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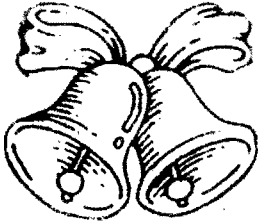
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FROM THE VESTRY



1985 - Year of Hope

The Year of Evangelism goes on for ever in obedience to the Lord's call to make disciples of all nations. Many fine things have occurred in the life of the church. Young life abounds with hope and joy, the middle-aged, who bear the heat and burden of the day, have been refreshed, and our older friends, whose prayers and love are invaluable, have heard "the distant triumph song" making hearts brave again.

Those who so kindly and thoughtfully communicated their thoughts on the meaning of Christian Hope in their own experience, will provide a starting point for sermons and spiritual emphasis in 1985. Eric Bond's contribution from Psalm 42 v. 5 reads:

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance".

There is clear reference here to the beauty of God's face which tho' human eyes may not see in its fulness is given through hope and love in the face of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ; to whom look in Hope ... and experience new confidence and offer praise. "The Lord lift up the light of his face upon you and be gracious unto you".

Don Weekes has provided suggestions for a host of sermons and discussions. I hope that my Greek is up

to it! More seriously, the word HOPE has more meanings in the Biblical languages than we may realise, for example: we are called "Prisoners of Hope" in Zechariah 9 v. 12, and St. Paul writes in Romans 8 v.24 - "that we are saved by HOPE".

God give us a year of Hope in Christ!
with every blessing,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISM

David Lee LOVETT

9.12.84

IN MEMORIAM

Cassie Joyce BULLING

d. 3.12.84

"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

John Richardson STEWART, M.B.E.

d. 6.12.84

A man of gentleness, whose life has touched to heal and bless many in their distresses.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Mrs. 'Pop' Edmonds is still unwell (at time of writing) and being cared for by her family. Mrs. Hillier, her good neighbour, has been suffering from a broken arm.

Many families have celebrated Christmas in the warmth of family affection and, while we rejoice in this, we remember those who face the winter in loneliness and weakness. How grateful we are to Mr. F. Marsh, our Pastoral Secretary for the work he does and inspires in the Pastoral Committee.

Now is the time for every elder and visitor to keep watch in love on all who may need help. Do please remember that the Minister is often by the telephone between 7.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. and between 4.30 p.m. and 6.30. By remembering these times we shall help each other.

THE PRAYER BOOK Use it discreetly - God knows our need - be careful with Names and Conditions - pray without ceasing - and give thanks.

THE MINISTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Apologies to those whose details have been overlooked or in error. It would help enormously if those with alterations and removals to be notified, would contact Mr. F. Marsh direct. He is the Editor of the Handbook, and should be given any details for inclusion in the 1985 edition. Also, it might be a good idea if Post Codes were included. If you know your own Post Code, and everyone should by now, do give it to Mr. Marsh, and then this will create more space in the Handbook as areas need not be noted.

The Minister's New Year Message is all that needs to be said as we start 1985, but may I just say a big 'Thank you' to all those who have helped to make the production of the Chronicle that much easier recently, by their punctuality and co-operation. It would be lovely to feel we could increase the circulation in our area, and we understand that Durrington Community Centre would like to distribute some of our copies. However, if we try to cover the whole of West Durrington, we are indeed undertaking a mammoth task!

Your prayers are asked for guidance in our outreach through the printed word, and do remember Ron Christopher in all the exciting developments which are taking place in this fast increasing residential district.

God Bless Us All
in the Year ahead,



Barbara

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

My dear friends,

I write to thank you all for your loving kindness to me during my recent stay in hospital for an operation. I feel I have made a wonderful recovery, and am quite sure that the uplift I have felt was through the prayers and loving thoughts of my many friends near and far. I thank you all, and praise God for the love shown through my friends.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

KATHLEEN GREEN

I should like to thank everyone for the cards, phone-calls and flowers I received when I had a slight accident recently.

SUE CLARK

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to friends in the congregation who provided transport for my wife and self during my recent short stay at Worthing Hospital. My special thanks go to Bert Groves and Ron Jordan.

LEN BOYCE

Members and friends may be interested to know that our house and garden were originally planned and built on part of the Field Place Orchard. The fruit tree which gives us so much joy with its blossom in the spring and fruit in the autumn was an original part of that orchard!

'Pops'

WOMENS GUILD

A New Year, a new session, and yet it seems such a short time since our Autumn session began last September. We have had some very happy afternoons, and have welcomed many new members who have expressed to me their thanks for the friendliness shown within the Guild.

We look forward to the New Year and our Spring session. To all, not forgetting those who through age or ill-health cannot now be with us, we wish a very Happy New Year with good health and friendship to enjoy it. It has been a real joy to find the Men's Fellowship lending a hand so willingly. Together we are a large group and there are many odd jobs before and after our meetings to be done, and the old saying "Many hands make light work" has been greatly appreciated.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

Our Guild Anniversary, celebrated last year on 23rd October, brought a good gathering in the church of our own members, members of the Men's Fellowship and invited representatives of the women's organisations of neighbouring churches. With our President in the Chair, it was a pleasure to have our Minister on the platform with our speaker, Miss Lois Clarke and our soloist, Mrs. Joyce Taylor.

A short introit sung by a choir of members recruited for the occasion, introduced an atmosphere of worship and expectancy to the service, which was further helped by an introductory word of welcome by our President and prayer led by our Minister. As the service progressed, the enthusiastic singing of the hymns, the Scripture reading and the two solos contributed by Mrs. Taylor, added to our sense of fellowship in worship; but the highlight was surely the message brought to us by Miss Clarke. We were urged to be 'stirred up and willing' (Exodus Chapter 35, v 21) and encouraged to believe that, whatever our age or condition, every one of us is called by God to do something in His service. With this message calling us to greater commitment we sang with feeling "Lord Jesus Christ .. we.. give our lives to you ...".

A happy tea-time, in real fellowship, brought our Anniversary to an end.

