tuesday afternoons  |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings             |
| Prayer & Praise                  | Alternate Thursday afternoons |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club             | Friday afternoons             |
| Little Fishes Play Group         | Every weekday                 |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups      | Various times and days        |



Dear friends,

I suppose in many ways the church year should begin in September for in this month many of us return from our holidays hopefully rested and refreshed to come back to our daily life with new vigour and enthusiasm. Within the life of any church all the activities begin again and quickly get into the full swing of their programme. Even those activities that are pencilled in for later in the year will be in our thoughts and our prayers as we begin planning and preparing for the months ahead. So it is at this time of year we look ahead with a renewed sense of anticipation and a coming together again as we share in the fullness of the life of the people of God. However, this will not be true for everyone for not everyone wants to fill their life with things 'churchy' and indeed there are those who will deliberately avoid such gatherings as are provided within the life of the church throughout the week.

This then makes our gathering together on a Sunday even more important. While it may be that you are naturally drawn to meet with those you see during week time activities, we should be aware of those who do not come to such meetings or are involved in different areas of the life of the church to that which mainly interest us. In this way we will all broaden our knowledge of the church and for those whose only link with our fellowship may be at a Sunday service this is our only opportunity to make them aware of how much we value their contribution to the life of the church. There are those Sunday by Sunday who long for people to come and talk with them and befriend them on these occasions. Churches are almost always accused of being cliquy because we appear to sit with and talk with those people who we meet in our non - Sunday groups to the exclusion of others. Clearly to overcome this needs a positive effort on everyone's part but maybe by spreading ourselves around we may discover people who are waiting to be invited to share in other activities of the church. We need to make those who have been attending for weeks, months or even years feel as welcome as the stranger who steps through the door for the first time. We can but offer and explore what options the church can provide for it's people who wish to grow in their faith and within the fellowship.

To become a true fellowship of God's people we must continue to provide opportunities for people to grow in their faith, a process that we are all constantly doing and to draw people into the life of a loving Christian community. As we reach out into the wider area around the church we need one another to support this work of mission to which we are called and it is to that we all return refreshed in body and spirit, to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for all who lead our activities and for us as we continue to seek God's leading.

*Your servants in Christ,  
Peter and Eileen.*

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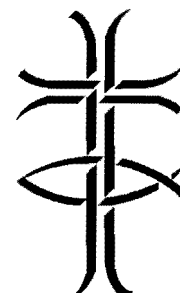
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Page 23/24. Malcolm & Sue Nicholls. At the time of this magazine going to print the moving date is planned for 26 August, but this date is yet to be finally confirmed.

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Telephone: unchanged - 717521

**CHURCH APPOINTMENTS**

At the Church meeting held on the 29th July we were glad to elect the following members to serve in many ways. All appointments begin on 1st September 1999.

**Administrative Elders** Mr Colin Nodes  
Mr Wilfred Rhodes  
Mrs Hilary Redman (Church Secretary)

**Pastoral Elders** Mrs Robin Bradley Miss Audrey Gerlach  
Mrs Doreen Norris Mr Bill Marshall  
Mrs Pheniah Taylor

Other appointments:  
Church Members to

**Church Family Committee:**

Miss Audrey Gerlach  
Mrs Rosemary Terry  
Mrs Wilma Smith  
Mrs Carol Webber

**Outreach & Evangelism Committee**

Mrs Margaret Butcher  
Mr Paul Redman

**House & Fabric Committee**

(Mr Colin Nodes)  
Mr Eric Bond  
Mrs Eileen Rhodes

**Finance Committee**

Mrs Audrey Ebeling  
Mr Ken Irving  
Mr Stuart Higgins

**World Church & Mission**

Mrs Barbara Popplestone (Minute Secretary)  
Mrs Audrey Stewart  
Mrs Pheniah Taylor  
Mrs Florrie Freeman (Treasurer) (Leprosy Mission)  
Mr Ian Hennel (Christian Aid)  
Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easey (Tearfund)  
Mrs Margaret Butcher (Bible Society Rep)

**Print Room Manager** Mr Ken Woods

**Social Secretary** Mrs Doreen Norris

**Women's World Day of Prayer Rep for Durrington** Mrs Daphne Eames

N. B. At the end of the meeting and at the time of going to print, three committee places remain unfilled; one on the Outreach & Evangelism committee, one on the House & Fabric committee and one on the World Church & Mission Committee. These and any committee may co-opt member from time to time.

*Hilary Redman*



## THE MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER

**Did you know that every month on the first Thursday, Goring URC is open for prayer?**

At 7.30 in the morning the door is opened and the Church is made available to anyone who would like to come in for a quiet time. At 10.30 am there is a short service of Holy Communion. The door is closed at the end of the day, usually at 5.00 pm

It is only possible to make the Church available in this way if we, the people, are available to be present too. It is best if two people can sit together in the Church, but of course as many as wish to come together may do so.

If you are able to come in and sit for half an hour or so, you are asked to add your name to the list that is made available in the vestibule on the preceding Sunday.

*If someone else has put their name at the time that you are available please write your name too.*

The Minister, Peter Heckels, prepares a sheet with suggested items for prayer

throughout the day. People may come in and go out while you sit in the quiet; some from the Revenue building, shoppers passing, or mothers collecting their children from Little Fishes.

In order that this service is available to our local community we need your help. If you are still not sure if you should put your name on the list do not hesitate to speak to Rev. Peter Heckels, Hilary Redman or any Elder.

We should be so glad of your help.

*Hilary Redman,  
Church Secretary.*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

I hope you all feel refreshed after the summer break and that you enjoyed the lovely hot weather we experienced!

Our Autumn session begins on Tuesday September 7th 2.30pm, when we welcome our friend Rev William Connelly as our speaker. Please come along and join us as for the afternoon where a warm greeting awaits you.

On Tuesday 21st September we look forward to a talk by Mr Geoffrey Haines about 'Flying Angels' world-wide.

Please make a note in your diaries of our 'Anniversary' Service and tea on Tuesday October 19th when our speaker will be Mrs Beth Clark and our soloist Mrs Sheila Gooderham, to which all our Church friends are invited.

*Carol Webber (Secretary)*

**Provincial Women's Link Meeting  
Wednesday 29th September 1999  
10.30 - 3.00pm**

**East Croydon URC, Addiscombe Grove**

### 'The Family and Church'

The topic has been chosen because it is being presented at Synod in October by Church and Society as an important issue to be addressed by the churches.

Des Colechin, the Synod Development Officer and Howard Nurden, the Youth and Children's Work Trainer are leading the day. There will be a bookstall.

If you would like further details about attending the day please speak to Carol Webber (690334) or our Church Secretary.

## Working Party Day

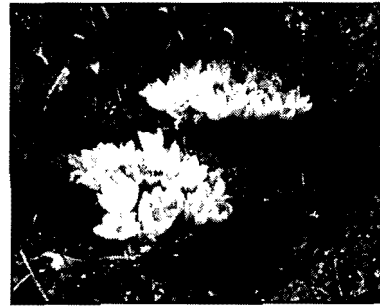
The House & Fabric Committee are holding a Working Party Day on Saturday 2 October from 9.15 a.m. onwards. All offers of help will be much appreciated.

Items needing attention include the following:-

- Garden maintenance - lop and prune shrubs, bushes and trees, clearing grounds of garden waste.
- **PLANTING CROCUSES FOR THE MILLENNIUM 2000.**
- Restrain garden seats, garage doors and front doors of Church. Refix loose moulding on garage, and gable wall of East Hall. Clean gullies.
- Touch up decorations internally and externally including the ceiling and walls of the Cornwall Room.
- Repainting signs in driveway, repainting door steps.
- Remove graffiti.
- New door and ceiling to North Lobby. (Peter Mitchell and Matthew Smith).
- Silver paint on flat roof at front of church.
- Transfer dance band equipment from the-print room to loft area in the East Hall.
- Various pieces of timber and other items by dustbin area need to be taken to refuse depot.
- Repair stage curtain. Chairs.

*Colin Nodes*

## Crocus Planting 1999



Most of you know that the first item of our Millennium programme is to be a show of crocuses in the shape of 2000 in the grass on the south east corner of the church. It has been arranged for a long time, but if you are not able to get to the Church Meeting you may have missed my reminders.

The planting is to be on Saturday 2nd October in the morning and it would be lovely to have some friends and Church family along to share, especially as there is also to be a working party in and around the building at the same time. We'll probably need in excess of 300 bulbs - I'm still scouting around for the best value.

It is now known that the total cost of planting the bulbs will be about £25, and if you would like to make a contribution towards this cost kindly hand it to the Treasurer. Thank you

Please watch the updates in 'Welcome' as this will be the only CHRONICLE in which this notice will appear.

Those of us on the Millennium Committee will appreciate prayerful support from you all as we seek to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Doreen Norris*

## Lay Preachers Course: Scottish Churches Open College.

Michael Donnelly has successfully completed the first year of the above course. He would value and appreciate the church's prayer support for the next three terms as the second year is going to be much tougher for him. - Thank you.

As a support group, and to take some of the workload off Michael we would be grateful if someone would take on the job of a convenor. It is a lovely group and we all get along very well. Please

contact Michael if you are interested. We meet five times a year.

On July 12th Michael brought a study of Mark's Gospel along to our Emmaus group. He showed us some of the different ways Mark wrote about Christ than the way Matthew, Luke and John wrote. I personally learnt a few things that evening and I thought Michael prepared and led the study very well. He has to take another Bible study so if another Emmaus group is interested in inviting him along to their group then please contact him. I hope you find this report a help to remember Michael in your prayers - thank you.

*Janet Dean*



**Alpha is coming!!** Coming nationally with a -'big bang' with advertisements on TV and in the press - large posters on billboards, smaller ones on church notice boards and little ones in house windows all 'at a church near you'.

# Alpha Initiative for the Millenium

As you now know we are taking part in Millennium Alpha as we believe God is telling us that this is the time to capitalise on our neighbourhood outreach and invite the people who wished to know more about the Christian faith to take part in the Alpha course.

This is a very exciting time, an opportunity for evangelism which we have not attempted before. We need your help and especially your prayers that God will bless this outreach and all who are taking part, not only in our church but nation wide.

If you know of anyone, not in our visiting area, who would be interested in coming please let Peter or me know and we will give them an invitation.

Our first Alpha meeting is on Monday 27th September and the course lasts for 12 weeks ending on Monday 6th December.

We shall need help on the Monday evenings with preparing and serving the meal and leading a group. We also need help during the week beginning the 5th September in delivering the leaflets in the neighbourhood visitation area.

If you were unable to attend the meeting on the 26th August and would like to help please let us know.

*Sheila Gooderham - Chairman Outreach & Evangelism Committee.*

## **Induction of Rev Margaret Ashby**

**St Columba's Church  
Thursday 9th September at 7pm.**

**Refreshments before and afterwards.  
Everyone welcome**

**Please come and encourage Margaret  
& the Team with your presence and  
by your prayers.**

## **Retirement of Rev Bob Murray**

**St Andrews Church,  
Rustington  
Sunday 19th September  
3.30pm**

**A special service to bid Bob  
farewell, followed by  
refreshments.**

**Everyone welcome**

## **MONEY MATTERS:**

### **Report on Finances of Goring U.R.C. from the Finance Committee and Church Meeting.**

**At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee our Treasurer, Mr Roy Gooderham, compared our income with that of last year.**

The Church painting (£1000); Security Alarm (£1200); and a reduction of Tax Rebate of £1000 were the main items reducing our income, and unforeseen at budgeting time'. These were almost completely offset by two legacies, and a reduction in the costs of church cleaning (now carried out by Mr Malcolm Nicholls instead of contractors).

At the end of June the Church's finances, i.e. actual cash held at the bank and in various funds, were £1100 less than at January 1st. Thus our income is not up to budget so far - in fact there has been a decrease in our offertories on Sundays during the first 6 months of this year.

We have agreed to a 4% increase in the amount that we send to Head Office for the payment of ministers and the support of the Denomination, for year 2000. This amounts to £1300 more than the £32,200 we are paying this year. We also agreed not to have a Gift Day this year.

I hope that the Q's and A's printed on the next page will clarify some of the queries members and friends might have. The Elders are particularly grateful for the contributions that you all make. Please keep it up!

Please regularly review your giving. Please do Covenant if you are a tax payer and don't already do so. This is such a valuable way of giving - and it doesn't hurt! (Except when the level of tax goes down and the Church receives less rebate). Please also consider a Legacy.

*Wilfred Rhodes - Chairman Finance Committee*

## **THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WINDERMERE CENTRE**

# **MODERATOR'S MILLENNIUM MEDITATIONS.**

**Rev Peter McIntosh  
Moderator of the General Assembly,  
1999-2000**

*come and share informally  
some of the issues  
good practice for uniting  
the listening ministry in your church  
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## Money Matters

Q. 1 *What happens to the money that I put into the collection bag on Sunday,?*

A. The offertory, made up of loose cash and money given in 'Free-will' envelopes is divided into three amounts which may vary from year to year. All of the offertory goes to URC headquarters (used to pay Minister's salaries, and for administration), and to Mission and outreach. All other work and projects within our own premises has to be funded by special means.

Q. 2 *Why should I use a 'Free will' offertory envelope?*

A. Anyone who attends our church regularly can use 'Free will' envelopes. By using this scheme for your offertory the Church knows how much money will be coming in each week. It enables the giver to promise an offering even on the Sundays that they are absent. For more details see Mrs Audrey Ebeling (She sings in the Choir).

Q. 3 *What does 'Covenanting' mean?*

A. If you are a tax payer and promise to make regular gifts, the Church can obtain a tax repayment of about 30p for every £1 you give. For more details on this subject speak to Michael Ebeling, (& ..... he sings in the Choir)

Q. 4 *What is Tithing?*

A. Over the centuries Church Members have been asked to contribute 10% of their income to the Church. The Bible has teaching on this aspect of our giving.

Q5 *"Where can I read in scripture, the relevant passages to help me understand my responsibilities*

A. 2 Corinthians Chapters 8 & 9, (esp. Ch. 9 vs. 7 & 8) & there are others to which you may refer. Q.

Q6 *What happens to the money that I put into the retiring collection plate after the Service of Holy communion ?*

A. This money is put to one side to enable the Church to help people who are experiencing great difficulty or crisis.

Q7 *What happens to the money that is raised at the Church Gift Day, Craft Fayres, Coffee mornings and Jumble Sales?*

A. Each year the Church meeting decides how to use this money in an appropriate way. It may go towards the deficit we have, as a result of reduced income, but it might also be used for charitable purposes or a special project i.e. the new Church Security System.

Q8 *We give 10% of our Church income to Mission work ~ 10% of what income?*

A. We give away 10% of the money collected as offertory at Sunday's services, and 10% of the money we receive from renting out our premises.

Q9 *Does the Church bear a financial responsibility for me?*

A. Yes. For each member of the local Church the Church's headquarters expects to receive £4.00 per week, which they now receive. This money is required of each Church to fund the Ministers' salaries and to administrate the Church at a national level. We look to our weekly offerings to cover these costs, (see Q. 1) It is known as 'The Maintenance of the Ministry Fund'.

Q. 10 *I give as much as I can, why do people think that I should give more?*

A. It is not for anyone to judge how much an individual should give, that is between them and the Lord, however it is the responsibility of the Church leaders to encourage people to review their giving.

Q11 *I still have questions unanswered, to whom should I speak*

A. Speak to the Minister, the Church Treasurer, Mr Roy Gooderham, (& ..... yes you've guessed - he sings in the Choir too) or to any member of the Finance Committee whose name appears in the Church Handbook.

## Holiday Club



*About 20 children came to this Holiday Club - I enjoyed making the computer and seeing my friends. Each day my cress is growing well and my cress will go into my new bedroom. Thank you to all the leaders.*

*Paul Nicholls*

As Paul says about 20 children between the ages of 5 and 10 arrived at the Church Hall on Monday morning, 9th August to 'book in' and to look forward to a fabulous week of Holiday Club.

In today's world of computer technology, the computer idea was used to illustrate the theme for the week - God's Big Plan. The five sessions from about 10am to 12 noon on Monday to Friday were, 1. Creation, 2. God's Laws, 3. The crucifixion & resurrection, 4. The road to Emmaus, and 5. Heaven.

Most days, as the children arrived and booked in they quickly got into groups to build a 'computer' each, from all sorts of bits and pieces - shoe boxes, egg boxes, sticky labels, small circular mats etc etc...

Later in the week this exercise was to be judged and the best computer was named.

Every day there was a challenge or a small competition for the children to take part in, a frog race, building blocks and others. Of course there was a story time starting off with Adam and Eve spoiling the beautiful world that God had created, going through the week with different stories

relating to the theme set for that particular day.