On 6th November our friend and fellow-member, Mrs. Dorothy Turner, entertained us with an account of a recent holiday in the south of France in a small village in the shadow of the Pyrenees. Some beautiful snapshots of the area and her French hostess and her family, illustrated her very interesting talk. We are glad that Dorothy is able to visit places in the world which most of us only read of, or dream about and that she so readily and ably shares her experiences with us by means of her illustrated talks. Thank you, Dorothy, for this one.

ETHEL GILBY

As soon as Mrs. Fay Blakey commenced her talk on Homeopathy on 20th November, it was evident that she had the undivided attention of all the members present. Who would not feel confidence when told that the aim of such treatment was that individuals should be treated as persons! Mrs. Blakey explained that the basis of Homeopathy was that 'like cures like'. We were told how to make ointments and potions which would quickly relieve several common ailments and Mrs. Blakey showed us tablets and pills on which she had relied in bringing up her family. It was a 'first rate' talk which we all enjoyed.

Mrs. B. Green, the Appeals Secretary for St. Bridget's Cheshire Home at East Preston, visited us on 4th December. She explained how Leonard Cheshire, after returning from the Second World War, and having overcome his own disabilities, was disillusioned by the futility of trying to find a purpose in life and finally found himself constrained to help those whose physical disabilities were such that only the prospect of further deterioration could be envisaged. Mrs. Green spoke with such obvious knowledge and understanding of the residents at St. Bridget's, whose ages range from 18 to 80, that she certainly touched our hearts and brought home to us the dedication of the staff who work there.

The collection of £42 was handed to Mrs. Green. She explained that this would be passed on to Mr. J. Griffiths for the Ashwood Cheshire Home, recently opened in Chesswood Road, Worthing, as our Goring Church is in the area assigned to help that Home.

BERYL STUTTER
Hon. Secretary
WOMEN'S GUILD



GIRLS' BRIGADE

Well - We've seen the last of 1984. That was the year - that was! Perhaps in some quarters there may have been an element of truth in a few of George Orwell's dire warnings, but certainly not as far as 5th Worthing was concerned. We have had a WONDERFUL year - as those who joined us for our "Highlight Time" would have seen. A year that has encompassed everything that Girls' Brigade stands for, amongst girls and officers alike. We have had fun and fellowship combined with loyalty, loving and caring, but, above all, the joy of bringing the girls in our care to the knowledge of the Lord.

However, much as we love what we do, it is hard work. A lot of people don't realise just how hard, and the brunt of it falls upon the shoulder of our Captain. Once more, dear Jean, we salute you; proud as always to stand alongside you in the work you do for the girls. May we all go on from strength to strength in 1985!

May we also wish God's Blessing on all our good friends in the church, and hope you will have a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

DOREEN NORRIS

On Saturday, 8th December, a large number of parents and friends gathered at West Park School for the Girls' Brigade Annual Display - "Highlight Time". We were in for a wonderful treat as the officers and girls took us month by month through 1984. We joined in nursery rhymes with the Explorers and were delighted by their seriousness when dressing up for "The Derby". The older girls entertained us with an excellent drill display and some lovely verse-speaking and singing. The officers amused us with some charming anecdotes and we were transported to Bournemouth to share Camp memories and to London for a day out. On a more serious note, we were given details of the 'Bible a Month' and 'Love & Care' schemes which are carried on continually throughout the year.


 CHURCH CALENDAR
 
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (commences 15th Jan.)
WEDNESDAYS:	18.00h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & Over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES: The Minister will preach unless otherwise stated.

1st	TUESDAY	ALL DAY	NEW YEAR PRAYER VIGIL in the Chapel
6th	SUNDAY	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
		18.30h	Divine Worship
8th	TUESDAY	14.45h	Women's Guild - New Year Party
		14.45h	Men's Fellowship
		20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
10th	THURSDAY	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
		14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & in the Chapel
		19.30h	Worship Discussion Group at 3 Arun Close
13th	SUNDAY	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		11.00h	Divine Worship
		18.30h	Divine Worship



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- 14th MONDAY 20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship- Talk by
Mrs. F. Blakey "Homeopathy"
- 15th TUESDAY 17.30h Girls' Brigade Commences
- 20th SUNDAY 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel
11.00h Divine Worship
18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
& The Ministry of Healing
- 22nd TUESDAY 14.45h Women's Guild - DR. BARNARDO'S TODAY
14.45h Men's Fellowship /Mr. M. Allen
20.00h Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
- 24th THURSDAY 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise
in the Chapel
19.30h Elders' Meeting
- 27th SUNDAY 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel
11.00h Divine Worship
18.30h "Praise Service" with Mr. Paul Archer,
followed by a time for further
praise in the Church Hall
- 28th MONDAY 20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship -
Mr. Casebow "Salvington Mill" (illus.)
- 31st TUESDAY 19.30h Church Meeting

Please do give some thought to contributions. We would dearly love to have more from Junior Church, and all the Youth Organisations. They should be represented in our Church Magazine.



Finally, we came to the Presentation of Awards and were very impressed by the high standard of achievement. None of this, however, would be possible without the love, devotion and hard work of Captain Jean Webb, her officers and helpers.

May I, on behalf of all the parents, extend our thanks to them, not only for this extremely enjoyable evening, but for their love of our children day by day. Thank you all and God bless you.

JILL POWNALL

NOTICES

G.B. Half Term 19th February
 BRIGADE WEEK - FEBRUARY 3rd - 10th
 G.B. Boutique Sale Saturday, 9th Feb. 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
 Women's Guild meets February 5th and 19th
 Monday Evening Fellowship meets February 11th and 25th

PHOENIX HOUSE

A very Happy New Year to you all! After being open for one full year we have had many sick, confused and frightened people living here. The first day they would stand totally dejected - some straight from hospital or prison - they had nowhere to go. But they all had one thought - that they must get off the poison which was destroying themselves & their families.