Rosie came along to help out with one or two of the stories - (if you don't know who Rosie is

you'll have to ask one of the children !) - yes you may have seen her at worship on Sunday morning 15th August.



*The Thursday Challenge*



## Holiday Club

The stage was beautifully set (as a computer screen of course) each day with something quite different, illustrating the day's theme. It's a pity that the pictures here are only in black & white. At any good Holiday Club there has to be a time for activities and refreshments and during the week there certainly was that! Each child made a 'Garden of Eden' from some cress seed sown onto a piece of damp kitchen towel in a fruit corner type yoghurt pot. This doubled up later in the week as the Garden of Gethsemane. On another day each child had the opportunity to engrave one of God's laws onto a tablet of stone (plaster cast) and on yet another day their ideas were put to the test to illustrate heaven.



One of the songs - For God so loved the world...

Tea & coffee was served to the grown ups whilst the children had glasses of squash. A loud cheer went up on Friday when biscuits were brought in. ...." BISCUITS ?? !! " they said.



Another challenge - Hits & Misses

There was also singing, many new songs were learnt some more difficult than others!

Probably something like 19 adults were there during various parts of the week to help with the preparation, piano playing, refreshments, story telling, group leading, registration and photocopying. Special thanks go to Denise Elliott and Bobby Hitchin for the enormous amount of work that went into the forward planning and preparation for the Holiday Club weeks before the event. To use one of the children's words in her closing prayer "*Thank you especially Bobby & Denise without who's help there would have been no Holiday Club*"

I think that everybody including the adults thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the week's work enabled us all to learn something more about God's Big Plan and the love of Jesus. - Well done

Graham Redman

## SUMMER SHOWTIME.

**The Rowland Singers are presenting their Summer Showtime Concert in the Church Hall on Sat. 11th September at 7.30pm. The programme includes excerpts from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein, the Choral Dance from Prince Igor by Borodin and a variety of songs both old and new.**

**This is a light hearted concert and we hope you will come and be part of it. Entry is by programme £3. obtainable at the door or from choir members and after the Choir's expenses have been paid the balance will go to help Kosovar Refugees.**

Sheila Gooderham

# STREET CHILDREN.

## WHO ARE THEY?

### Children on the streets:

These are children with regular family contact who work on the streets to supplement their family's income. They come from poor families and usually go to school for part of the day, work for the rest and return home in the evening. They also hang around on the streets to play together as there is often little to do at home. Street workers find this category of street children relatively easy to reach as they are still in touch with the rest of society.

### Children of the streets

These are very occasionally in touch with their families. They work on the streets and do not go to school. They usually come from very poor families, either in rural areas, or city shanty towns. Many are fleeing sexual and physical abuse at home. They have not yet had time to settle down to street life and are therefore still open to contact by street workers.

### Children in the streets:

These have no contact with their families. They have spent years on the streets and see them as their home, providing food, shelter, and a sense of belonging. Some are orphans who have lost their parents to civil war or AIDS. Others have been abandoned by parents who could not afford to look after them. They are isolated physically and psychologically from the rest of society and are very hard to reach.

## WHERE ARE THEY?

Street children can be found in almost every city in the world. They are particularly numerous in places suffering from serious upheavals, such as natural disasters, wars, diseases, famines and repression. They are not always easy to find as they tend to live in hidden places, such as under bridges, in cardboard boxes and in bus shelters.

## HOW MANY ARE THERE?

The United Nations released an estimate of 100 million street children world wide a few years ago. Some since then say that the figure could be closer to 200 million.

## HOW IS THE SITUATION EVOLVING?

Historically, street children were associated with the cities of Latin America and the Indian subcontinent. But their number is now on the increase in most countries, particularly in Africa, owing to AIDS and civil wars.

They often come from rural areas, thinking that city life will be better. Some are now born on the streets, which means that they will never have known anywhere else as their home. Others are sold into slavery, prostitution or bonded labour to pay for their family's debts. In poor countries, most street children are boys.

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## The figures:

- 1.8 billion children world-wide are considered at risk for their mental or physical health.
- Malnutrition and starvation kill 35,000 children under the age of five daily.
- 1.5 million children are infected with the AIDS virus.
- 100 to 200 million children are ensnared in child labour
- a Million children are prostitutes.
- 2 million children die annually because they were not

immunised against preventable diseases.

- Between 1984 and 1994 1.5 million children died in wars, 4 million were disabled, and 12 million lost their homes.
- In the US, the average street child is nine years of age.
- in April, 1997 in Brazil, a television show asked viewers what to do with a street child caught stealing. 'Kill him on the spot,' was the reply.
- in many developing countries, 40% of city people live in shanty towns.

- 1.3 billion people survive on less than US dollar each day.

*'A street child is any minor for whom the street (in the widest sense of the word including unoccupied dwellings, waste land etc. has become his or her habitual abode, and who is without adequate protection' (Proposed definition of street children, inter-Non-Governmental Organisation Programme on Street Children and Youth).*



**HOW IS THE SITUATION EVOLVING?****(cont'd)**

In the developed world, however, most homeless young people are girls, often fleeing sexual abuse at home.

Crime is rising as more and more children end up homeless. When children arrive on the streets, they need food, shelter and clothing. So they must beg, steal or find quick ways of making money such as selling drugs. They usually join gangs to help them survive. These gangs work as surrogate families, offering identity, security and help in times of trouble with the police or illness.

**HOW DO WE RESPOND?**

Local churches are key to helping street children. Congregations are everywhere. They have buildings, people and resources that can be mobilised easily. They often have an elaborate network of contacts in the city and in rural areas. They also have a crystal clear biblical mandate for helping the poor and marginalised.

**WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?**

Many children become drug users or prostitutes, which can lead to disease or death. Others are involved in gang wars or end up in jail because of criminal activity. The psychological and physical abuse is constant as each minute of the day is a battle for survival. In some countries, like Columbia, death squads said to be made up of off-duty police officers, patrol the streets at night to carry out what they call 'social cleansing' - killing people they consider undesirable.

***OVERSEAS PRAYERS - THE STREET CHILDREN***

*Pray that these children, some 200 Million live and work on the Streets of the World be rescued from a life of crime. Some are abandoned, some orphans, others*

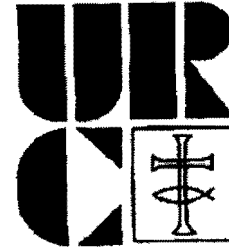
*are there because of wars and natural disasters. Drug dealing and Gang Warfare is a way of life. Churches and Congregations have much to offer and work closely with the children. Pray a way will open up to ease the situation and for a more positive approach by the children to enable the Churches to provide the necessary care and love and salvation that has been denied them.*





**The Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church  
seeks to appoint a**

**DISTRICT EVANGELISM & MISSION ENABLER  
for the Sussex West/Sussex East/Wimbledon areas**



This part time post of 17.5 hours is open to Christians from mainline denominations who have a heart for mission, some evangelism experience in the local church and have vision for the wider possibilities. They will offer training and resources to promote evangelism and mission strategy. Training will be given. The appointed person will work with the Southern Synod Evangelism Enabler, Revd Peter Southcombe.

*An application form is available from:*

Kathy Burtrand, Administrator

Vineswood House, Limehouse Wharf, Gas House Road, Rochester ME1 1PN

*Closing date for applications is 29th September. Interviews to be held 19th October 1999.*

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION** - Are you a mature Christian, possessing vision coupled with a wide range of experience? Would you be prepared to learn, seek and explore new and exciting ways of sharing your faith so that you can enable others?

An ability to work under pressure providing sound training packages means you will need excellent all round administration skills. You must be highly motivated with an ability to both lead and co-ordinate new initiatives created in conjunction with the Southern Synod Evangelism Enabler.

A member of a mainline Christian Denomination with strong interpersonal skills is required to meet a challenge for the next decade.

**JOB DESCRIPTION** - An exciting opportunity exists for a motivated, committed Christian, working in conjunction with the Synod Evangelism Enabler to promote and organise training days and events for District Councils and local Churches of the United Reformed Church (Southern Synod). The post gives scope to facilitate the provision and delivery of Vision Workshops and GEM programmes. The successful applicant will provide and promote evangelism and mission resources to District Councils and local Churches. *It is expected that you will be a driver with your own transport.*

The work will be of a challenging nature, with the ability to communicate at all levels essential as the successful applicant will be working at national, provincial and local levels, developing and creating initiatives in conjunction with the Southern Synod Enabler.

With strong objectives to both facilitate mission mindedness via District visitation and incorporating the creation of individual church profiles, a sensitivity to mission contexts, excellent presentation and administration skills are called for.

In return we are offering an annual salary of £6000 p.a. for 17.5 hours a week, to be worked flexibly - some evening and weekend work should be expected. This is initially a 3 year appointment, renewable subject to re-evaluation with a six month probationary period. Travel expenses and 5 weeks annual leave comprise to make this an excellent and exciting opportunity for the right individual.

Southern Synod comprises 7 districts, Wimbledon, Croydon, South East London, Medway, Sussex West, Sussex East and Canterbury. There will be no removal fees offered, therefore it is desirable that the candidate should reside within the areas of the post.



for your Diary...



# SEPTEMBER

|    |      |         |                                                                                                                                                |
|----|------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2  | Thu  |         | Day of Prayer                                                                                                                                  |
| 4  | Sat  | 1pm     | Wedding of Karen White & Gary Hall                                                                                                             |
| 5  | Sun  | 8.00am  | Early Morning Communion                                                                                                                        |
|    |      | 10.30am | Morning Worship – Rev Peter Heckels. Induction of Elders.                                                                                      |
|    |      | 6.00pm  | Evening Worship – Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                            |
| 6  | Mon  | 7.30pm  | Elders Meeting                                                                                                                                 |
| 7  | Tues | 2.30pm  | Women's Guild. Start of new session - see page 3                                                                                               |
| 9  | Thu  | 7pm     | Induction of Rev Margaret Ashby. St Columba's. See page 5                                                                                      |
| 11 | Sat  | 7.30pm  | Summer Showtime. Rowland Singers. See page 9                                                                                                   |
| 12 | Sun  |         | Junior Church Promotion Sunday & Rededication of Teachers.<br>Usual Sunday Service times - Rev Peter Heckels                                   |
| 13 | Mon  |         | Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale Meeting.                                                                                                          |
| 19 | Sun  | 8.00am  | Early Morning Communion                                                                                                                        |
|    |      | 10.30am | Morning Worship - Rev Roy Parkington                                                                                                           |
|    |      | 3.30pm  | Afternoon Service St Andrew's, Retirement Rev Bob Murray. See page 5<br>* No evening service at Goring URC * (Last day for Chronicle material) |
| 26 | Sun  | 8.00am  | Early Morning Communion                                                                                                                        |
|    |      | 10.30am | Morning Worship - Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                            |
|    |      | 3pm     | Rev John Sutcliffe. For details see August Chronicle page 8<br>* No evening service at Goring URC *                                            |
| 27 | Mon  | *       | First Alpha Meeting. See page 5                                                                                                                |
| 30 | Thu  | 7.30    | Church Meeting                                                                                                                                 |



# OCTOBER

|   |     |        |                                                               |
|---|-----|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 | Sat | 9.15am | Church Working Day & Planting of Crocuses - See page 4        |
| 3 | Sun |        | Harvest Festival. 8.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm. Rev Peter Heckels |

## WHITE RIBBON ASSOCIATION

**Will you be in Worthing on Wednesday, Thursday  
between 10am - 4pm 29th & 30th September?**

**If so come and visit our Mobile Education Unit and find  
out more, and how you can help our young people avoid  
the dangers of alcohol and drugs.**

Wednesday 29th - Worthing Precinct  
Thursday 30th - outside Guildbourne Centre

*See you there. Lily Collison.*

The next edition of  
**The CHRONICLE** will be  
available on Sunday 3rd October.

Please make sure that articles and  
pink slips are placed in the box in the  
Vestibule or reach the Editor by  
Sunday 19th September.

*Thank you - Graham Redman  
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**CHRONICLE**

October 1999

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The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.  
A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry

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"All good gifts around us  
are sent from Heaven above"





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### SUNDAY SERVICES

|          |                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion Service                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,<br>- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.<br>- GAS ( God's Appreciation Society ) for young people<br>- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm  | Evening Worship<br>- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on<br>third Sunday in month.                                                                 |

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Wednesday Evenings            |
| Monday Club                      | Monday Evenings               |
| Tuesday Club                     | Tuesday Evenings              |
| Serendipity                      | Monthly. Monday evening       |
| Women's Guild                    | Alternate Tuesday afternoons  |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings             |
| Prayer & Praise                  | Alternate Thursday afternoons |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club             | Friday afternoons             |
| Little Fishes Play Group         | Every weekday                 |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups      | Various times and days        |

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Dear Friends

This is the last pastoral letter I shall write to you all. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you in the Worthing Churches have given to me. I want briefly to remind you of the theme of the Team Service on September 19th :-

**ST ANDREW, A PATRON SAINT FOR TEAMS**  
There are three ways in which St Andrew provides a good model for team members. First, he had to play second fiddle to his more famous brother, Peter. He might have been tempted to be envious of Peter's obvious leadership gifts, and either to try to be like him, or else to give up. He did neither. He was content to be himself, and use his own gifts in Christ's team. So must we.

*I ask Thee for the daily strength  
To none that ask denied;  
A mind to blend with outward life,  
While keeping at Thy side;  
Content to fill a little space,  
If Thou be glorified.*

Secondly, The first thing he did was to bring his brother to Christ. That is our first priority. Being a team is not an end in itself. It is a means to achieve the aim of bearing witness to Christ, and bringing others to him. We must always remember that.

Thirdly, St Andrew was the disciple who noticed the boy with the five barley loaves and two small fishes. Although he realised how meagre these resources were ( What are they among so many ?) he was positive and identified them as a resource which our Lord could and did use to feed a multitude. It is important for us in the Worthing Team to identify the resources Christ can use, and not to dismiss them because they seem to be limited and inadequate. Then He can work his miracles among us.

God bless you all in the years ahead as you continue to learn what it means to be Christ's team.

*Your friend and minister,  
Robert Murray*

**Autumn** 

## The CHRONICLE

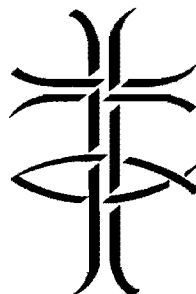
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## Thank you

Mrs **Elsie Marsh** would like to thank members of the church for the lovely flowers, cards and good wishes on the occasion of her 90th birthday, and to all who attended the happy occasion, and for help so willingly given on some occasions. I was so richly blessed, God bless you all.

Whilst going through my fathers old papers I found the following article *Not Growing Old*, which was sent to him in 1932. I thought it may be of interest to you and appropriate to include it in the magazine as age is catching up with us so rapidly, and these are my thoughts so near to my 90th year.

## Baptism

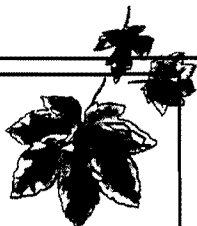
Sunday 5th September  
William David Higgins

## To University

Martin Leal to Bath University  
Adrian Leal to Imperial College London

## Death

We remember Eileen Henley in our prayers, after the loss of her husband, David who died in a tragic accident on Friday 24th September. Jesus said, "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted*"



## Print Room Manager

After many years Eric Bond stood down as Print Room Manager at the end of August, handing over his responsibilities to Ken Woods. The Church meeting has expressed gratitude to Eric for all that he has done over the years, both as 'printer' and as liaison between us and the technicians and suppliers on whom we depend. Of course he has had a hand in the production of quite a number of Chronicle issues, both printing and collating, and as Editor I would like to express my own thanks to Eric for his support and encouragement. I will miss him from the team, but welcome Ken in his new role, and look forward to working with him.

Graham Redman

## Not Growing Old

by JOHN E ROBERTS

They say that I am growing old,  
I've heard them tell it times untold,  
In language plain and bold  
But I'm not growing old,-  
This frail old shell in which I dwell  
Is growing old, I know full well-  
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning grey?  
Grey hairs are honourable, they say,  
What if my eyesight's growing dim?  
I still can see to follow Him  
Who sacrificed His life for me  
Upon the Cross of Calvary.

What should I care if time's old plough  
Has left it's furrows on my brow  
Another House, not made with hands,  
Awaits me in the Glory Land.  
What though I falter in my walk?  
I still can tread the narrow way,  
I still can watch, and praise and pray

My hearing may not be as keen  
As in the past it may have been  
Still, I can hear my Saviour say  
In whispers soft, 'This is the way.'  
The outward man, do what I can  
To lengthen out this life's short span  
Shall perish, and return to dust,  
As everything in nature must.

The Inward man the scriptures say,  
Is growing stronger every day,  
Then how can I be growing old  
When safe within my Saviour's fold.  
E're long my Soul shall fly away,  
And leave this tenement of clay.  
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize.  
I'll meet you on the streets of gold  
And prove that I'm not growing old.

## Women's Guild

On Tuesday 5th October we look forward to hearing a speaker from 'Mind' National Association for Mental Health. Do come and join us. Programmes for the session will be available.

We are holding our Anniversary Fellowship and the Soloist is Mrs Sheila Gooderham, a member of our own Church. You are invited to join us for tea in the Church hall following the Service.

Our Speaker this year will be Mrs Beth Clark from the Lydia

Carol Webber - Secretary



## Scripture Union

At the beginning of August I spent just over a week as part of a Scripture Union Mission team at Felpham. There were activities for all ages: children 5 - 10 yrs, young people 11 - 17 yrs, and adults as well as family events. Here is a summary of what I did.

### Thursday 29th - Saturday 31st July

The team (approx 40) arrived and had a meal together before going to the homes where they would be staying for the week. The next two days were spent in our groups (working with children, youth or adults) discussing the programme, setting up the halls, making props for the drama and posters, rehearsing the drama, practising the songs, planning and preparing for the Outreach event on Sunday afternoon. The evenings were spent playing 'get to know you' games and on Saturday evening we had a commissioning service led by some of the mission leaders.

### Sunday 1st August

We went in small groups to the local churches to explain and remind them about the mission and encourage their support, during the morning. In the afternoon we held an outreach event on the seafront which involved competitions, games and a puppet show.

### Monday 2nd - Friday 6th August

The mornings began at 8.15 am with the whole team meeting for an hour of praise, worship, prayer and Bible study. After that we divided into our smaller groups and went to our different venues to prepare. I was working with the 5 - 10 year olds and had a group of 5 yr olds for whom I was responsible. The theme for the mornings (10 - 11.50 am) centred round a drama in which the Toymaker makes some toys who live happily with the Toymaker until one day an evil toy appears. He persuades them to swap their white batteries for his black ones. The Toymaker sends his special toy to rescue them but the evil toy takes out his wires. However the Toymaker comes and puts the wires back and the special toy goes on to defeat the evil toy. The toys say they are sorry and the

Toymaker forgives them and sends them to tell other toys that they can be free from the evil toy. Alongside this we used the 'wordless book' which has five coloured pages,

- 1) yellow = heaven,
- 2) black = sin,
- 3) red = the blood of Jesus,
- 4) white = being made clean,
- 5) green = growth as a Christian.

Each day along with the singing, messy games, drinks and craft there was a Bible story and memory verse based on the day's colour, i.e. Tuesday - Adam & Eve, Romans 3 verse 23. At the end of each morning the children had a chance to pray with a leader about anything they wanted and many did.

The children arrived again at 2 - 3.50 pm for activities - Potted Sports, Art & Craft, Tide Fight, Fancy Dress party and a Treasure Hunt.

Once they had all gone we had 'free time' for ~1½ hours before our evening meal.

We then had our preparation time in our groups for the next day. This was spent reviewing the day, praying together, and organising the practical things for the next day.

During the week we had a Team evening together, and on another evening we took part in the teenagers Talent Contest, and on another the Family Line Dance event.

### Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th August

Saturday morning was spent cleaning, packing up and generally clearing everything away that was no longer needed. In the afternoon there was a family BBQ and Quiz night. On Sunday morning the team who were still there took part in the service at the church where we had been based, then had a meal together before leaving.

The weather during the week was great - it was sunny for all our outdoor activities, and only rained when we were doing things inside!

I left on Saturday at lunchtime and after a day's rest on Sunday I began the Holiday Club at Goring.

*Denise Elliott*

Scripture Union

Good News



The Felpham  
Holiday Special  
1999

1st-8th August



# Rev Margaret Ashby Induction

**The Induction of Rev Margaret Ashby  
to the Worthing Area Ministry Team  
9th September 1999**

"Praise to the Living God!" were the words of the hymn at the start of this very special service, following an introit based on Psalm 46 written by a member of St. Columba's. God calling us to special service, and Margaret in particular, to our Team was the theme of this service which also encompassed the great statements of our faith and affirmations made by Ministers and members alike to confirm God's blessing on Margaret's ministry amongst us.

Welcoming Margaret were the Synod Moderator, Rev David Helyer, and representatives of District Council and Churches Together in Worthing.

Rev Glyn Millington of Chelmsford, in his sermon, spoke of God's command to Noah to build the Ark, and how Noah and his family were shut in together with the animals to fulfil God's purpose of salvation at that time, and how we are all here



together to get on with the work and purpose of God in the situation that we find ourselves in today.

The service closed with the inspiring verses of the hymn "Lord for the years your love has kept and guided us ..... In living power re make us .... to live for Christ alone."

May that be true for us and may we lovingly support Margaret in prayers and fellowship as she commences her ministry with us.

*Jane Bond, Worthing Area Team*

## Craft, Cake and Christmas Sale

6th November 1999 from 11am

Entrance 50p (Children 20p) includes coffee, tea or squash

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Light Lunches served from 12 noon £2.00

•  
Cakes : Plants : Paintings : Knitting : Tearfund : Christmas Decorations : Cross  
Stitch : Traidcraft : Many Other Crafts

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The children have already planted bulbs for the occasion ! What have you done ? !!

Everyone who would like to help with the sale in any way is invited to sign the lists  
on the table at the back of the Church.

## SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU

This was a recent headline in the Daily Telegraph, which reported that singing

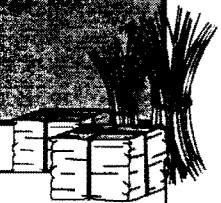
- keeps your vocal chords youthful, so that you will sound and feel younger.
- improves posture.
- relieves stress.
- bolsters confidence.
- improves circulation.

The church choir still needs new members, and as we can now offer health benefits I should be very pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining us. Moreover it is generally accepted that laughter is good for you, and we usually have plenty of laughs at choir practice ( Fridays from 7.30pm to 9.00 pm. )

*Michael Ebeling*

**Don't forget our  
Jumble Sale  
on  
Saturday 23rd October  
2pm  
Church Hall**

*If you have any jumble for sale, kindly bring it to the church hall on the morning of Saturday the 23rd. You may also speak to Wilfred Blades or Graham Redman to arrange for collection of jumble.*



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Our new season started on 15th September and continues up to next Easter. We have special programmes at Christmas and the New Year and in November a Remembrance Programme in support of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

If you would like more details, just ring Worthing 506529. We would love to hear from you.

Brahms

Johann Strauss

Shostakovich

Vivaldi

## Rowland Singers Summer Concert

Thank you, on behalf of the singers, to those of you who came to the concert on Saturday 11th September. From the comments we received, you all enjoyed it, especially Helen Emery's piano playing. After the choir's expenses had been paid there was £37 to be sent to help the refugees in Kosovo. A sum will be added to this from the repeat concert in the Richmond Rooms. I will let you know the total sent in due course.

*Sheila Gooderham,*



**The meeting was opened with devotions led by Pastor Jim Bailey**

The President gave a warm welcome to new Ministers to the District; Rev Margaret Ashby (from Eastern Province) to the Worthing Team and Rev Arthur Williams (from the Baptist Union) to Durrington LEP. For the first time for many years we have no vacancies, although the meeting next expressed its good wishes to Rev Bob Murray who will retire at the end of this month. Rev Beryl Chatfield was welcomed back after her hip operation.

Executive Council Report

The meeting agreed to **appoint** Rev Kenneth Lynch to become **President Elect**, and to serve as President for two years 2000—2002

District Council dates for 2000; Jan 20th, March 30th, June 22nd, Oct 26th

There will be a **training day for Church Secretaries** on Oct. 23rd 1999 at Bosham URC

We are invited to make use of the video "Jesus the Man Behind the Millennium" available from Desmond Curry. We were reminded of the "Bishop Lesslie Newbiggin Educational Fund" which was set up just before The Bishop died, with his own generous donation. The fund has now become a memorial to him. It is set up to purchase theological books to assist (mainly Lay Preaching) students. Cheques should be made payable, to South East London District and be marked "Bishop Lesslie Newbiggin Educational Fund" on the back.

Pastoral Care Committee

The meeting authorised a number of Lay persons to preside at Holy Communion services for the next 12 months. Only 5 churches have invited Lay Preachers to their pulpits for Lay Preachers Sunday in October. The meeting was reminded of the wonderful support that Lay Preachers & Retired Ministers give -to many churches through the year. The Brighton Group have welcomed Cleremont as fully part of the their work.

A discussion paper for District Council is in Preparation on the Deployment of Stipendiary Ministers.

Rev Norman Croft is to become the Provincial Youth Secretary for the next two years.

Property & Finance

MINISTRY & MISSION 2000 Church Treasurers have provided details of the contributions which have been approved for M&M Funds in the year 2000. The District total which has been notified to the Synod M&M Convenor is £314,634. Most churches report declining numbers and size of congregations but spite of this we are able to meet the increase in contributions over the 1999 level of about 2.9%

Bognor Regis has received financial help with repairs. Brighthelm will use their own funds to provide security cameras to watch their grounds.

Ecumenical report

Rev Peter Newell and Desmond Curry attended the Sussex County Forum at Haywards Heath in May. On the agenda:

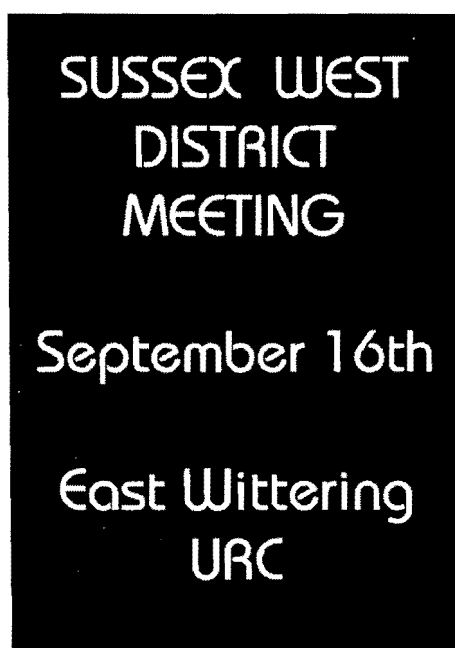
1) Ongoing discussions about the church of England/ Methodist negotiations. 2) The renewal of the Life of Churches Together groups. The Lent Study course being prepared by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland is called "All Together Now" - a celebration in words & music, includes a CD. We are encouraged to worship together at Pentecost 2000.

3) The position of the Roman Catholic Church on attendance, at Holy Communion by non Catholics is expressed in a new book 'One Bread One Body'. Some non-Catholics have been allowed to share in Holy

Communion at family weddings and funerals. The Diocese of Brighton & Arundel are having a Synod in 2002 - an unusual event in the RC Church for appraisal. Bishop Connac is preparing a Lent Course for 2001 probably available to other Sussex churches.

District Reps were asked to describe *Ecumenical Millennium* projects in which their churches are involved. Bognor Churches Together will distribute Jesus 2000 cards to all the houses in their area, plus an invitation for people to attend the church nearest them on Jan. 2nd. They are contributing to a new night shelter 'St Martin's'. Billingshurst Churches Together are preparing a torchlight procession & to distribute CPO

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## Rev Bob Murray Retires



Janet & Bob outside St. Andrews  
Sunday 19th September

Sunday 19th September was Bob Murray's penultimate Sunday as Minister of St. Andrews Rustington, and it was with joy that fellow members of the Worthing Team joined with members of St. Andrews for a united service in the afternoon. We were very pleased to welcome representatives from District and fellow Ministers from the Team for this happy occasion.

At the end of the service a member of Shelley Road thanked Bob for all his leadership and guidance to them and made a small presentation to him. Bob responded by saying what a joy it had been for him to be part of a group ministry and said that he had also received greetings from other member churches. Following the service we joined together for refreshments and fellowship in the hall.

Brian Hopper  
St Andrews

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Millennium Gospels. Churches Together in Worthing hope to make a beacon and firework display. There will be acts of open air worship. A united service at St Peter's church in Brighton takes place at 6.00pm on 31st Dec.

Other non-ecumenical projects are being prepared by individual churches: Lewes Rd. with B'ton Group, are staging 'Bethlehem Revisited' 13--24 Dec. 7.30 pm - each 'tour', a group of about 10 people, takes about 1/2 hour.

Clermont are holding coffee mornings, distributing leaflets, & using Millennium candies. Sompting have launched a 'Mother & Toddler' group & the service on Jan 2nd will be 'Creation to Revelation' Hounsom Memorial Church will distribute 1000 leaflets throughout the year. Evangelism report

Six churches have been, or will be, involved in Alpha courses.

Interviews for the post of District Evangelism & Mission Enabler (part-time) covering Sussex, West & East, & Wimbledon Districts will take place on 19th October

### District Youth Committee.

Sat. 4th March District event for those working with under 5s, led by Rev Margaret Collins NSM. Highly recommended.

Introducing **Spectrum** at Lewes Road, B'ton Monday 4th October. For adult leaders involved in Christian Youth work. Details from Howard Nurden, telephone - 0181 669 2292

**Ecumenical Youth event** for 16 - 25s,

29th -31st October at High Leigh, Hoddesden. £65. Details from Pat Madden 0171 834 1208

### **Dalesdown Children's Ministry Training Weekend** 26 -28 November £65 (non res. £50)

Paul West has details of practical ideas, copies of *Urchin*, list of conferences, books etc. 01903 527881

### Presentation to District Meeting by Des Colechin Synod Development Officer

Des came to tell us about his background and his work. It is his responsibility to support and encourage all aspects of training in local leadership (incl. Training, Learning Serving courses), Continuing Ministerial Education, eldership training, and development of non-Stipendiary ministry. He keeps contact with other Provinces, and works with

Howard Nurden- Youth Officer and Peter Southcombe - Evangelism Enabler. He would like to be invited to meet and encourage local churches. His good news is that attending two Enquirers Conferences earlier this year, one at Sarum College and one at Yardley Hastings he found 63 and 23 enquirers respectively- "very encouraging". Des will work with Mission Enablers as part of an integrated training team and we will hear of dates for training days, District days and other events for 2000 soon.

AOB Lay Preachers. The meeting was asked to re evaluate the work of Lay preachers, who provide the local churches with enormous support. Do we give them enough encouragement and opportunities to meet for training and enabling?

Full notes and District papers available from your District Representative. The date of the next meeting: November 11th at Sompting URC. You would be welcome to attend.

Hilary Redman  
District Representative



## INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM WITH RESOURCES FOR DEVOTION AND STUDY.

### WORDS FOR TO-DAY 2000.

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\* Cyril Franks was Minister here at  
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*I have a number of names on a List from last year who take this Prayer Handbook. I will order as before unless someone requests a.. cancellation. A 'Talking Prayer Handbook' for use by blind and partially sighted people will be available on request.*

**INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM WITH  
RESOURCES FOR DEVOTION AND  
STUDY.**

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*Please refer to a List in the Vestibule for details of the Pocket Diary 2000. Available in 4 colours:- Red, Blue, Green or Black. Inserts to fit Standard Personal Organiser is also available.*

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The Lord's Prayer is older than the Church, so this fresh and stimulating exploration of its meaning is appropriate for the third millennium. He has gathered new and old poetry and prose from all over the World, grouped into themes based on lines of the Lord's Prayer. He aims to set this ancient but ever-relevant prayer in the context of daily life as well as the worship of the Church, and challenges the reader to reflect on the familiar words so that they do not become the 'empty phrases' Jesus warned us against.

Price £13.00

*Please note that 'Light for our Path' and 'Words for to-day' - The IBRA Annuals - Unless I am made aware of any cancellations I will order these as before. Hoping, however, to be in a position when orders for the Bible Readings will be very much increased. BRF, CWR, IBRA and SU have come together to encourage Bible Reading within the churches. It is the belief if we are to grow in our Christian faith, it is vital that we should read the Bible regularly and are committed to encourage Christians to do this.*

*"I am thrilled to hear of this initiative to promote the importance of regular Bible reading. - Nicky Gumbel."*



Pheniah Taylor  
Worthing 246523.

**THEOLOGY FOR TODAY**

Worthing Theological Society

**Monday 25th October 7.45pm**

**West Worthing Baptist Church**

**The Korah Rebellion:  
Democrat or Demagogue?  
(please bring a Bible)**

Information: 01903 219254

**Tearfund Bazaar**

**Thursday 28th October**

**10 am - 12 noon**

**Goring URC Church Hall**

**CPAS**

**MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN  
WORTHING AREA FELLOWSHIP**

**Friday 15th October 1999**

**9.15 am - 2.30 pm**

and

**Saturday 16th October 1999**

**9.15 am - 2.30 pm**

at

**BROADWATER BAPTIST CHURCH  
DOMINION ROAD, EAST WORTHING**

Theme: "Relationships"

Speaker: Yvonne Warren

Yvonne is a trained counsellor, psychotherapist and sex therapist. She has worked with Relate and is the author of two books, *Journey into Marriage and Marriage Ups and Downs*. She is married to Norman - Archdeacon of Rochester and they have five children and nine grandchildren. She has a deep concern for marriage and family life and is looking forward to sharing with us



## A digest of people's comings and goings worldwide.

**IRENE PLOMP** and her husband, **BERT BAKKER**, returned to the Netherlands in April at the end of missionary service with the Church of Bangladesh. Irene worked in Jobarpar from February 1996.