We have had some wonderful results and some awful disappointments. They all leave here physically fit and touched by the hand of God. There was one man, who was up in court - drunk every week. He had no hope when he came to me - but now he has had nearly a year without a drink and has regained his self-respect. We hope that all will qualify for employment eventually. This is just a halfway house.

Thank you, friends, for your prayers and help. It is good to know, on really bad days, that you care. God be with you,

ANNE FREEMAN

2 POEMS FROM SUSAN LENZKES, USA"CELEBRATING"

What have we done to Your
 birthday Lord?
 You came in the dark silence of
 night, with softly muffled
 stable sounds.
 We "remember" with
 stereos on high volume,
 jingling bells, and loud parties.
 You came to us surrounded by brown -
 animals, dirt floor, straw, and
 wooden manger.
 We "remember" with
 brilliant reds, greens, and
 glittery tinsel.
 With our sounds and colors of
 celebration, do we truly
 remember,
 or simply
 refashion
 and thus reduce the glory?

THE GIFT OF STRENGTH

Lord,
 You tell me Your strength is a gift.
 I'll accept that.
 But I find myself holding out for
 one huge package, wrapped, ribboned,
 and presented with fanfare.
 What did I do with all those simple
 now-sized packages You
 presented daily at
 just the right time,
 in just the right amount?
 Is Your strength like manna -
 plenty for now
 but not to be stored?

(taken from "When the Handwriting on the Wall is in
 Brown Crayon" by Susan L. Lenzkes. Copyright 1981
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Christian Aid

Along with many other major charities, Christian Aid has played its part in the relief of suffering from drought and famine in parts of Africa and Bangladesh this terrible year, making grants of over £2½ Million to Ethiopia alone, during 1984.

You have responded well as can be seen by the following table of monies paid into the Christian Aid banking account this year:-

	<u>£</u>
Christmas Appeal (1983)	120.10
Christian Aid Week:	
House to House Collection	738.55
Church Collection	106.25
Austerity Lunch	72.25
Famine in Africa (July Appeal)	536.00
Loan Covenant (Anonymous)	3,000.00
Bequest (Miss M. Redman)	2,000.00
Ethiopia Famine (October Appeal)	2,496.00
Monthly donations per Mrs. Hele	207.00
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Total	9,276.25
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May God bless you in your giving and the victims of famine in their receiving.

RON JORDAN

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

Those of you who have accepted the open invitation to attend the Youth Club Bible Class at 9.50 a.m. on a Sunday morning, and have experienced the sincere exposition of their leaders, will understand why Mr. Paul Archer has been invited to take a major part in our January Praise Service on 27th at 6.30 p.m. After a break for material refreshment, our Praise Time follows, when, as usual, the music will be led by our own talented young people.

The next meeting of the Worship Discussion Group has been arranged for 10th January at 7.30 p.m. as usual at 3 Arun Close.

RON JORDAN
(Convenor)



CHURCH FINANCES

		<u>BUDGET</u> 1985		
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	
Maintenance Min.		F.W.O. Envelopes	17575	
Fund	11160	Loose Cash	7036	
Ministerial	2218	Donations	100	
Manse Expenses	1785	Rents	2900	
Cleaners Wages	1368	Income Tax		
Heating & Lighting	3250	Refunds	3000	
Other Overheads	2675	Dividends	960	
Junior Church	325	Bank Interest	250	
Subs & Donations	700	Gift Day	2500	
Sundries	2000	Cong. Insurance		
Unified Appeal	3175	Trust	275	
Durrington				
Outreach	940			
Repairs Fund	3500			
Organ Fund	500			
Church Car Fund	1000			
	34596		34956	

The above is an abridgment of the 1985 Budget which was approved at the last church meeting. The total number of full church members is 361, and therefore a simple sum shows that it costs £96 per year (or £1.85 per week) per member to maintain the church in a satisfactory condition and to meet our obligations. Having taken into consideration our various sources of income, including money to be received on Gift Day, which will be devoted to church expenses, it leaves £24611 to come from our weekly offerings. This amounts to an increase of 40% over our offerings received last year and, although this may seem a large increase, if all members seriously consider their responsibilities to the church and give accordingly, we should have no difficulty in meeting the Budget total.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY
Church Treasurer



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our last few meetings have proved very interesting as well as informative. We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Wildman (former Area Secretary of the Bible Society). He showed us the very large Tibetan Bible which took so very many people years of difficult labour to produce - writing the script by hand. Two manuscripts were lost in the process of the long journey to the printers and publishers.

We then had a meeting, illustrated with slides, by Mr. Richards, giving us a lot of the history of Broadwater, which was in being around the old Teville River before Worthing ever developed or was heard of. Then our last meeting in the East Hall was a Members' Afternoon, when three of our 'newer' members entertained us with "thumb-nail"-type sketches of their former years at home or in the services, as also did one or two of the 'older' members. Some incidents proved most amusing as well as entertaining.

Mr. Robert Jones enlightened us to the fact that a 'stone' is missing on the bridge over the railway alongside the church. This was the place for the stone commemorating the opening of the Bridge and it was removed during the war for safe keeping. It was, he believes, never found to be replaced; also, that Field Place receives mention in the Doomsday Book. So our local history has been very much improved of late. I remember being told some years ago, by an Australian lady on holiday in Worthing, that the first sheep exported to that country came from the farm at Field Place. So we men are becoming Historians on local events.

In closing this note on our recent events, may we wish all church friends and the non-members of our Fellowship, a very happy and pleasant time in the year ahead, with good health to accompany you throughout.

Hon Secs. BERT GROVES
FRAZER FINLAY

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

YOUTH - IDENTITY CRISIS

Youth Club or Youth Fellowship?

I understand some of our members have recently been discussing the name we use for our young people's group and it has been suggested that Youth Fellowship might be more appropriate than Youth Club.

We welcome this interest as we know in this way your thoughts are with us, and it gives us an opportunity to share with you the aims and objectives we have been led to follow. However, let me explain why at this time we should use Youth Club and Youth Club Bible Class, rather than Youth Fellowship for our activities.