She was a nurse in a community health programme, offering training and development and implementing new ideas. She introduced a new monitoring system for the health programme, developed a health syllabus and produced a guide for future training sessions. She said that she particularly enjoyed her contact with local people and admires the way in which, despite their difficulties, they are willing to work hard to help themselves.

The University of Natal, in South Africa, awarded a doctorate in philosophy to **REV DESMOND VAN DER WATER**, general secretary of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, on 14th April.

His doctoral dissertation looked at the response to the Kairos document by churches, faith communities and individuals in South Africa and the global ecumenical community. Kairos is a Greek word which means the right time or opportunity. The anti-apartheid Kairos document was written in 1985 by South African Christians who believed it was time to openly reject apartheid on biblical grounds.

**MALCOLM MCFARLANE**, of Emmanuel United Reformed Church (URC) in Cambridge, UK, reports on a trip to New Caledonia in March. He took part in the Protestant Church in the Loyalty Islands' celebrations in Lifou to commemorate the founding of the Christian Convention there a century ago.

"James Hadfield, the last London Missionary Society missionary in Lifou, set up the annual Convention in 1899. Since then, 93 have been held. This year, the 3,500 Loyalty Island Christians present were giving thanks for those who had served them in the past and looking forward with confidence to the future.

"As the great-grandson of the first missionary to arrive in Lifou, Samuel McFarlane, I brought greetings and gifts from Emmanuel URC and CWM and presented a slide show on the early missionaries. There were also welcome speeches and talks on health care, drug abuse, youth problems and economic development issues. Groups of singers, dancers and actors from the 27 parishes of Lifou entertained us. There was the blowing of 12 conch shells as the centenary monument was unveiled and the name of each parish read out. Overall, it was an incredible experience."

**MMAKOBO MOSOTHO**, of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa Early Childhood Development Committee, attended a child-to-child inclusive education course at the Institute of Education, University of London, South Africa, in March. Mrs Mosotho now hopes to promote awareness of the needs of handicapped children and help her church develop its mission with children.

Three CWM Training in Mission (TIM-) students - **LATA TUNUPOPO** of Samoa, **ELTON PHAKATHI** of Zimbabwe, and **ADRIANA PCREZ GARCIA** of Cuba - along with **ERNEST CRUCHLEY**, the UK TIM programme coordinator, and **ZOE NOBES**, administrative assistant to the CWM Mission Development and Education Unit, spent 12th to 17th April at the Iona Community on an island off the coast of Scotland, UK.

"Iona's such a holy place with wonderful presence and peace," says Miss Nobes. "The ancient buildings, some from the 12th Century, and the harsh environment make it one of the most incredible places I've been to. And there are 30 volunteers to provide food and shelter for whoever wants to go to Iona to refresh themselves.

"Christians from the Iona Community are all over the world promoting peace and justice issues. They have a prayer rota which focuses on a different place every day."

**IDA JOSEPH**, a student in theology with East Midland Ministry Training Course, UK, from the Church of South India, shares some thoughts on church life in the UK and India:

"Churches in the UK seem to be in a different phase to ours. They are concerned with inter-faith dialogue and world mission, while ours focus on evangelism to local people. There is also a different attitude to prayer. In India we pray all the time and use extemporary prayers, while people in the UK pray less and use more written prayers. At a church meeting in the U K the other day we were told not to ask God for the impossible. But that's exactly what we do in India. We pray for God to stop the rain, and he does!"



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**EKALESIA KELISIANO TUVALU (EKT)** is holding a leadership and teaching skills training workshop for Sunday school teachers from 28th June to 12th July. EKT wants to help them cope with the changes in culture and technology occurring rapidly in Tuvalu because of overseas contact. EKT says that good teaching and leadership for the children can help them grow in their Christian faith and there is potential for reaching many other youngsters through Sunday school.

**REBECCA JONES**, a young person from the Presbyterian Church of Wales studying medicine, is going on a two-month experience enlargement visit this summer to Durtlang Hospital, Mizoram, with the Presbyterian Church of India (PCI).

She hopes to have practical medical involvement in the hospital and the outlying villages. She would also like to learn about the church life of PCI, in particular the youth and Sunday school work.

**REV R BANHAM** of the United Reformed Church in the UK is serving as a temporary tutor at the United Church of Zambia's Theological College in Kitwe.

He has previously served at the college and is returning from May to December 1999 owing to staff shortage there.

**AKENETI KIKAU** has been appointed librarian at Goldie College, a secondary boarding school run by the United Church in the Solomon Islands.

As part of a course in librarian studies, she has a four-month attachment at the University of the South Pacific Centre, Honiara. She will gain practical experience working in the library at Sheghe Leadership Training Centre, where she should also develop the library facilities further when she is fully qualified.

**JANICE MONA JONES** of the Presbyterian Church of Wales has returned to the U K at the end of six months voluntary service in the Khasi hills region of north east India.

She was at an orphanage in the Khasi Jaintia synod of the Presbyterian Church of India.

**RICHARD DAVIS**, research executive officer of the Public Questions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, attended the ethical frontiers seminar at the World Council of Churches Bossey Institute in Geneva, Switzerland, in April. The theme of the seminar was the environment.

Mr Davis says: "The church is often criticised for not giving adequate consideration to environmental issues. This needs to be reversed if we are to be taken seriously in the future."

*The above is an extract from the Journal of the Council for World Mission*

## Pilgrimage Against Poverty

### Destination Westminster... Sunday 17 October 1999

**Pilgrimage Against Poverty...**  
Iona - London, August - October 1999

**Every person counts in the campaign to  
End poverty and debt  
on our doorstep...**

**Walk 12 noon ...**  
assemble Archbishop's Park  
Lambeth Palace Road, Embankment  
(nearest tubes Waterloo, Lambeth North, Westminster)

**Service 3pm ....**  
St Martin in the Fields,  
Trafalgar Square (nearest tube, Charing Cross)



For further information please contact:  
Church Action on Poverty,  
c/o London Diocesan House,  
36 Causton Street, London, SW1P 4AU.  
Tel 0171 932 1283  
or visit our website at:  
[www.church-poverty.org.uk](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk)

#### **Eradicate Poverty by 2020...**

As we reach the end of the twentieth century, the lives of far too many people remain blighted by poverty, ill health and debt. The poor have largely failed to benefit our growing prosperity in recent years. Our Christian faith tells us that it need not and cannot remain like this.

#### **Debt - an issue at home**

We all know about Jubilee 2000's campaign to cancel debts for some of the poorest people in the world. But millions of people are also trapped in poverty and debt in the UK.

#### **The rich get richer, the poor get poorer...**

The incomes of the richest tenth increased by 65% between 1979 and 1995. The average family were 42% better off, but the bottom tenth of the population grew poorer by 8%.

#### **14.9 million on means tested benefits**

1 in 4 of the total population of the UK are now reliant on means tested benefits

#### **1 in 3 children in poverty**

32 per cent of all children under 16 live in poor households, more than in any other European country.

#### **Pilgrimage Against Poverty**

The Pilgrimage starts on Iona on 15 August - and 670 miles later ends in London on 17 October. Join the Walk For Change!

I want to Walk for Change. Please send more information on 17 October to:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Post to: CAP Central Buildings, Oldham St Manchester, M1 1JT



# RUTH'S CHAT

## (from the FIELD)

No. 20

Libreville, Gabon

July 1999

Dear friends!

The Congo-Gabon branch of S.I.L. \* (including ME) has finally entered Gabon! Let me fill you in on life at the Equator.

**March:** Our Director and his family have found a house to rent. Pauline and I are camping out on somebody's floor while we house hunt. First impressions of the town: *Very humid! Traffic ... Is it a joke, or is this part of town really called "Lalala"?*

**April** Fools' Day is the day our lease begins on an airy third floor flat with (distant) sea views - thank You Lord! We scour the town for everything needed to set up house from scratch - what better way to get to know **Libreville?** We also discover a great beach for swimming.

It's not long before two more SIL families have moved into flats in the same block as ours! The start-up team is in place.

**May..** We put a coat of paint on the small ' Office given to us at the university and start to move in

desks and computers. We begin to meet with church leaders who want our help with an uncompleted project to translate the Old Testament into "Nzebi".

There are important questions to be asked e. g. is the New Testament

really being used? Should we focus first on Nzebi literacy and Scripture use seminars? How can we train the Nzebis to take charge of the project themselves? Who will pay the translators' salaries? These and many more issues must be addressed.



Some unfinished business of 2 years ago takes Pauline and I on a train journey across this country



of rivers and forests to Franceville - the faithful old Daihatsu truck which brought Andrea and I safely out of war torn Congo must finally be sold!

**June:** I'm Acting Director (as well I like acting!) while the "real" Director is in USA for International Conference. There are many matters to deal with: trying to get a telephone line (but the phone system is saturated where we live), negotiating to get some computers out of customs, renewing visas, since we do not yet have residence permits...



Pauline is off visiting the area where the Teke language is spoken in Gabon - it turns out to be very different from the Teke she was starting to learn in Congo!

**July:** Pauline and I are struggling to remember the names of all our new friends at the church we now attend - "Agape".

Their **welcome** has been exceptional !

I've been missing my Cameroonian friends and many of their letters have got lost, but now that the Director is back (phew!)

I can plan a two-week holiday in Cameroon.

(\* S.I.L. = Wycliffe's name on the field)

In the meantime, the news from **Congo- Brazzaville** since the beginning of the Year continues to be sad.

*In a report dated 17 June, IFHR (The International Federation of Human Rights Leagues) said there had been a progressive and visible deterioration in the country's human rights situation, characterised by arbitrary executions, arrests, looting, rape and harassment of civilians by government forces and private militia groups.*

Many people have fled or are "missing".

*... Inadequate resourcing continues to hamper emergency assistance to war" affected people in Brazzaville.*

Despite the above, the coastal city of Pointe Noire has remained calm. Rather than pulling out totally as we had expected to do, it has been possible for some of our team to continue working in Pointe Noire. Andrea moved back there in May, and is currently working with Roch.

They are checking the Mboshi dictionary - which we hope to publish at the end of the year - and working on several Scripture booklets, as well as choosing and translating Bible verses for next Year's calendar.

So, since the door to Congo seems once again to be partially open (although we don't know for how long), the question for me is: *Should I move to Pointe Noire*



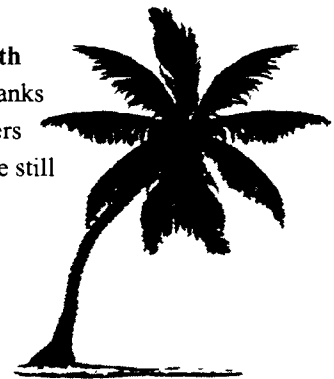
*also towards the end of the year to work with Roch and Andrea on Mboshi? Or should I stay on in Gabon as part of a team training Gabonese in linguistics, Bible translation principles, and mother tongue Scripture Use?*

*I can travel from time to time between the two countries, but I need one of them to be my base!*

I have no idea at the moment what the answer to this question should be. However, I will be going to spend a month in Pointe Noire, probably from mid- August to mid-September, and this will hopefully clarify my thinking as to what is most appropriate. Later in September, our group (5 families and 3 singles) will be meeting together to discuss the way ahead for our work in both countries.

*Please pray for wisdom and protection for Andrea & Roch in Congo, for the decision concerning my future location, and for the new training challenge we face in Gabon!.*

**May God be your strength and your sufficiency!** Thanks for staying in touch. Letters (or e-mails) from home are still very important!



Blessings,

Ruth

Please note the slight change of address - we now have our own post office box:

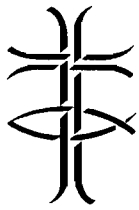
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(P.S. Mail to Congo is unreliable, so please use only the Gabon address. However, my e-mail address remains valid for Congo ...)

*This letter is kindly distributed in UK by Miss Helena Hopiavaara, Flat C, 10 Valley Road, Streatham, London SW16 2XN. Please inform her of UK address changes.*





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*The products that you order will be delivered and billed to you directly from the software suppliers. Currently, there are four software suppliers who participate in this scheme. You may contact them for more information.*

Yours sincerely,

*Eva chiu*

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## Hidden Books of The Bible Puzzle.

How many can you spot? - there are 16 in all.

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a LULU. Kept people looking so hard for facts. And for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But the truth suddenly struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you compete. Relax, now, there really are 16 names of the books of the Bible in this story.

*List of the sixteen books next month*

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available on  
Sunday 31st October.

All articles please to the Editor or  
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by Sunday 17th October .

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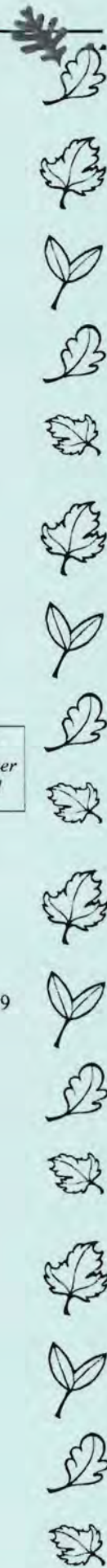
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# OCTOBER

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| 3  | Sun | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>3.00pm<br>6.00pm | Holy Communion<br>Morning Worship<br>Holy Communion<br>Evening Worship                                         | } Harvest Festival Celebration<br>Rev Peter Heckels                        |
| 4  | Mon | 7.15pm                                | Alpha Course                                                                                                   |                                                                            |
| 5  | Tue | 2.30pm                                | Women's Guild. Page 2                                                                                          |                                                                            |
| 7  | Thu | 7.30am                                | Day of Prayer                                                                                                  |                                                                            |
| 9  | Sat |                                       | Southern Synod Meeting. Ashford, Kent                                                                          |                                                                            |
| 10 | Sun | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm           | Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Morning Worship. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Evening Worship. Rev Margaret Ashby |                                                                            |
| 14 | Thu | 7.30pm                                | Elders' Meeting                                                                                                |                                                                            |
| 15 | Fri | 9.15am                                | CPAS Ministry among Women. Page 9                                                                              |                                                                            |
| 16 | Sat | 9.15am<br>10.00am                     | CPAS Ministry among Women. Page 9<br>Meeting re Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale                                   |                                                                            |
| 17 | Sun | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm           | Holy Communion. Mrs Robin Bradley<br>Morning Worship. Rev Margaret Ashby<br>Evening Worship. Rev Peter Heckels | } <i>Sun 17th October<br/>Last day for November<br/>Chronicle material</i> |
| 19 | Tue | 2.30pm                                | Women's Guild Anniversary Service.                                                                             |                                                                            |
| 23 | Sat | 2.00pm                                | Jumble Sale.                                                                                                   |                                                                            |
| 24 | Sun | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm           | Holy Communion.<br>Morning Worship.<br>Evening Worship                                                         | } Rev Peter Heckels                                                        |
| 25 | Mon | 7.45pm                                | Theology for to-day. West Worthing Baptist Church. See page 9                                                  |                                                                            |
| 28 | Thu | 10.00am<br>7.30pm                     | Tearfund Bazaar.<br>Church Meeting                                                                             |                                                                            |
| 31 | Sun | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm           | Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Morning Worship. Rev Norman Croft<br>Evening Worship. Mr A Hosking        |                                                                            |

# NOVEMBER

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| 4 | Thu | 7.30am                      | Day of Prayer                                          |                     |
| 6 | Sat | 11.00am                     | Craft Cake & Christmas Sale. Details page 4            |                     |
| 7 | Sun | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm | Holy Communion<br>Morning Worship.<br>Evening Worship. | } Rev Peter Heckels |

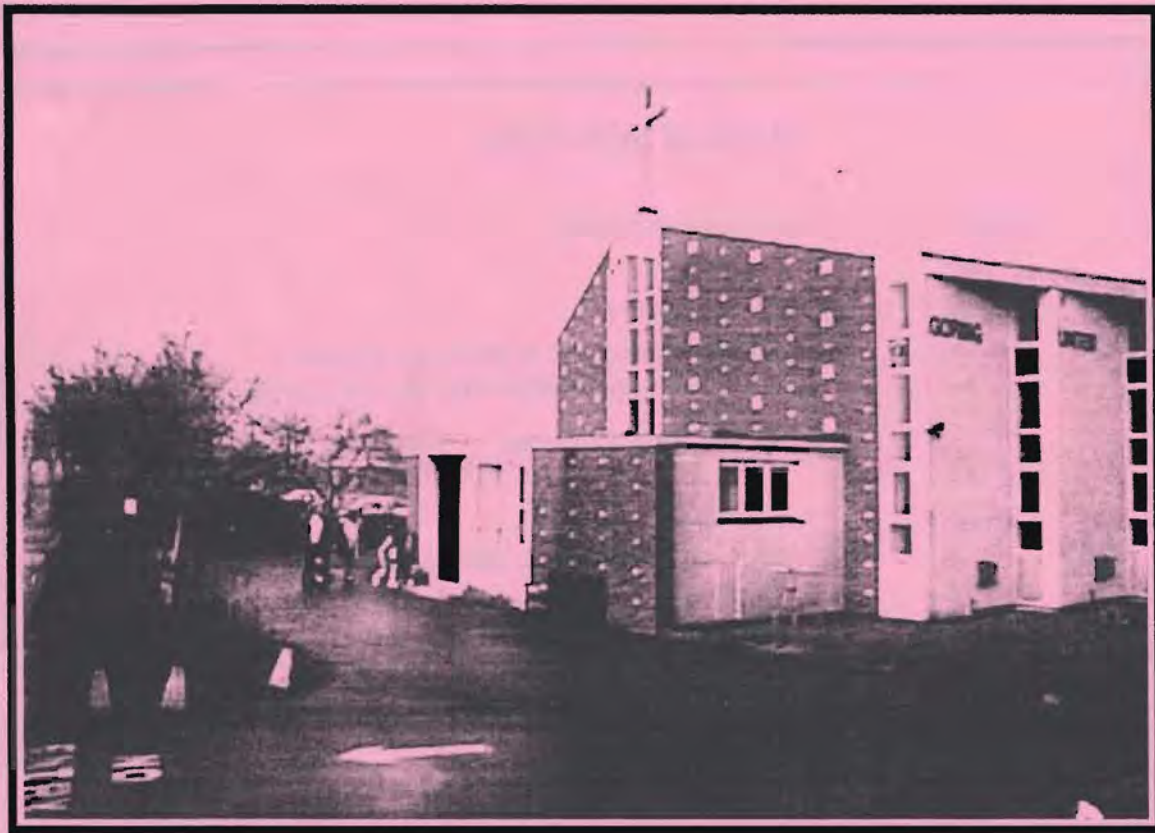




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November 1999

The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.  
A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry



**Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale here. Saturday 6th November 99**

**News from the Fellowship**

**Soar Over The Past at Shelley Road. 25th-27th November**

**Dates for your Diary**



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### SUNDAY SERVICES

|          |                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion Service                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,<br>- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.<br>- GAS ( God's Appreciation Society ) for young people<br>- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm  | Evening Worship<br>- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on<br>third Sunday in month.                                                                 |

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Wednesday Evenings            |
| Monday Club                      | Monday Evenings               |
| Tuesday Club                     | Tuesday Evenings              |
| Serendipity                      | Monthly, Monday evening       |
| Women's Guild                    | Alternate Tuesday afternoons  |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings             |
| Prayer & Praise                  | Alternate Thursday afternoons |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club             | Friday afternoons             |
| Little Fishes Play Group         | Every weekday                 |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups      | Various times and days        |

Dear Friends

This is the first of a series of letters which will come to you from time to time written by one of the ministers in the Worthing Area Team. Being the most recently arrived member, I was volunteered first! However, I am glad to be able to bring you a few thoughts about teams and teamwork from a slightly more detached (at the moment) perspective than anyone else.

Teams can often accomplish things which individuals cannot, be they individual people or individual churches. Amnesty International, who care for prisoners of conscience, once published a cartoon which illustrated this very well. It showed a mystified-looking prisoner, with a very long beard but about to be released, listening to one of his guards who was saying, "It was after the first thousand letters that the government decided enough people knew about you that they had better feed you properly. The books and writing materials were given to you after another three thousand letters arrived and now that ten thousand letters have come the government has decided to release you rather than clog up the entire postal system."

A continuing example of the power of people working together is one that is dear to many of us. The work of the Jubilee 2000 coalition, which began as the brainchild of just two men, would never have been on the agenda of the G8 meetings of the world's richest countries without teamwork by all kinds of people in all kinds of ways. People did not stop at writing letters and cards, but they formed human chains round the cities in which the leaders were meeting and sent chains and protests to embassies around the world. Most important of all, a flood of prayer did, and still continues to, underpin such ventures.

You will think that I am getting rather carried away with the notion of teams, but why not? At the time of Pentecost there were only the twelve disciples (Matthias having replaced Judas Iscariot) and about one hundred and twenty believers, according to the book of Acts. From this small team of people, Christianity has gone round the world both in space and in time.

God may not have such big plans for the Worthing Area Team, but he undoubtedly does have plans for us. I am very pleased to have joined you in the early months of the Team because all of us together can explore and seek God's will for us both as individual churches and as a team. In these, still early, days we are very much finding the way together. Once again, the underpinning of the Team by prayer is vital and we should all play our part in supporting the Team in this way. Your support is also needed for Team

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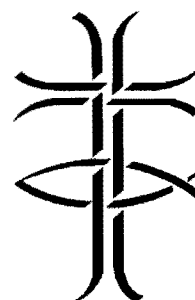
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## Pastoral News

### Changes of Telephone number:

Mr & Mrs R Read, 31 Frobisher Way.  
New telephone No. - Worthing 530187

Rev Margaret Ashby can be reached on Worthing 603481 and not the number printed in the October Chronicle.

### Deaths

Mrs Phil Goddard at the end of August.

Mrs Mary Jane McLennan on 22nd October 99.  
We thank the Lord for her full life of faith and remember her daughter, Evelyn Read and her family. We remember also her friends at Hayward House.

Mr Ray Newell on 2nd October 99  
(a former member and Church Secretary). We remember Dora, his wife and her family in our prayers. Dora and Ray have in recent years been worshipping at Steyne Gardens Methodist Church.

## Thank you

- Rev Ron Christopher has asked me to thank everyone for their prayers, kind thoughts, letters, cards and visits to him during his time of being unwell.
- Doris and Tom Lyons have asked me to convey their thanks to church members for their prayers which have upheld them during the difficult time of Tom's illness. They also thank everyone for the letters, cards and beautiful flowers. "God bless you all."

*Graham Redman*

- Dear Friends of Goring URC,  
I wish to thank you all for the lovely flowers you sent me, they were really beautiful, it was a very kind thought. I had just come out of hospital and they were a very nice welcome home.  
Love and many thanks

*Ellen Francis*

- *To all friends at Goring URC.*

I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the great kindness shown to me in my bereavement. The many expressions of sympathy have been a source of comfort and will be remembered with gratitude.

*From all the family  
Eileen Henley.*

## Alpha

The Alpha Course started on Monday 27th September and 4 people have taken up the invitation. Please continue to pray for this outreach for those attending the course, for Peter and others who are involved with the video and, of course, those who are providing the excellent meals before-hand together with volunteer washer-uppers.

*Sheila Gooderham - Chairman,  
Outreach & Evangelism Committee.*

## A Deformed Church ?

Those of you who were observant when you read the 'Worthing Music Circle' advertisement in the October Chronicle may have noticed a mis-spelling. It was certainly not the intention of the Editor to convey that St Columba's United Reformed Church was in any way deformed! My apologies — but I must say it caused one or two smiles!

*Graham Redman*

## Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale on Saturday 23rd October raised £182.55 for Church Funds. Thank you to all those who helped in any way to make this a success. - Providing jumble, advertising, sorting, selling, providing refreshments and tidying up.

*Wilfred Rhodes & Graham Redman*



*More than 80 people attended the Women's Guild's Anniversary Service and tea on Tuesday 19th October.*

## **Rowland Singers**

You will remember I mentioned last month that we would be sending a sum of £37.00 for Kosova Refugees following the Concert in our Church Hall on 11th Sept. We repeated the Concert at the Richmond rooms on the 14th September and I can now report that £100 in total has been given to

Oxfam for the Kosova appeal. Thank you all for your support.

Please make a note that the Singers will be giving a Carol Concert in the Church on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm. More details next month.

*Sheila Gooderham*

## **Kestro (Worthing Stroke Club)**

**Friday 5th November 3pm**

Kestro club are holding their Christmas Bazaar on Friday 5th November.

You are invited to come along between 3pm and 4pm to purchase items for Christmas that the members have made, and to join us for a cup of tea.



**CRAFT, CAKE & CHRISTMAS SALE**

## **Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale**

*Saturday 6th November 1999*

*Time: 11.00am*

**Goring United Reformed Church Hall**

**Come for Coffee and Lunch,**

**Come to buy,**

**Come to meet others.**

- Cakes
- Gifts
- Plants
- Painting Exhibition
- Christmas Decorations
- Needlework & other Crafts
- Wesley Owen Bookstall
- Christmas Puddings

Entrance 50p (children 20p)  
includes coffee, tea or squash.

Light Refreshments served from 12noon



**Goring United Reformed Church**  
( opposite Worthing Leisure Centre )

Shaftesbury Avenue, Goring by Sea, Worthing



### **FOR SALE ON NOVEMBER 6th at the Craft Cake & Christmas Sale**

**New Professional Camera Set — MDL : HD 6000F**  
Auto focus 35mm camera with auto wind & rewind, Electronic flash with extended arm bracket, case and shoulder strap.

**2 new car wash 'guns' with shampoo holders and extension sections.**

*If either of the above are of interest to anybody, please speak to the Treasurer*  
*All proceeds go to Church Funds*

# Soar Over the Past

WITH

## Shelley Rd. United Reformed Church

LOOK AT THE LAST 2000 YEARS  
PORTRAYED IN ART AND CRAFT

*The Church will be open between*

10.30 & 3.30 PM

ON

25<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1999

"COME ON ANY OF THESE DAYS  
BRING YOUR SANDWICHES  
HAVE YOUR LUNCH WITH US"

SOUP · COFFEE · TEA  
WILL BE ON SALE



THURS. 25<sup>TH</sup> — A LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL —  
FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> by 12.45-1.45pm  
RICHARD AXTELL

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gatherings such as special Services and time together. We would like to hear your ideas, too. How do you see the Team forming, how do you think the four churches can come closer together and feel part of each other?

We are trying to find ways in which four quite different churches can come together as a team, not losing their identity but using their different skills and ways of doing things to help each other broaden and deepen their faith and witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we seek God's will in our journey together let us look forward in confidence and trust to the great things God has in store for us.

*With love and blessings to you all  
Margaret Ashby*

### Saltmine Theatre Company

The Outreach & Evangelism Committee have received information from the Saltmine Theatre Company (an evangelistic drama company) with details of their winter tour throughout Britain. This year they are producing a dramatised version of Corrie Ten Boom's wartime experiences called "The Hiding Place". The most local place for us is at Brighton and the performance is on Wednesday 15th December at the Sallis Benney Theatre, Grand Parade, Brighton. (01273 709709). It is at 7.30pm and tickets are £6 (£5 concessions). There is a poster in the vestibule.

*- Display Advertisement on page 12 -*



## INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM WITH RESOURCES FOR DEVOTION AND STUDY.

### WORDS FOR TO-DAY 2000.

Edited by Maureen Edwards - an exciting collection of Daily Bible Readings for the year. Readings and Prayers from writers of different cultures challenging us to think and act in new ways. Special features for 2000 include vision for the new millennium by Sheila Cassidy. 'The Way of the Cross' by Norman Taggart: Encounter with Judaism by Jonathan Gorsky: Encounter with other faiths by Elizabeth Harris: and Prayer by Milvyn Matthew.

PRICE £4.50.

### LIGHT FOR OUR PATH 2000

Edited by Kate Hughes with commentary and a prayer. This twelve month plan is for adults and young people, and is ideal for new Christians or for anyone who wants to start reading the Bible, regularly. Among this year's themes are: 'The Millennium dawns'. Key words of faith: 'Working for a better world: Building community: and Voices of creation: PRICE £4.50

in large print — £8.50

### MILLENNIUM CALENDAR - 2000

By DONALD HILTON.

Think of an Advent Calendar and the doors you open to mark the days towards Christmas. Behind each door, a picture to remind us of an important event or person in the last 2000 years.

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|--------------------|--------|
| CALENDAR           | £7.50  |
| BOOKLET            | £5.00  |
| CALENDAR & BOOKLET | £12.50 |

**PRAYERS** A range of prayer books for worship leaders and for private devotions

#### Everyday Prayers series -

'Everyday Prayers'  
'More Everyday Prayers'  
'Further Everyday Prayers'

Price £5.00 each.

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Price £6.00

#### Prayers before Worship £2.00

### OCEANS OF PRAYER

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### THE RISE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVEMENT IN ENGLAND, 1780 - 1980.

By Philip Cliff

Traces the development of the Sunday School from the days of Robert Raikes. 400 pages

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### REFLECTIONS - By Cyril Franks\*

A collection of 31 readings from St. Matthew's Gospel. Each passage is accompanied by a thought provoking meditation. 68 pages

Price £3.00

\* Cyril Franks was Minister here at Goring between 1954 and 1963

### BASICS - by Donald G. Weeks

A down to earth guide for new Christians offering a month of daily Bible readings and commentaries which introduce the basics that a new Christian needs to be aware of. 32 pages

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### LOOKING AT THE CROSS:

by Brian Haymes. Primarily a Bible Study, this is a book about Good Friday - a day to Pray, to wait and to wonder. 110 pages

Price £4.50.

### FINDING OUR WAY TOGETHER

Published by IBRA for Leaders of House Groups', Bible study groups and worship groups. There are -- Three Books in the series. Special features in Book 3 - New for the year 2000 include readings from the Gospel of John. Encounter with other faiths: Building community: and Voices of Creation.

Price £6.00 each

All three books £15.00 set

### PRAYER ANTHOLOGIES.

Reaching for the Infinite  
by Ed. Banyard.

Following on from his successful books 'Turn but a Stone' and 'Heaven and Charing Cross' this is a collection of Prayers which tie in with the themes and readings of the Revised Common Lectionary - to be Published in spring 2000.

Price £13.00.

### FLOWING STREAMS

by Donald Hilton

Countless streams of human experience flow through the Bible - narratives, and the same emotions flow through human life in our Time. 208 pages

Price £10.50

### 1999 / 2000 PRAYER

**HANDBOOK** Justice, Joy and Jubilee.

Price £2.25

*I have a number of names on a List from last year who take this Prayer Handbook. I will order as before unless someone requests a. cancellation. A 'Talking Prayer Handbook' for use by blind and partially sighted people will be available on request.*

**INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM  
WITH  
RESOURCES FOR DEVOTION  
AND STUDY.**

**THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
2000- POCKET DIARY.**

Price £4.50.

*Please refer to a List in the Vestibule for details of the Pocket Diary 2000. Available in 4 colours:- Red, Blue, Green or Black. Inserts to fit Standard Personal Organiser is also available.*

*For anyone wishing further information to enrich, encourage and to assist I shall be glad to help through the available Publicity Material on hand.*

**NO EMPTY PHRASES**

by Donald Hilton.

The Lord's Prayer is older than the Church, so this fresh and stimulating exploration of its meaning is appropriate for the third millennium. He has gathered new and old poetry and prose from all over the World, grouped into themes based on lines of the Lord's Prayer. He aims to set this ancient but ever-relevant prayer in the context of daily life as well as the worship of the Church, and challenges the reader to reflect on the familiar words so that they do not become the 'empty phrases' Jesus warned us against.