It has to do with our constant aim to provide an outreach into the neighbourhood around us. We have always seen the need to have and build from a sound nucleus of Christian youngsters. But we did not want to create a group with such a prominent Christian outlook that those friends, on the border or outside, felt embarrassed to join us. We felt the need to create a bridge between the church and those outside. Going to Youth Club, even on Sunday morning, sounds all right, but going to Youth Fellowship, or church, will frighten some.

Our constant watch is to maintain this balance without drifting strongly towards either a spiritual or social emphasis which might close this vital link. As we rejoice with more and more of the young people coming to know the Lord it presents a greater challenge to retain our central course, so that even more may be brought from outside into The Kingdom.

This is why our Saturday social activities are so very important. This is practical Christianity - young folk having Christian fun together; an evening of laughter, tears and fellowship with their friends. Yes - the Fellowship is there. It is indeed our greatest strength. We just don't call ourselves a "fellowship".

Perhaps this is as it should be, because we all tend to take more note of things we personally see and feel, than words, anyway.

RAY CLOSE

DURRINGTON CHURCH STARTS SERVICES

DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE 1st SERVICE

This first service at the Centre took place on 2nd December, 1984, it was recorded on CASSETTE TAPE, copies now being made and will be available on loan soon. If you would like to hear this, please apply either to The Rev. R.C. Christopher, or to Mr. R.E. Jones, Tel: 67303.

STONHAM HOUSE

The staff and residents at Stonham House, 7 Shakespeare Road, received much prayerful support from our members during 1984, and we should like to add our thanks to you all for your concern and help during what has proved to be a difficult time in the first two years of this venture. Eric is Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee, and he and Mr. Cyril Grant carry a large amount of the responsibility for those involved in this Hostel. We offer the staff our love and support as they continue into 1985, and trust that it will be a year of progress and prosperity for the residents and all who serve them in this wonderful work. Many of you know that it is designed to help folk adjust to normal life having spent time in hospital or in other difficult circumstances affecting their emotional stability.

We pray God's continued blessings upon this work, and for all engaged in similar ventures in this town. We in Worthing are pioneering much that is done for Psychiatric patients, and it is worthy of help of various kinds. Financial help is needed, both for the founding of new hostels, and for providing those little extras which mean so much to the folk already provided for, but prayer support is paramount in the needs of both staff and residents. And we thank you for it.

BARBARA POPPLESTONE



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FROM THE VESTRY



FRIDAY NIGHT IS

Week after week and month after month, during the past few years, a little group of people has come together in the Church for Prayer and Praise. This service is but one of the several groups who come together in fellowship to offer themselves in prayer for the CHURCH, the COMMUNITY, and YOU. Friday night from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. is a time of hope, expectation and peace. Now, some of you will say "but we come together for prayer on Thursday afternoons, or else "we pray in our homes and at Bible Study groups" and how good it is to hear of these offerings of devotion and love to God.

And yet, something may be missing in the life of the church as we begin this New Year of Hope. The faithfulness of the few is a very precious offering to God and Christian History shows how much the Renewal of the Church has begun "where two or three are gathered together in my Name". The history of the church here at Goring is a testimony to the faithfulness of the few.

The question that is urgent upon my mind is asking us all to consider again whether we are right to deny ourselves the opportunity of coming together at regular intervals for yet more earnest prayer. One is less concerned about the time of the week - we may be meeting on the wrong night! But your thoughts through "The Chronicle" would be much appreciated, certainly

you will all agree with the need for prayer. Will you not also agree that to encourage and strengthen one another in the fellowship of prayer is important?

I look forward to your questions and comments, and on this very cold winter's day, pray God to warm your souls at the hearthfire of His Love in Jesus Christ.

With blessings and love,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISM

Paul Simon MELLORS

20th January, 1985

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE of Kevin & Beverley BAKER was held on 19th January at 1.30 p.m. Our blessings and love will attend our friends as they make their new home in AUSTRALIA.

IN MEMORIAM

John Richardson STUART

died 6th December, 1984

A man of many gifts whose love and compassion blessed his fellow-men. Gifts of healing and blessing were laid upon his heart through Christ and offered with a generous spirit to those in distress.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"

George William YOUNG

24th December, 1984

Whose quiet brave endurance in illness and weakness was a great help to his family whose love and care for him remains an example to us all.

"Enter into the joy of your Lord"

FOR OUR PRAYERS

MRS. 'POP'EDMONDS is making better progress.
MR. & MRS. L. BURRAGE, MRS. K. GREEN, MRS. M. HITE and
MISS R. KITTO are among friends who are recovering from
illness. We remember Miss Y.WHYTE in Storrington, whose
absence from us due to her long illness, is a source of
regret - Every blessing to you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. J.R. TURTON on their
wedding anniversary - 10th January. God bless and
keep you.

CHURCH HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

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(incorrect in December issue)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to thank the many friends who
still remember me at Christmas. It is lovely to be
remembered. I am sorry that I cannot send everyone a
greeting personally, but I do wish you all Every
Blessing in the New Year.

With love, MARJORIE HAYWARD

I would sincerely like to send my thanks to those
who sent messages, telephoned or called whilst I have
been ill. Mr. Connelly, always welcome, Mrs. Turner
with beautiful flowers, and a visit from a charming
member of the Girls' Brigade, were all appreciated.
Best wishes to all friends for 1985,

MABEL HITE

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER VIGIL

Thanks be to God for all the people who took part in the Prayer Vigil on New Year's Day. It was a day of great blessing and the hours flew by as we prayed for everyone in the Church and for some of the world's needs.

We hope it will encourage others to share in the regular meetings held for pray in the church, on every Friday.

IRENE TULEY

THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR How to find Happiness

Everybody, everywhere seeks happiness it's true,
But finding it and keeping it seems difficult to do.
Difficult because we think that happiness is found
Only in places where wealth and fame abound.
And so we go on searching in palaces of pleasure
Seeking recognition and monitary treasure,
Unaware that happiness is just a 'state of mind'
Within the reach of everyone who takes time to be kind.
For in making others happy we will be happy too,
For the happiness you give away
Returns to shine on you. HELEN STEINER RICE

E.D.