Price £13.00

*Please note that 'Light for our Path' and 'Words for to-day' - The IBRA Annuals - Unless I am made aware of any cancellations I will order these as before. Hoping, however, to be in a position when orders for the Bible Readings will be very much increased. BRF, CWR, IBRA and SU have come together to encourage Bible Reading within the churches. It is the belief if we are to grow in our Christian faith, it is vital that we should read the Bible regularly and are committed to encourage Christians to do this.*

*"I am thrilled to hear of this initiative to promote the importance of regular Bible reading. - Nicky Gumbel."*

*Pheniah Taylor Worthing 246523*

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

**WINDERMERE CENTRE  
2000  
PROGRAMME**

*Enriching Life and Faith*

*Your Home in the Lakes*



**JANUARY**

- |                      |                                                                                 |
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| 3rd to 10th          | Closed for redecoration                                                         |
| 11th to 13th         | WOMEN IN MINISTRIES<br><i>a network of support</i>                              |
| 14th to 16th         | Training for Learning and Serving                                               |
| 17th to 22nd         | Closed for redecoration                                                         |
| 25th to 27th         | DISTRICT SECRETARIES REFRESH'R<br><i>help for the tasks and duties involved</i> |
| 30th to 2nd February | Cheadle U.R.C./Methodist                                                        |

**FEBRUARY**

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| 4th to 6th   | WHOLLY WORSHIP. <i>resources and ideas with Rosemary Johnstone and Terry Oakley</i>                                                   |
| 7th to 9th   | WHOLLY WORSHIP. <i>the same again!</i>                                                                                                |
| 11th to 13th | North Western Synod Winter School                                                                                                     |
| 14th to 19th | WINTER PEAKS. <i>a wonderful experience of high fells and fellowship</i>                                                              |
| 19th to 25th | WINTER PEAKS. <i>more for beginners</i>                                                                                               |
| 25th to 27th | PILOTS. <i>setting this up in your church with Karen Bullen - Pilots Officer</i> 28th to 1st March Provincial Treasurers Consultation |

**MARCH**

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|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3rd to 5th   | Post Ordination Education and Training (POET)                    |
| 6th to 5th   | The 51 Society                                                   |
| 10th to 12th | St. Aidens U.R.C. Hexham                                         |
| 13th to 16th | WORKING IN TEAM. <i>Sexpertise and pitfalls for any involved</i> |
| 17th to 19th | Great Bayington U.R.C.                                           |
| 20th to 24th | PAINTING IN SPRING. <i>learn, and enjoy</i>                      |
| 24th to 26th | Shipleigh U.R.C.                                                 |
| 28th to 30th | Church Treasurers Consultation.                                  |

# Worthing Millennium

ON YOUR RADIO 6 DECEMBER 1999-2 JANUARY 2000

35 Franklin Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 2PG

Tel: 01903 268863

**Worthing Millennium FM**

Co-ordinated by Worthing Churches Together  
and endorsed by Worthing Borough Council

**PRESS RELEASE** 16 October 99

## WORTHING MILLENNIUM FM RADIO NEEDS YOUR HELP

Your own Christian-based Radio Station, set up by "Worthing Churches Millennium Link" will go "on air" from Monday 6th December for one month, affording us the opportunity of reaching out to and working alongside our local business and residential communities.

### YOU CAN HELP BY:-

1. **INFORMING** us of any connections you have with local business or social outlets as they can use the Radio Station for *very local, very reasonably-priced advertising*. This would include businesses, trade associations, banks, clubs and the like!

### 2. **GIVING YOUR TIME FOR GOD!**

Will you give just a few hours for 415 weeks? All skills needed including:-

Leafleting, telephone, reception, administration clerical (including computer), host(ess)ing, or just making that proverbial "cup of tea".

**NO AGE, SEX or TIME BARRIER  
WE NEED YOU.**

**PLEASE HELP**



■ Steve Stevens auctions his family heirloom clock. Photo sales no. 0925-1

## Heirloom to help charity

A Worthing couple are giving a family heirloom for auction to help buy a special plane for Mongolia.

Steve and Kay Stevens, who are honorary representatives for Mission Aviation Fellowship in Sussex, helped open up Central Africa with a plane 50 years ago.

They are now launching a local fund as part of a national appeal by MAF to provide a plane for Mongolia, one of the most isolated places on earth.

Roads are virtually non-existent in a huge country of two and a half million people. Many of the inhabitants lead nomadic lives with their flocks of sheep in temperatures from both extremes - searingly hot and bitterly cold.

To set the fund rolling in Sussex, Steve is offering for auction in November an antique travelling clock once owned by his grandfather, Lt Colonel Stephen Stevens.

It is thought that this clock, often known as an officer's travelling clock, was in Col Stevens' possession in South Africa when he was severely wounded near Grahamstown during the Kaffir Wars.

In the early 1930s, Steve, just turned 80, received part of his education in Grahamstown.

"This clock should bring in a good few hundred pounds which will go into the MAF Mongolian Plane Fund."

Steve added: "We hope many others will give generously to this fund and consider giving up cherished heirlooms to help finance the purchasing of this urgently-needed life-line plane for Mongolia."

Fifteen years ago, Steve and Kay travelled by train from Hong Kong to London. For two days and nights their train took them on the long, windy journey from south to north of Mongolia on a narrow gauge railway line - the only railway line in the whole of the country.

"When we stood on a high bridge at the railway station overlooking Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar, we did not know then that the day would come 15 years later then this 'closed country', long dominated by Russian communism, would open up."

Right now in Ulaanbaatar, a team of Mongolians under the direction of a Mission Aviation Fellowship man is erecting a hangar which has been imported from America.

It will house the special ten-seater plane which will be ideally suited to the needs of the peoples of Mongolia.

The plane is likely to cost around £900,000, of which the last £100,000 remains to be found.

Donations should be made out to MAF Mongolian Fund and sent to Steve and Kay Stevens, 86 Rowlands Road, Worthing. For more details contact them on 01903 230858.



# Special feature

## To mourn with the mourning

God is calling Hong Kong Christians to serve the needy and house the homeless

Hong Kong has enjoyed economic prosperity and political stability for decades. Once a coastal island haven to refugees, it is now a cosmopolitan city and an international centre for trade and banking.

The 1950s and 1960s are remembered for the squatter huts dotting the hillsides. But the 1980s and 1990s saw Hong Kong take off. High-rises crowded the skyline and cars congested the already busy streets. The stock market soared, incomes surged, and the cost of living too. Hong Kong was ranked with New York, Paris and London as one of the most expensive cities in the world.

Then came the recession of 1998. The shining reflection of the Pearl of the Orient, as Hong Kong was called, began to fade. The glory of the roaring 1980s seems a thing of the past. Once, the city enjoyed zero unemployment. Now, the jobless rate is at 5.5%, with 350,000 people without work. Although this may seem nothing for countries with double digit unemployment rates, for a small place like Hong Kong, it is significant.

Shops have closed because they cannot pay their rent, factories have shut down production lines because they have not received enough orders, and companies have cut staff because business is slow. Divorces, suicides and family breakdowns have surged.

The Church rejoiced with the people of Hong Kong when the city reached its zenith. The number of churches grew substantially during the boom period. So the Church should now suffer with the people. The Church should stand by workers facing the axe and speak out for those with nothing as the gap between rich and poor widens.

Some Christians are acting. The Hong Kong Christian Council has issued an open statement asking the government to create more jobs, protect the rights of local workers and give out more social security. It is also calling on churches to redefine their mission goals, reach out to the needy to preach the Good News, and to pray that God will establish a just and righteous society in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China is heeding this call. It has set up HK\$3.6 million (US\$460,000) to help church members in need and is launching a Christian family counselling service this summer.

In western culture, people find it easier to mourn with those in deep sorrow than to rejoice with those enjoying a happy occasion. In Chinese culture, it is the opposite. People will treat you to a big meal if you earn a promotion, but their tongue will be tied when they have to console someone in grief.

in Romans 12.13-16, Paul says:

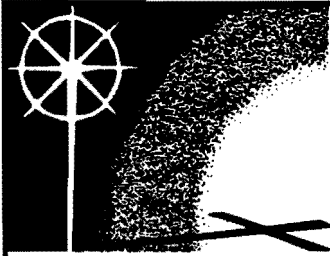


*The crisis had led to a rise in poverty.*

"Share with God's people who are in need. Practise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another." This is what the Lord is calling Hong Kong Christians to: to share their emotional feelings and physical needs, to feed the hungry and provide a bed.

*Hudson Soo is associate general secretary of the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China.*





## URC CHRISTIAN CENTRE

LEWES ROAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
Saunders Park Rise West, Brighton, East Sussex. BN2 4EU  
Minister:- Rev. P. Burroughs

### Bethlehem Revisited

As an outreach project for the millennium we are presenting a "walk around" production of Bethlehem-Revisited.

This is a drama performance of the life in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus. We are making scenery to convert our hall into Bethlehem, with narrow streets, market place, the synagogue, the fields and the stable. A group leader will take some 10 people at a time round the-hall interacting with members of the cast who are situated at the 10 various scenes, the tour will take some 20 minutes to complete.

The dates are 13th December to 24th December inclusive, the first tour will be at 7.30pm each night, it is hoped to get a cast together to do a matinee for school children.

*There is a poster to see about this event in the Vestibule*

## E-NET DAY

Wednesday 10th November, 10 am - 4 pm  
at The Vines URC, Rochester

### *'Mission and the Millennium'*

**SPEAKER: BISHOP GAVIN REID**

£6.00 per person (includes a light lunch)

E-Net was established by Springboard to provide a forum (two times per year) for the mutual support, encouragement and teaching of evangelists.

Anyone who is an evangelist or has a heart for mission is welcome.

Organised by Springboard & the United Reformed Church (Southern Province)  
for all Churches.

*Please reply to Kathy Burtrand, Vineswood House, Limehouse Warf, Gas House Road, Rochester, Kent, ME1 1PN*

## Provincial Weekend - Herne Bay

This Provincial weekend is open to anyone in the Southern Province. It is hoped that local churches will send a person to represent them or sponsor a family.

The programme has been arranged to cater for all age groups.

Please let us know if you require creche facilities.

Single rooms are always at a premium. If you are not prepared to share a room then you are urged to book early to secure a place.

Please bring with you items of personal luggage, a Bible, notebook and writing implement. Musical instruments for worship and other times.

### The Programme:

During this Provincial Weekend we shall explore together what Christ calls the Church to be at the beginning of a new Millennium.

On the Friday evening we shall share memories of experiences in the life of the Church, and some of our dreams for the future. Please come prepared to share your **Memories and Dreams**.

On the Saturday morning we welcome **Revd. Dr. David Cornick**, Principal of Westminster College, Cambridge, who will help us to discover those **Treasures of the Past** in the life of the Church which we must hold on to firmly as we move into the future. David is a lively speaker whose recently published book "Under God's Good Hand", has given us fresh insights into the traditions which have come together in the United Reformed Church.

In the latter part of Saturday afternoon it will be **Your Turn** to look at the Church as you experience it today. Please be ready to tell us about those **"Treasures in Hand"** which enrich your local Church life so that we may all learn from one another through the variety of our worship, work and witness.

On Sunday morning we welcome **Revd. Tim Lowe**, ordained in 1998 and now serving St. Luke's URC, St. Leonards-on-Sea. Tim has served as FURY Chaplain and will challenge us to enter the 21st century with renewed vision of what Christ calls the Church to be as we discover **"Treasures for the Future"**.

On Sunday afternoon we shall bring together in an Act of Worship the treasures which we have discovered and which we want to take back with us to enrich the life of the Church.

*"Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of God is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."*  
(Matthew 13: 52)

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
SOUTHERN SYNOD  
PROVINCIAL WEEKEND  
HERNE BAY COURT

"Treasures  
Old and New"

Theme Leaders: **Revd. Dr. David Cornick**  
(Principal, Westminster College, Cambridge)  
**Revd. Tim Lowe**  
(Minister, St. Luke's URC, St. Leonards-on-Sea)  
Chairman: **Revd. David Helyar**

Friday 11 to Sunday 13 February, 2000

### Conference Fees:

Adults: £66.00  
10-16yrs: £27.00  
6-9yrs: £16.00  
Under 5yrs: Free

### Outline of timetable:

Friday. 6.00pm Arrivals, Supper, Welcome, Memories & Dreams.

Saturday. 8.15am. Morning Prayers, Breakfast, Treasures from the Past, Lunch, Afternoon Free. 4.40pm Afternoon Tea, Stories of Present Church Life, Evening Meal, Relax with Music Millennium.

Sunday. Morning prayers, Breakfast, Treasures for the Future, Preparation for Worship, Lunch, Worship. 4.00pm. Departures.


Why not represent our Church. Please speak to Wilfred Rhodes for more information.



Sally Jones Theatre Company presents

# THE HIDING PLACE

A POWERFUL DRAMATISATION OF  
 GERTRUDE TEN BOOM'S  
 EXPERIENCE DURING THE SECOND  
 WORLD WAR.



the Ten Boom family bravely and against all advice hid Jews in their shop during The Nazi occupation of Holland. Following a dramatic betrayal and escape to the East, Gertrude and her family were imprisoned.

Two of the daughters, Corrie and Betsie, are then sent to Germany and to the notorious women's concentration camp, Ravensbrück. This is an incredible story of human endurance and of trusting faith in a miraculous God.

Wednesday 5th December - Sally Jones Theatre, Brighton

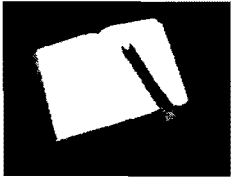
All performances start at 7.30pm

£6.00 - 01273 709709

There are more performances between 12 Nov and 18 Dec in other towns in the South East.

For more information visit our website [www.sallyjones.co.uk](http://www.sallyjones.co.uk)

Box Office: 01273 709709  
 Fax: 01273 709709  
 Email: [boxoffice@sallyjones.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@sallyjones.co.uk)



## Hidden Books of The Bible Puzzle.

How many books did you spot in last month's Chronicle? - if you didn't see it, you may like to look in the October issue before reading the following: -

Once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a LITTLE. Kept people looking so hard for facts. And for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But the truth suddenly struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you compete. Relax, now, there really are 10 names of the books of the Bible in this story. Did you get all 16?

## The CHRONICLE December 1999

available on  
 Sunday 5th December.

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All articles please to the Editor or placed in the box in the Vestibule by Sunday 21st November .

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for your Diary...

# NOVEMBER

|       |         |                             |                                                                                                                              |
|-------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Mon     | 7.15pm                      | Alpha Course                                                                                                                 |
| 2     | Tue     | 2.30pm                      | Women's Guild Brighton Pavillion                                                                                             |
| 4     | Thu     | 7.30am                      | Day of Prayer                                                                                                                |
| 5     | Fri     | 3.00 - 4.00pm               | Kestro Club Bazaar Invitation to all.                                                                                        |
| 6     | Sat     | 11am                        | Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale. Details page 4                                                                                 |
| 7     | Sun     | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm | Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Family Service. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Evening Worship. Rev Peter Heckels                 |
| 8     | Mon     | 7.15pm                      | Alpha Course                                                                                                                 |
| 10    | Wed     |                             | E-Net Day. Rochester. Details page 10                                                                                        |
| 11    | Thu     | 7.30pm                      | Sussex West District Meeting . Sompting URC                                                                                  |
| 14    | Sun     | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm | Holy Communion. Mrs Robin Bradley<br>Family Service. Mr Simon Richards<br>Evening Worship. Rev Margaret Ashby                |
| 15    | Mon     | 7.15pm                      | Alpha Course                                                                                                                 |
| 16    | Tue     | 2.30pm                      | Women's Guild. 'Worthing Society for the blind'                                                                              |
| 18    | Thu     | 7.30pm                      | Elder's Meeting. Harris Room                                                                                                 |
| 21    | Sun     | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm | Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Family Service. Mrs Christine Smith<br>CTG Evening Worship at English Martyrs RC Church |
| 19    | Tue     | 2.30pm                      | Women's Guild Anniversary Service.                                                                                           |
| 22    | Mon     | 7.15pm                      | Alpha Course                                                                                                                 |
| 25    | Thu     | 7.30pm                      | Church Meeting                                                                                                               |
| 25-27 | Thu-Sat |                             | Soar Over the Past Exhibition. See display page 5                                                                            |
| 28    | Sun     | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm | Holy Communion. Rev William Connelly<br>Family Service. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Evening Worship. Rev Peter Heckels              |
| 29    | Mon     | 10.00am<br>7.15pm           | World Church & Mission Committee Meeting<br>Alpha Course                                                                     |
| 30    | Tue     | 2.30pm                      | Women's Guild Christmas Party                                                                                                |



Sun 21st November is  
the last day for  
December Chronicle  
material



# DECEMBER

|   |     |                             |                                                                                                               |              |
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| 5 | Sun | 8.00am<br>10.30am<br>6.00pm | Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Family Service. Rev Peter Heckels<br>Evening Worship. Rev Margaret Ashby | Bible Sunday |
| 6 | Mon | 7.15pm                      | Alpha Course                                                                                                  |              |
| 8 | Wed | 7.30pm                      | Rowland Singers Concert. More details next month                                                              |              |