'WORSHIP' DISCUSSION GROUP

The Evening Service on 24th February will take the form of a Praise Service (followed by "Praise Time") but, at the moment, the name of our speaker is not known.

Mission Praise was introduced at the end of October - Have you any comments, including requests for old or new favourites to be sung?

The January meeting of the Group had, unfortunately, to be cancelled, but we have arranged to meet at 7.30 p. m. on 7th February at the home of Jean & Fred Marsh.

RON JORDAN



CHURCH FINANCES



The really bad weather at the beginning of the year has greatly reduced the number attending morning and evening services. Consequently our weekly offerings, as shown below, have suffered as well, and have fallen far short of our tarket of £475 per week.

6th January	£121.65
13th January	£322.47

It is hoped that all will contribute generously in order that our target may be reached regularly.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY
Treasurer



TWO WONDERFUL EVENINGS

On 16th October the Elders and their wives/husbands were invited to take supper with the Brigaders of our Girls' Brigade. What a feast was provided and prepared by the girls. All very tastefully arranged and most appetising, we were looked after very well, and the playlet entertained and gave us food for thought. Well done, girls, and how fortunate we are to have such dedication from the Officers who do the training.

On 14th November a good audience of parents and church members attended The Anchor Boys' Open Evening. We enjoyed a story shown on the overhead projector and a very interesting film strip with sound on 'Tear Fund' work in Bangladesh.

Questions after showed that the boys had listened very attentively and the response by them was marvellous. A lovely evening, much enjoyed. Here, again, we are blessed with devoted officers and helpers, in the 'Anchor Boys'.

DOROTHY TURNER

WOMENS GUILD

Christmas is one of the occasions when we combine with The Men's Fellowship for a united service. We were delighted to join in the programme prepared by the men on 8th December. The theme was "The Star of Bethlehem", and, by means of Biblical and other readings, poems and carols, we remembered not only the star which led the Wise Men to the Christ Child, but also, how we should respond in love to our neighbours, and through our prayers and giving show our concern and love for the needs of the whole world.

Star and angels gave the sign of God's love, and in the words of Christina Rossetti,

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea, and gift, and sign.

The severe weather led to the cancellation of the New Year Party on 8th January. Another party will be arranged later in the session. Our meetings are recorded in the Church Calendar and we welcome all ladies who are interested, to join us.

BERYL STUTTER
Hon. Secretary

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Women's World Day of Prayer services will be held on Friday, 1st March at Bury Drive Methodist Church, Goring at 3.0 p.m. and at 7.30 p.m. The theme for this year "Peace Through Prayer and Action", has been prepared by the All India Council of Christian Women, a sub-unit of the National Council of Churches in India.

It is hoped that members of our church will support this in strength.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

DURRINGTON CHURCH SERVICES

Community Centre service cassette tapes are now being recorded, but we find we need a small cassette recorder to make copies. Can anyone help us with this? If so, please contact Mr. R.E. Jones, 5 Winton Lodge, Arun Close, W. Durrington, Tel: 67303 or at the Community Centre on W. 68287.

R.E.J.



GIRLS' BRIGADE

The new Session is now in full swing and it's good to be back. 3rd - 10th February is Girls' Brigade Week - a special week in which we have to raise money for our fees to headquarters.

On Saturday, 9th February the girls are having a 'suitcase sale', and the Explorers will be doing their bit with a cake and produce stall. All this, with refreshments will be available in the church hall between 10. a.m. and noon. Come and see what it's all about! We promise you something different!

The girls will also each be given an empty smartie tube to be returned when it is full of 5p pieces. We now have all the smartie tubes we need, thank you! Did you know that we have a smartie addict amongst the members of the church?

We have, once again, entered the Youth Caring Awards, sponsored by Reckitt & Coleman and in conjunction with BBC T.V. Pebble Mill at One. Perhaps they will consider us this year, even if only on the grounds of persistence!! We will keep you informed.

A number of our older girls are preparing for leadership promotion; do please remember them in your prayers.

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB

CONTACT GROUP

Our main meeting in February is on 7th at 10.30 a.m. in the Cornwall Room. Anne will be on holiday. Irene Tuley will be helping Julie.

Bible Study - the beginning of a new series - 21st Feb. at 10.30 a.m. at 4 Chancton View Road.

CONTACT PRAYER GROUP - 26th February, at 10.30 a.m. to be held at the home of Pam Treagust, 37 Raleigh Crescent. Thursday, 7th March - Main Meeting in the Cornwall Room.

There's a warm welcome for all mothers and young children.



CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS:	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (Half-Term 19th)
WEDNESDAYS:	18.00h	Anchor Boys
	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

2nd Saturday	10.15h - 16.00h	DAY CONFERENCE at St. Andrews U.R.C. Rustington led by The Rev. Peter Ball, Bishop of Lewes, on 'The Christian Layman in the Situation of the Declining Church'.
3rd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
5th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild "More about The Women's World Day of Prayer" (Illus. Miss J. Hillis)
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship "Slides of a New Zealand Holiday" Mrs. Calsteren
	20.00h	Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
7th Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise in The Chapel
	19.30h	Worship Discussion Group at 3 Arun Cl.
9th Saturday	10.00h - NOON	Girls' Brigade Boutique Sale
10th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00h	Divine Worship PARADE SERVICE
	18.30h	Divine Worship
11th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship - Mrs. Blakey "Homeopathy"

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- 14th Thursday 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with
Holy Communion
- 17th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel
11.00h Divine Worship
18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
& The Ministry of Healing
- 19th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild "India" - Mr. N. Prattent
14.45h Men's Fellowship - "Members' Afternoon"
Talks on Items of Interest
20.00h Bible Study Group at 1 Arun Close
- 21st Thursday 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise
in the Chapel
19.30h Elders' Meeting
- 24th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion in the Chapel
11.00h Divine Worship
18.30h Praise Service followed by
"Praise Time" in the Hall
- 25th Monday 20.00h Monday Evening Fellowship -
"American Journey"
The Rev. W. Connelly
- 28th Thursday 19.30h Church Meeting



ADVANCE NOTICES:

- 3rd - 10th February GIRLS' BRIGADE WEEK
1st March WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Please do give some thought to contributions. We would dearly love to have more from Junior Church, and all the Youth Organisations. They should be represented in our Church Magazine.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The combined Christmas Meeting took place on 18th December and it was pleasing to see such a good turn out of members. We regret that some of our number were unable to attend, due to illness or illness in the family, and we pray they are now well on the road to recovery. I was told after the meeting, for which the Men's Fellowship was responsible, that it was most enjoyable and very unusual in its presentation. The theme, on which the programme and decorations were based was "The Star of Bethlehem". I was intrigued to note at this seasonal period, that a T.V. programme was also given this title, and revived the scientific and physical aspects of the Star at the time of Jesu's birth. Unfortunatley I was unable to see the programme.

Since then, a cold which I had acquired, developed rapidly, and although not immobile, I was very aware of the result of mixing with people. My wife and I therefore divorced ourselves from everyone so as not to spread the effect.

In consequence of this, and my colleague, Mr. Groves, being on a short holiday over Christmas, our programme for the Spring Session was very delayed. My apologies to The Fellowship. I trust by the time this is printed and read things will be back to normal. A very Healthy and Happy New Year to all our friends.

The Spring Session

The very cold weather, combined with snow and ice to prevent many of our members from attending the first meeting of our Fellowship Session. In fact, there were 11 apologies received and 11 members were able to attend what turned out to be an interesting and enjoyable afternoon. Mr. S. Bailey talked about his trip to Gambia during December, the lovely weather (70°F) out there at this time of year, the restricted arrangements in a plane carrying about 400 passengers on a flight out, and the predicaments one occasionally gets involved with on board such a plane, how he and Mrs. Bailey, due to being delayed a week on their passage out, were unable to make the boat trip up river as intended. However, they did see 3 friends off from the Hotel (which was almost 100% English) and wished them a lovely journey;

only to learn a short time later that the river boat had hit a sand bank and turned over! Many passengers drowned, including their 3 friends from the Hotel party; and although they had met together in the Hotel for just one week, they felt that they both had lost real friends, reminding us that, in the midst of happiness and joy, there is often sorrow for some, and so we all need to be prepared. Our grateful thanks to our new member, Mr. Bailey, for this informative talk.

Finally, let me wish all our members a healthy, or more healthy and satisfactory New Year, as we remembered all those who were ill, in our prayers at the meeting, especially our friend Mr. George Gillett, at present in St. Barnabas Hospital.

FRAZER FINLAY

EDITORIAL CHANGES

Eric and I have been looking through the Chronicle 'archives' recently, and were surprised to find that I had completed eleven years as Editor. These years have been a great blessing, as they have given me the chance to serve the church in a way that was possible at home, and in a way for which I was prepared so many years ago at college. It has been a challenging as well as a stimulating time, for our magazine has always embraced views of a varying nature and wide outlook. There have been moments of disappointment, when I have wondered whether I was 'right for the job', but on the whole I have been encouraged by many kind readers into continuing thus far.

Well, now 1985 has commenced, and it seems high time someone else took over as Editor. Eric has decided to keep the Chronicle going for the time being by stepping into the job himself, to see if it can be done efficiently this way. He has edited this edition; and so we shall continue in this arrangement for the present.

We enjoy producing the 'Chronicle' month by month, and look forward to receiving plenty of interesting, humorous and thought-provoking material in the future. Meanwhile, many thanks to all those who have shared their thoughts and prayers and hopes through these pages, and God bless you all,

Barbara



Christian Aid

Christmas Appeal
received with thanks,

£200

HILDA HELE
RON JORDAN



HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

We have all been greatly heartened by the splendid public response to the Ethiopian Famine Appeal. Clearly there is a fund of good will amongst very many people in this country towards those suffering hunger when the facts are presented to them convincingly.

To overcome the root causes of hunger faced by millions of people, not only in Ethiopia but throughout the developing world, Oxfam has launched the Hungry for Change Campaign. This includes a programme of better education of the public on the issues as well as a variety of projects and other enterprises. It only needs 10 or 20 people in each town to make a start and groups throughout the country are taking part. One of our own members has already participated, raising £61 on a sponsored fast. Oxfam aims to recruit a million caring people, active in support of change, to enable the poor communities throughout the world to feed themselves.

There are many ways in which one can give one's support:-

1. Join the Campaign by writing to the Oxfam Area Office, 31 Western Road, Hove. Tel: Brighton 777338.
2. Becoming better informed. Send for the information pack available and read 'Cultivating Hunger: An Oxfam Study' on order from the church bookstall.

Also recommended: R.J. Sider, 'Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger: a Biblical Study'; 'World Hunger: 10 Myths'; The Brandt Reports, or summaries of these.

3. Show their Hungry for Change Video or Slide set, available on loan.
4. Give a talk to one's neighbours or friends or to one of our church groups or to a local club, using materials, slides, etc. available.
5. Distribute leaflets giving factual information.
6. Make a donation.
7. Initiate or support a project such as an office collection, hunger lunch, sponsored event or other fund-raising activity. An H.F.C. projects bulletin is available from Oxfam.
8. As suggested in a previous issue, write to our M.P. - The Rt. Hon. Terence Higgins, who is well disposed towards this issue and very co-operative, or to one of the appropriate Government ministers.
9. Take part in an H.F.C. local survey.

With such efforts 1985 could commence a time of new hope for the hungry millions. I should be interested to hear of any who would like to participate if only in a limited way.