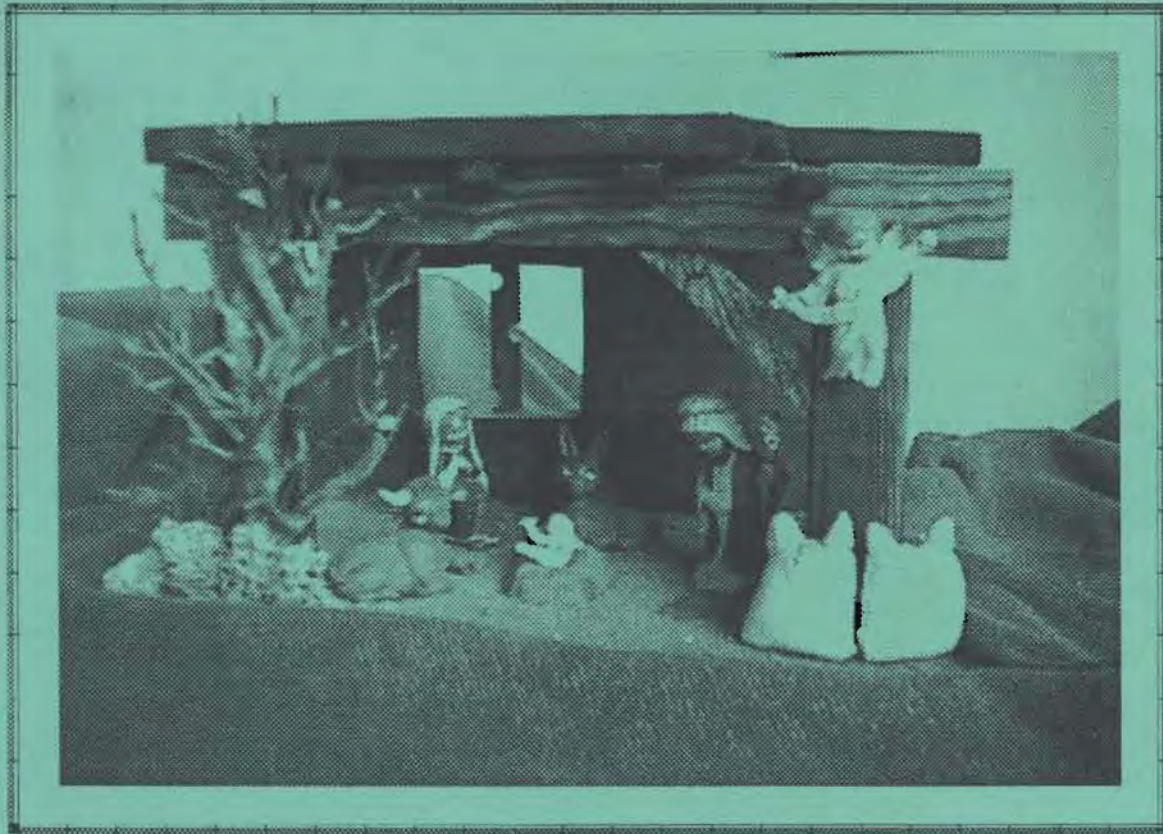
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The magazine of Goring United Reformed Church, Worthing, West Sussex.  
A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry

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"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and his name shall be called Emmanuel"





## GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Shaftesbury Avenue, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 4EA

— *A church within the Worthing Area Team Ministry* —

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion Service                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.30 am | Family Worship,<br>- with Holy Communion on first Sunday in month.<br>- GAS ( God's Appreciation Society ) for young people<br>- Junior Church with Creche. |
| 6.00 pm  | Evening Worship<br>- with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing on<br>third Sunday in month.                                                                 |

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fellowship United Reformed Youth | Friday Evenings              |
| Monday Club                      | Monday Evenings              |
| Serendipity                      | Monthly. Monday evening      |
| Women's Guild                    | Alternate Tuesday afternoons |
| The Ark for Parents and Toddlers | Thursday mornings            |
| Kestro (Stroke) Club             | Friday afternoons            |
| Little Fishes Play Group         | Every weekday                |
| Emmaus (Bible Study) Groups      | Various times and days       |



Dear friends.

Christmas will soon be upon us and we will all, be engaged in the usual preparations: presents will be bought – if you haven't done that already- and then wrapped; cards will be written – perhaps you've done that too- and the letters we send once a year will be composed; there's the baking and usual preparation of food that we must do in plenty of time; the house itself, of course, will shortly be transformed by colourful decorations, ranging from Christmas cards received to Christmas tree and all that goes with it. A sense of expectancy pervades the atmosphere, and it is not only children who are aware of it.

Advent is the church's time of preparation for there is much to be in the life of the church too. In the midst of all the other activities we must find room to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christchild otherwise we end up with a Christmas no different to the rest of the world. God is coming into the world and that means that once again God is coming to be with you. The wonder of Christmas is still that God came as a baby, born in a Bethlehem stable some 2,000 years ago, but the wonder continues as each person welcomes God afresh into their heart at this time. This needs each of us to share in preparation so that in faith we receive again all Christmas brings. Of course this year with all that is going on for a new Millennium we need to be more able to celebrate.

We must prepare together as well for many will come to share with us over this Christmas (and Millennium) period and we need to be ready to make them feel welcome. This is one of those occasions when the church family will be welcoming many guests who wish to come into God's presence and remember all that He has done. Will they find a welcome that speaks of the love of God? That may well depend on you. Some will have been brought by their friends, already well known to you; others will just come along; all need to feel welcome as surely as God feels the welcome in our hearts. Whether people come in to share carol services, children's services, to be with us on Christmas Day or to enter a new Millennium they will need to feel welcome and if anyone ignores them they may well feel unwanted. We are all horrified when the innkeepers say to Joseph 'Sorry no room' because they are really saying 'You are not welcome here' and we would never do that! God may well find his place in our hearts because we make his guests welcome when they come to join our celebrations. That welcome will need to be prepared by each of us as we come to worship over this exciting period. Over this month please pray for all who will come, and pray that Jesus himself may slip in among them to find his place in your heart. While the rest of the preparations are going on make time to prepare for the true Christmas and indeed Millennium in which God will fulfil every expectation of those awaiting the arrival of the Son of God, our Saviour. Pray for us as we prepare for Christmas with our family, with you, our church family and with the guests of both.

Your servants in Christ,  
Peter and Eileen.

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## Thank you's

### Crocus Planting

Thank you to all of those in Junior Church who helped with the planting of about 400 crocus bulbs on Sunday morning 31st October. The planting was planned to be carried out during our Church Working day on 2nd October, but had to be delayed by wet weather on that day and on other days until Sunday the 31st when we had a beautiful sunny day for it.

The crocuses were planted in the shape of 2000 so watch this space for another picture in the spring, or better still watch them grow and flower outside

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### Doreen Norris

Dear Friends

By the time you read this I hope that I will be quite better and amongst you again. Meanwhile, I thank you so much for all of your prayers, good wishes, flowers, cards and phone calls. I have been greatly blessed. When I am well again I will get on with my new job as Social Secretary and will be calling upon lots of you to come up with some new ideas and inspirations for activities, so start thinking and watch this space!

*Bless you all, Doreen Norris*

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### Mary McLennan

Dear Friends

Thank you all very much for the lovely flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy, following the death of Mrs Mary McLennan.

*Evelyn Read and family.*

## Grandparents

Congratulations to Grandparents, Eileen & Wilf on the birth of Hannah Sarah Rhodes on 26 October 99. Second daughter for Peter & Alison.



## Church Flowers 2000

If you would like to provide flowers in the Church for a particular occasion or anniversary the list for the coming year is now available for you to sign in the vestibule. Anyone who is able to purchase and arrange the flowers themselves please sign both columns of the list.

- Could your name be added to the rota of 'arrangers'?
- Do you have surplus foliage in your garden that could be pruned occasionally by the arrangers?

*Please let Audrey (501153) or Carol (690334) know*





## Hayward House flatlets available to rent

Hayward House is organised to provide a comfortable, economical home for up to five retired people. At present we have two small flatlets available to rent. If anyone knows of someone who would benefit from this, or would like more information, please contact *Bobby Hitchin on Worthing 249580*

# Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale

**Saturday 6th November 1999**

Dear Friends,

I am writing to say how much my children and I enjoyed the Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale on Saturday 6th November.

I was however saddened to see so few children and young people involved in the event. Anna, Jonathan and Ruth came away from the sale full of pride in what they achieved and full of eager anticipation - brimming over with ideas for helping next year. It is by actively participating in this sort of event that helps youngsters to feel a needed and valued part of the church family. They need not be involved for the whole time and for the most part cannot be expected to set up stalls, but most are capable of selling or running a side stall, with a little supervision.

If the youngsters of today are not encouraged to become involved with church events and thereby enabled to feel part of the church, there will be no church tomorrow.

*Valerie Cooper*



*Ken & Vera Irvine being served by Anna, Jonathan and Ruth*

**The Sale raised in excess of £1000 for Church Funds :**

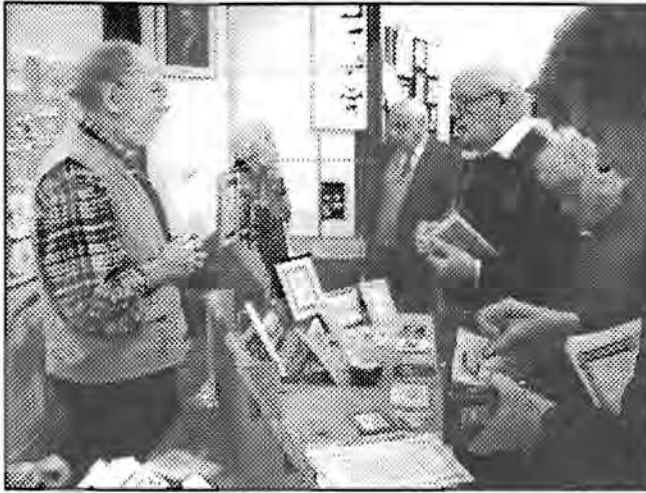
£577 from Stalls  
£465 from donations



*You can see more pictures on page 4*



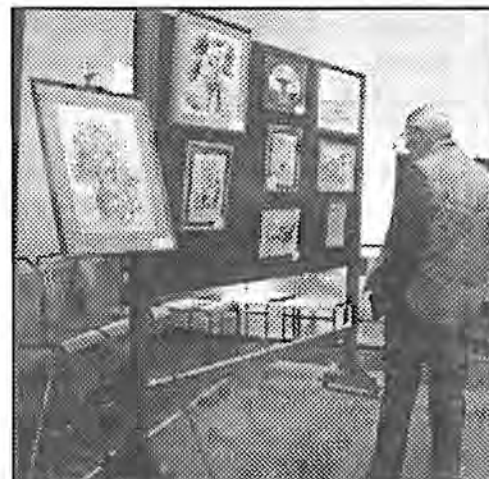
# Craft, Cake & Christmas Sale



## Cookbook Misprint

Apologies, Apologies. Those of you who bought the Church Family Cookbook at the Craft, Cake and Christmas Sale on 6th November will have noticed (perhaps) that my entry for Pan Pizza is incomplete. I omitted to let you know how to complete the Pizza after decorating it. You should then place it under a pre-heated grill (still in the pan) until the cheese melts and is bubbling. I might add it is equally delicious without the decoration!! Sorry, I didn't get it proof read.

*Sheila Gooderham*







## SUSSEX WEST DISTRICT MEETING

November 11th at Sompting URC

The meeting was opened with devotions led by Rev Charles Martin.

The President Rev Marie Roe gave apologies for absence from Rev Ron Christopher.

A number of people attending the meeting for the first time were welcomed.

### Executive Council Report

There are three new members of Council: Mr Peter Head from East Wittering, Ms Rosina Elston Youth Worker at Christ Church Chichester, and Miss Nicola Judd FURY rep. Mr Head is nominated to train using the TLS course for Lay Preachers. We are encouraged to read the programme 'Growing Up' as we enter the new millennium.

Resolution 34 may be debated at next council meeting depending on the responses received from the churches. Churches are reminded to respond to the document 'A Future For Sussex West?' see below. Thirteen Church Secretaries, - five from Sussex West, attended a training day in October.

An opportunity to become Financial Secretary/Chief Accountant at Church House is advertised in *Reform*. Is there any one at Goring who would like to apply?

### Pastoral Care Committee

Mr Les Stewart was approved to preside at Holy Communion at

Rustington for the next 12 months following Rev Bob Murray's retirement.

Ron Scriven is to continue as Pastor at Bosham until the end of 2000. This will be the last extension of his office. Ron Grave of Housom is approved to preside at Holy Communion there, should an emergency arise.

### Property & Finance

Items concerning a grant for Bognor Regis and the Manse at Rustington were noted.

### Ecumenical report

Rev Peter Newell encouraged everyone to be committed to Churches Together groups, especially working together in schools, colleges, hospitals, prisons, and work places. He reminded us of the County Jamboree to be held at Goodwood on May 27th 2000. Southern Counties Radio are looking for a Christian employee, and are finding their Sunday services well received. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18th - 25th 2000.

### Evangelism report

Alpha courses are going well. The post of District Evangelism & Mission Enabler (part-time) covering Sx, West & East, Wimbledon Districts remains un-filled. Please let Charles Martin know if you, or someone you know, might be interested

in this work. It is a liaison job, keeping the district up to date with what is going on, and keeping evangelistic work on our agendas.

### District Youth Committee.

Dates for next year: 4th March at Goring 10.00 - 2.00 "working with the Under 5s" led by Revd. Margaret Collins 7th - 9th July weekend for the 11's and over, with a day for 6 - 11's, 11.00am - 6.30 pm at Coldwaltham.

4th November 10am - 4.30pm Leaders' Day for all working with children & young people at Sompting - to be led by Howard Nurden

Full notes and District papers available from your District Representative: Hilary Redman

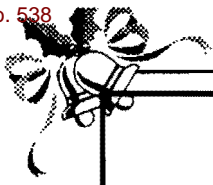
**The date of the next meeting: January 20th at Shelley Road URC.**

Would you like to come?

Please do.

*Hilary Redman*



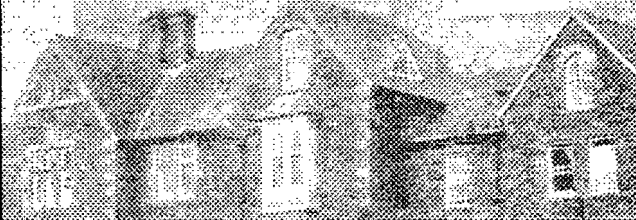


THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## WINDERMERE CENTRE 2000 PROGRAMME

*Enriching Life and Faith*

*Your Home in the Lakes*



### JANUARY

|                      |                                                                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3rd to 10th          | Closed for redecoration                                               |
| 11th to 13th         | WOMEN IN MINISTRIES<br><i>a network of support</i>                    |
| 14th to 16th         | Training for Learning and Serving                                     |
| 17th to 22nd         | Closed for redecoration                                               |
| 25th to 27th         | DISTRICT SECRETARIES<br><i>help for the tasks and duties involved</i> |
| REFRESHIER           |                                                                       |
| 30th to 2nd February | Cheadle U.R.C./Methodist                                              |

### FEBRUARY

|              |                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4th to 6th   | WHOLLY WORSHIP. <i>resources and ideas with Rosemary Johnstone and Terry Oakley</i>                                                   |
| 7th to 9th   | WHOLLY WORSHIP. <i>the same again!</i>                                                                                                |
| 11th to 13th | North Western Synod Winter School                                                                                                     |
| 14th to 19th | WINTER PEAKS. <i>a wonderful experience of high fells and fellowship</i>                                                              |
| 19th to 25th | WINTER PEAKS. <i>more for beginners</i>                                                                                               |
| 25th to 27th | PILOTS. <i>setting this up in your church with Karen Bullen - Pilots Officer</i> 28th to 1st March Provincial Treasurers Consultation |

### MARCH

|              |                                                                 |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3rd to 8th   | Post Ordination Education and Training (POET)                   |
| 6th to 8th   | The 51 Society                                                  |
| 10th to 12th | St. Aidens U.R.C. Hexham                                        |
| 13th to 16th | WORKING IN TEAM. <i>Expertise and pitfalls for any involved</i> |
| 17th to 19th | Great Bayington U.R.C.                                          |
| 20th to 24th | PAINTING IN SPRING. <i>learn, and enjoy</i>                     |
| 24th to 26th | Shipleigh U.R.C.                                                |
| 28th to 30th | Church Treasurers Consultation.                                 |

## CAPITAL JOY!



An Evening of Ecumenical Worship Featuring Black Gospel Music

Sunday 23rd January 2000 at 6.30pm  
Door open at 5.30

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL

Address: The Archbishop of Canterbury  
Music: Wood Green Choir and Band  
Community Choir

*Details and tickets can be obtained for choir or congregation from Michael Ebeling or Hilary Redman.*

*A retiring collection will be made*

United Reformed Church, Southern Synod

### GET REAL, HEAL THE SICK

Revd Peter McIntosh  
Moderator of the General Assembly  
will be leading a Consultation Day at  
the Old Rectory, Crowhurst

9th December

*A day for Ministers and those engaged in the  
Healing Ministry to share experiences and  
aspects of this ministry that challenge us.*

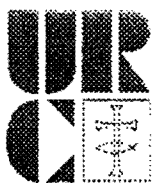
*An opportunity to ask questions*

|          |                                               |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 10.00 am | Healing Service, Peter McIntosh preaching.    |
| 12-15    | Coffee / informal chat                        |
| Lunch    | Please bring own packed lunch                 |
| 1.45pm   | 'The healing ministry and Your Church'        |
| 4.00 ish | Departures or stay for tea at the Old Rectory |

*Cost £5.00 to cover costs and a donation to Crowhurst.*

*It would be helpful to know numbers, especially for seating in the chapel and for coffees. To register for the day or for further information please ring Delia Bond 01303 268621*  
Crowhurst: By road, is situated inland from Hastings and Bexhill, just off the A2100 near Battle.