ROBERT WRIGHT

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Flowers for February

3rd
10th Girls' Brigade

17th Mrs. Ayling
24th Mr. & Mrs. E. Young

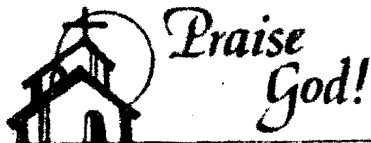
Flower Fund

Sincere thanks to those who contributed £11.00 during December & January.

Christmas Festival

My grateful thanks to the Pownall Family for help given in taking down the decorations.

DOROTHY TURNER
Flower Secretary



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To all members of the
Churches in the Province

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MODERATOR OF THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE

December, 1984.

During this last year you have given me many opportunities to visit the churches. I have met you in Church and Elders Meetings, in conferences, at worship, in individual contacts at District and Synod Meetings. It was Martin Buber who said 'All life is meeting'. If that definition is accurate then I have had plenty of occasions in which to experience life.

Our meetings have had a wide variety of purposes; they have had many different emotions in them. I have shared in hopes and fears - in anticipations of both good and ill - in conflict and peace. Many times I have been aware of my own inadequacy and powerlessness but, thank God, the result has been that I have been compelled to re-examine and re-assert the source of my dependence on Christ.

Frequently I have known failure and disappointment; often I could have saved myself from these experiences if I had looked for more of Christ living and working amongst us. Two words which I use a good deal - 'imagination' and 'dreams' colour my experiences. Sometimes the colour is bright and attractive, sometimes dull and almost repulsive.

To dream is not to slumber in unrealities, but it is to penetrate the temporary and to contact the eternal. It means to see a given objective and believe that there is a way to achieve it, even if today I can do no more than learn in which direction I should be facing.

W.E. Sangster, one-time minister at Central Hall, Westminster, in his 'The Secret of Radiant Life', wrote "The proper use of imagination is not to conjure up false

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things and foolishly believe them to be true, but to take true things and make them vivid in the life of today". That seems to me to be a definition of the real purpose of the Church. The true things are universal, while the 'making vivid' belongs to the place and the circumstances where we are. We cannot borrow from each other the ways of making our dreams and imaginations into visible facts of life. Each company of Christ's people must search out the application for themselves.

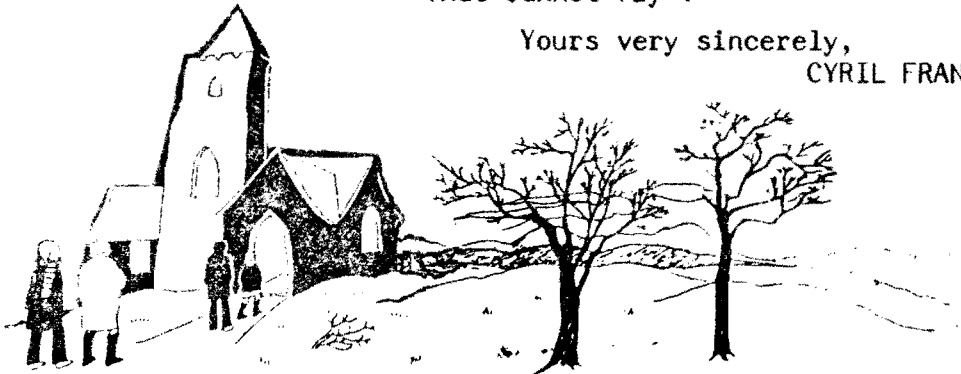
Without dreams and imagination we are trapped by the present. We see only 'problems', 'difficulties', 'lack of resources', 'handicaps'. Christ's experience was turbulent, continually 'tempered' by resistance to his Gospel, but he held firm to the assurance of his Father's capacity to fulfil His purpose. He saw through the circumstances which beat against him and kept before him the victory which was possible by the acceptance of God's will.

T.E. Lawrence, a practical man because he was a dreamer, says in his 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom', "Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity; but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes to make it possible".

I look forward in 1985 to sharing your dreams with you and to their coming realisations for the sake of the whole family of God - especially that part of it where you are.

'Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken winged bird
That cannot fly'.

Yours very sincerely,
CYRIL FRANKS



Another Reading Party will take place at Fairmile Court, Cobham, Surrey from 26th to 28th February. The book to be studied is 'Seeking God - the way of St. Benedict' by Esther de Waal (Pub. Collins/Fount £1.75). The leader will be the authoress, and chairman, The Rev. Roy Robinson of Oxted. The occasion is for both laity and ministers. Please book your place at the Synod Office as soon as possible. The cost will be £25 approx. Travelling expenses will be met. If you wish to order a copy of the book please say so at the time of booking.

Synod Office,
Addiscombe Grove,
Croydon, CR0 5LP

ROSEMARY MOUNT NURSING HOME

Rosemary Mount, 147 Chesswood Road, Worthing, have asked that we should inform members and friends that they have three vacancies for residents at the present moment. As this establishment is registered with Charitable Status, we have agreed to do this, but it is not the policy of the 'Chronicle' to advertise for professional bodies normally. For further details of this accommodation, please contact Mr. F. Marsh, 3 Arun Close.

STOP PRESS:

May we, through the Chronicle, thank the church for the lovely plant we received at Christmas - a constant reminder of a caring church. We should also like to thank Irene and Richard Tuley for all their practical help during the cold spell, and especially for the happy time spent with them and their family on Christmas Day. Our thanks too to Robert Jones.

The Lord has been very gracious to us and we are constantly reminded of His love for us. May he bless us all in 1985,

ERNEST & ELLEN MUNDAY

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**GORING
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

FROM THE VESTRY

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

THE GLORY DUE UNTO HIS NAME

BRING AN OFFERING

AND COME INTO HIS COURTS



This theme of Giving is set to the music of Lent and Easter. Giving glory to Christ in His Church is the first variation on it. "Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it". So writes St. Paul in Ephesians 5 v.25. It passes human knowledge to enter fully into the meaning of the verses that follow. The Lord who creates the church in Himself, and for himself, presents in His Love a holy body of faithful ones to Himself. Perhaps Charles Wesley comes nearest to the meaning of this thought in a hymn which we often sing:

"Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee."