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To: All Churches in the Southern Province.

Christmas, 1999

Dear Friends,

Love could not be locked up in heaven, so "Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine." The nature of divine love is such that it can never be locked up - in our hearts, in our homes, in our churches, in the world. The love of God has to be free and available for all, and we cannot hedge it around or place petty restrictions upon it - as so often we are inclined to do.

The love of God at Christmas enters humbly into our poverty and weakness, daring to trust itself to human hands and hearts. The love of God at Easter allows death to do its worst, and then proves in resurrection power that love can never be defeated. The love of God at Pentecost breathes into human life with recreating energy and sets us free to love even as we have been loved. Divine love cannot be locked up.

It is that love born in Christ which we celebrate as the last Christmas of this second millennium dawns upon us. The world may not recognise that the birth of Christ two thousand years ago is the reason and the focus for all our millennium celebrations. Yet that event in Bethlehem, seemingly remote and insignificant, has resulted in the building of churches in every city and town as well as in virtually every village of this land. You, the reader of this letter, will know one or more of those buildings intimately. You will also know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit experienced within the life and worship of the community which gathers in that place. We praise and thank God for its reality and liberating power. But grace and love and fellowship cannot be locked up there. Ours is the joyful calling and responsibility to open wide the doors, to see that the love of Christ is made known and offered to the whole community, to allow the joy of heaven to flood into the everyday life of the world.

I am aware of exciting and imaginative plans for the celebration of this Christmas and then of the new Millennium. As we distribute our candles or gospels, engage in prayer and resolution, and ring out the joy of the Lord in worship, so may we be ever mindful of the love of God unlocked and released into the world by the coming of the Christ whose special concern is always for the poor, the hungry and the dispossessed.

The love and peace of God be with you this Christmas and in your celebration of the New Start at home, with God and with the world which the new Millennium challenges us to accept.

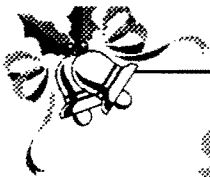
Mary joins me in warmest greetings.

Yours in the love of Christ,

David L. Helyar

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# Special feature

## Outcasts no more

Many cultures reject people with leprosy outright. They see them as cursed by God. It is then up to Christian health workers to care for them, and show them that God never turns anyone away.

The word leprosy brings to mind terrible images. In the West, it is seen as a disease of the Middle Ages. Most people there would say that it does not exist anymore, wiped out by modern medicine.

But they would be wrong. Leprosy affects two million people worldwide today. Although some live in Europe, most leprosy sufferers are in the developing world, particularly in Asia, Africa and South America. Many live in war-torn or remote areas, where health workers are scarce. Those affected are often rejected by their community; they are seen as unclean, cursed by God.

Take Chatu Sahu, for instance. He and his wife, Parvati, were driven from their home in Bihar state, east India, by their family 20 years ago when he developed leprosy. They came to the city of New Delhi and lived as beggars. Although medical treatment has now cured his leprosy, his arms and legs are deformed and he is incapable of taking up his previous job as a car mechanic.

"I never tried to go back home," says Mr Sahu. "They banished me. My fate is to live as a beggar until I die." He says that police regularly harrass him and that government hospital staff

once refused to give him free medicine available for his illness.

Experts say that this attitude towards leprosy sufferers is a key barrier to ridding the world of the disease. There are much fewer cases today than there were 50 years ago, when a drug was first developed to cure leprosy. But many sufferers do not dare come out of their homes. Workers have to travel to remote villages to meet them.

The situation in India is particularly bad. It holds 70% of the world's leprosy patients. The Indian government wants to wipe out leprosy in India by the year 2000, but health workers are not convinced. The leprosy Mission, a Christian charity, says that over 400,000 new cases of the disease are reported every year in India. To rid the country of leprosy by next year would need resources far beyond those available.

Such comments are nothing new. In 1994, Leslie and Betty Robinson, Scottish missionaries with the Church of South India Hospital, wrote: "To eradicate leprosy it is necessary to find all those who may not be aware of their condition. This means a search of all the population - a gigantic, if not impossible task."



*Krupanan, cured but badly hurt by leprosy, will need continuing care for the rest of his life.*

Infected people may spend years without knowing they have leprosy. One young man first realised something was wrong when he found the skin wearing off his fingers as he pulled a rope to lift a bucket of water out of a well. His fingers were ulcerated, but there was no pain. Hospital staff soon stopped the disease before it could do more damage.

In most cases, the patient's troubles are far from over. Medicine will have wiped the disease out of the person's body, but the damage done to nerves cannot be reversed. loss of sensation in hands, feet and eyes mean that everyday activities will still be risky. Burns are not recognised, wounds go untended, stones in shoes and grit in the eyes are not detected or treated.

The person can end







## Special feature



*Rajan was disabled by leprosy, but enabled by The Leprosy Mission to provide for himself and his daughter.*

up losing a hand, a foot, or an eye. And finding work is difficult as former leprosy patients cannot always go back to their previous jobs and are still rejected by society.

So health workers are increasingly focusing on rehabilitation. The Leprosy Mission has training centres across the country that teach former leprosy patients new skills to earn a living. Training courses are recognised by the government and the centres help the students find jobs.

Working with other organisations and raising awareness are also important. The mission decided last year to work more closely with local communities, churches, missions, governments, and agencies to educate people about leprosy and end prejudice against those affected. Its mass media centre launched in New Delhi in March 1999 supports this policy. Communication experts use print, radio and television to raise awareness about leprosy across the nation.

Christians are at the heart of most leprosy work in India. They provide 75% of all leprosy care according to some health workers. Perhaps this is because of Jesus' example in the Bible, healing and caring for people suffering from the disease. Says P K Roy, assistant director for The Leprosy Mission and a member of the Church of North India: "There is no

doubt that the strong Christian presence in the field is linked to Christian compassion. The mandate for us is from Jesus, who was the first one to heal a leper."

For many patients, Christian workers bring spiritual as well as physical healing.

The story of 21-year-old Akhalish is typical. He caught leprosy when he was young, and his hands started to claw. In desperation, he went to a hospital run by The Leprosy Mission, where staff cured him and told him about Jesus Christ.

"My family are all Hindus," says Akhalish. "But when I prayed to Hindu gods they didn't answer me. However, when I was admitted to hospital I learnt about the Christian God and believed in him."

Akhalish is now training to be a tailor. "When my hands started to claw I thought I would never be able to learn a trade, and at first I found it nearly impossible to thread a needle. But I prayed about it and I strongly believe that it is only with Jesus' help that I can develop my skill."

Accepting the Lord can create other problems. Former patients go back to their homes and are treated as traitors by their communities for turning to Christianity, seen as a foreign religion. Health workers are also harassed. Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two sons were burnt alive in their car in January 1999 by Hindu fundamentalists opposed to his work with leprosy patients.

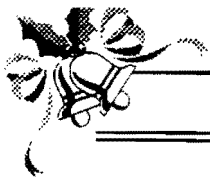
The killing deeply upset the Christian community, but it did not dent its determination to help people with leprosy. Jesus is working miracles in the lives of those with leprosy just as he was 2,000 years ago. That is ample proof to health workers that they have God's full backing.

### THE LEPROSY MISSION CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

In 1869 Irishman Wellesley Bailey first met people with leprosy in Punjab, India, where he was teaching. "I ever there was a Christ-like work in this world, it was to go among these poor sufferers and bring them the consolation of the Gospel," he said.

Five years later he set up a mission to care for them. By 1889, the mission supported 26 leprosy stations in India and Ceylon.

This year The Leprosy Mission celebrates its 125th anniversary. It has 2300 field staff working in over 30 countries, and keeps the same firm commitment to Jesus Christ as its founder.



# RUTH'S CHAT

## (from the FIELD)

No. 21

Pointe Noire, Congo

November 1999

*Do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matt. 6 v31-33)*

Dear friends,

**Here I am back in Congo!** I hope the next few newsletters will be from here!

The above verses, which appear on our Mboshi calendar for the year 2000, are very relevant to Congolese right now. Life in Pointe Noire is near normal, but in parts of the south, rebel activity has been causing a great deal of suffering for those cut off from food supplies and medical care. In addition, rainy season has now started and we hear that there is serious flooding in the north, including Boundji.



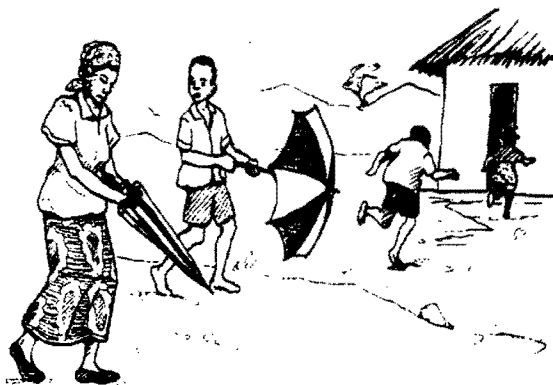
But let me back-track. I visited Pointe Noire in August as planned - just as electricity was restored after many months in the dark! I found **Andrea and Roch** busy producing Mboshi literature and representing SIL, in the absence of other colleagues. Andrea had just taken over responsibility for the house of an SIL family who are now in UK for a year. It's great to have a fully-furnished place to live!

Back in Libreville for meetings during September, I was elected chairperson of the executive committee (EC) for our small Congo-Gabon branch. This means greater involvement in branch-level decisions concerning our work, and for this I need wisdom from the Lord! It was also decided that I would continue working in Pointe Noire with Andrea. We are encouraged that another couple, **Larry & Cami Robbins** (who worked in the Mboshi project before us) will join us in Pointe Noire next January, while the rest of the "team" continue to work in Gabon.



It was hard to leave Libreville in October, since I was starting to feel settled there! However, I am slowly finding my place in Pointe Noire and I feel that this is where God wants me to be for now. There is quite a large Mboshi community living here. We are starting to visit churches to make people aware of the literature available in Mboshi & Munukutuba (trade language), and to share our vision for **Bible translation and mother tongue literacy** generally. We hope long term to identify and train more Congolese whom God is calling to be involved in this work.





#### Other news:

\* Our co-worker **Roch Beapami** will shortly travel to Boundji (floods allowing) to sell Mboshi calendars, hold some informal reading & writing seminars and get married! In January he will return to Pointe Noire with his wife, Francine. They don't know each other well yet, but we are praying that the Lord will be honoured in their marriage!

\* **Guy Kouarata** (whom I've mentioned previously) is in Pointe Noire to work with us for a while on the Mboshi dictionary. He is doing a good job! We are praying for him, as he makes a new start with the Lord (having previously back-slidden).

\* **Gary Dickinson**, an American pastor who has just relaunched a much needed Bible School in Pointe Noire, has a deteriorating liver condition and is quite sick.

\* My plans are to travel to Cameroon to spend Christmas & New Year with my Cameroonian "family" and then to stop over in Gabon in January for EC meetings, while **Andrea** "holds the fort" here.

\* **Here in Congo** there is sometimes a real sense of spiritual battle, and many people's lives have been shaken up by war and its secondary effects. What the future holds for the country is uncertain. We don't know how much of the Bible we will see translated into Mboshi but we want to use the opportunities God gives us to advance his kingdom while there is still time!

Let me leave you with the other verse on the

Nzambe aleesi Yesu Kristá mo mbara y'okonzi boàoàpendi m'oná, lopfa apáá wa kombo atsó m'engyánzá...

Or if you prefer...

*God exalted Jesus Christ to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:9-11)*

Mboshi calendar:

As we go into the new millennium, may Jesus be Lord in our lives! Wishing you God's blessings for this coming Christmas season and for the year 2000!

*Ruth*



Can you imagine cooking Christmas dinner like this?!

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P.S. Mail to Congo DOES seem to be getting through but takes at least 3 weeks from UK. Mail sent to me in Gabon gets to me when someone travels here!

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# Rowland Singers Christmas Concert

The Rowland Singers 30th Anniversary Christmas Carol Concert will be held in the Church on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm.

We shall, of course be singing traditional, and some not so traditional, carols with your help, together with 'A ceremony of Carols' by Benjamin Britten and a delightful carol by John Rutter called 'Mary's Lullaby'.

There will be other carols and Christmas songs. Jacky Emery will conduct the choir and Helen Emery her daughter, will be their

accompanist and occasional soloist.

Admission will be by programme, priced £3., and will be available from members of the choir or on the door. Refreshments will be served in the interval.

I hope to see you there.

*Sheila Gooderham.*

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Member's Handbook now available on the table at the back of the Church  
Approximate cost of production—50p. A small envelope is enclosed with the Handbook for those able to make a donation towards it's cost, and to place it in the offertory plate when convenient.  
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## Smaller size for future Chronicles

The CHRONICLE January 2000  
will be available on Sunday 2nd January.

At the Church Meeting on Thursday 25th November 1999 it was decided that as from January future issues of The CHRONICLE will be produced in the smaller, A5 size. Many thanks for your helpful comments and notes received.

This does not mean to say that the type will be any smaller or more difficult to read, in fact I hope that it will be just as easy to read and turn out to be a more pleasing publication, easy to pop into a handbag or put onto a small cabinet or desktop.

I am always keen to hear of your comments and suggestions, yes both critical and not so critical, so please write in. It is always good to receive articles from children, members of the congregation, have Committee Reports from time to time, Photographs, drawings etc . . . . We all play a part in the life of our Church so if you have any news, items of interest that you would like to share with others, please let us know.

Articles for this coming month of January should reach me please by Sunday 12th December at the latest. Obviously, this is a very busy period of the year and any help Ken and I could receive through getting articles in early this month would be very much appreciated.

*Thank you - Graham Redman*

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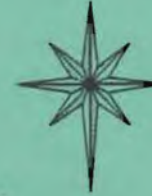


for your Diary...



# DECEMBER

|    |     |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----|-----|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5  | Sun | 8.00am      | Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                                                                              |
|    |     | 10.30am     | Family Service with Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                                                          |
|    |     | 6.00pm      | Evening Worship. Rev Margaret Ashby                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7  | Tue | 12.30pm     | Inland Revenue Carol Service                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 8  | Wed | 7.30pm      | Rowland Singers Carols                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 9  | Thu | 7.30pm      | Elder's Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12 | Sun | 8.00am      | Holy Communion. Mrs Robin Bradley                                                                                                                                                              |
|    |     | 10.30am     | Toy Sunday, Family Service. Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                                                                  |
|    |     | 3.00pm      | Afternoon Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                                                                    |
|    |     |             | ** Last day for January Chronicle material **                                                                                                                                                  |
| 14 | Tue | 2.30pm      | Women's Guild Christmas Service                                                                                                                                                                |
|    |     | 7.30pm      | Durrington High School Service in the Church.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 16 | Thu |             | The Ark Party                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 19 | Sun | 8.00am      | Holy Communion. Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                                                                              |
|    |     | 10.30am     | Festival of Lessons & Carols                                                                                                                                                                   |
|    |     | 6.00pm      | Evening Worship                                                                                                                                                                                |
|    |     |             | <u>Christmas Eve.</u>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 24 | Fri |             | Junior Church Service                                                                                                                                                                          |
|    |     |             | <u>Christmas Day</u>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 25 | Sat | 10.30am     | Family Service. Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                                                                              |
|    |     |             | <u>Boxing Day</u>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 26 | Sun | 8.00am      | Holy Communion. Mr Wilfred Rhodes                                                                                                                                                              |
|    |     | 10.30am     | Family Service. Rev Peter Heckels                                                                                                                                                              |
|    |     | —           | No Evening Service                                                                                                                                                                             |
|    |     |             | <u>Bank Holiday. The last day of 1999</u>                                                                                                                                                      |
| 31 | Fri | From 6.00pm | Sea Front, Montague Place including Christians Together in Goring United Service. Fireworks, lighting of beacon. <i>See Local Press, Welcome and listen to Sunday Notices for more details</i> |



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# JANUARY 2000



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| 1 | Sat | 10.30am | New Year's Day Service   |
| 2 | Sun | 8.00am  | Holy Communion           |
|   |     | 10.30am | Family Service           |
|   |     | 6.00pm  | Evening Worship          |
| 6 | Thu |         | New Year's Day of Prayer |