We are His new creation, the people of His Salvation who live and move and have their fulfilment in Him. Here is glory in earth and heaven.

The second variation on the Theme has to do with the kind of offering God is calling us to make in response to His gift in Jesus Christ. How easy it is to sing -

"Love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all".

We should tremble every time we sing these lines, and yet, when in obedience to Christ's claims we do offer ourselves, what freedom it is. To enter into this freedom/salvation

in the fullest sense is to be set free from self, greed, lack of purpose and to have life in all its fulness.

What offerings then do we bring? The Bible speaks of the Tithes - the tenth part of our substance - and many Christians have responded to this claim and been wonderfully blessed.

Dare we consider these themes and the variations to which God will call us in the Light of the Cross and Resurrection? Ours is a church possessed of people with many gifts and talents. Some of you are, I know, being blessed as you give of yourselves, your time, talents and treasure to the Lord. It may be that some others draw back from giving! It is my judgment that if we all were to give unto the Lord the Glory due unto His Name and bring an offering and come into His Courts that Renewal would take place. Liberation from self to Christ would result in a holier, happier people. Praise would fill all our lives and our worship bring us the joys of heaven. Never again would we be asking people to do jobs to fulfil the ordinary tasks of the church - volunteers would abound!

One last word - this letter is written not in a spirit of criticism, but in a spirit of love, hope and peace; and it is written to myself as well as to you.

With every blessing,

William Connelly

IN MEMORIAM

Bernard Oscar BRETT

d. 23.1.85

A life of loving devotion to his wife and family ended when peacefully he fell asleep aged 92 years.

"Rest in the Lord".

Edward William "Ted" COLLISON

d. 31.1.85

A man whose strength was given in the service of God at home, at work and in the church. Years of happy and blessed endeavour for Christ in Sunday Schools and Youth Work at Earlsfield and Hither Green, were brought to an

untimely end when Ted suffered a stroke at the early age of 48 years. The years that followed saw Ted's weakness being perfected in the grace of Christ and in the care of his wife, Lily, son, David and sister, Phyl. Ted's years at Worthing brought us many blessings to share and grandchildren to love. May all his family be blessed in their bereavement and may sorrow be turned to joy.

The Blessing of the Marriage of Kevin Neil Baker and Beverley Clare Norris took place on 19th January. It is our hope that Mr. & Mrs. Baker will be blessed in their new home in Australia.

Mrs. "Pop" Edmonds is making better progress and is off for a rest at Holcombe Hotel. Mrs. Jean Marsh is feeling better after her broken arm and is happily active amongst us. Mrs. M. Bradshaw and Mr. G. Clark are recovering from accidents after hospital treatment.

Many friends are still unwell at home. To them all we send love and blessings at this time of frost and cold.

Mrs. Jill Hobbs has published a most beautiful and interesting volume of her poems. A copy is in the vestry for any who may like to see and rejoice in her work.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

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Miss Dorothy Sands

772473

LENT AND EASTER 1985

PALM SUNDAY - 31st March with distribution of Palms.

UNITED SERVICE FOR HOLY WEEK Tues. 2nd April at
7.30 p.m. at ST. RICHARDS CHURCH
Come, bring a reading or meditation and take part in an
informal service for all God's People.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m. in our
own Church

GOOD FRIDAY - 11.00 a.m. Service in our own Church
No Procession of Witness this year

EASTER DAY - Services with Holy Communion at
08.00h
11.00h
6.30h

Requests for home Communion please to be given to the
Minister who is always glad to offer this ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS! - to Margaret & Norman Dobson
on the occasion of their RUBY WEDDING on 24th February,
1985.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Flowers for March

3rd Mrs. Barnett	17th Mr. Nodes
10th Mr. Turton	24th Mr. & Mrs. Beale
31st Flower Fund	

Flower Fund

£25 was received during January, for which, grateful
thanks.

APPEAL

Anyone interested in joining the team of ladies
arranging flowers in the church each week - please
contact me on W. 43843.

DOROTHY TURNER

ELDERS' ELECTIONS 1985

It is time to call for nominations for the Elders Election to take place in July this year. The serving Elders who are due to retire by rotation are:-

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| 1. Mrs. S. Batchelor | 2. Mrs. E. Dearsley |
| 3. Mr. J. Rowlands | 4. Mr. D. Stewart |
| 5. Mr. R. Tuley | 6. Mrs. D. Turner |

There is an additional vacancy to be filled because only 5 nominees secured election in 1984, leaving one vacancy. There are therefore 7 vacancies; 6 for a three-year term and 1 for a two-year term.

Nominations, which should be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, but not requiring the agreement of the nominee, should reach the Church Secretary by not later than 31st March.

Nominees will be interviewed by members of the Nominations Committee and the names of those who have accepted nomination will be announced at the June Church Meeting. Ballot papers will thereafter be issued to all church members and the election will take place at the July Church Meeting.

All members are asked to consider the nomination process prayerfully and make their nominations with a view to bringing to the Eldership men and women able and willing to give of their time, talents and personal qualities in the service of their Lord and for the benefit of His people.

ELDERS' CONFERENCE

I have attended most Elders' Conferences and found them interesting, helpful and the Christian Fellowship in discussion, inspiring. This proved to be the case on Saturday, 2nd February when we were warmly welcomed to Rustington U.R.C. by The Rev. Roy Clark and his Church Elders and members.

The subject for the day "The Christian Layman in the Situation of the Declining Church", was dealt with most competently by Captain L. Tennant of the Church Army. Being attached to the Church of England the

differences in organisation etc. between that and the Free Churches was highlighted during the day. He dealt scripturally with the subject from the days of the early Church to the present day, ending with today's census of church-going held recently. Just a few of our own county:

E. Sussex	population 671,000	Church attenders	77000
		Not attending	89%
W. Sussex	population 673,000	Church attenders	54000
		Not attending	92%

These figures include all denominations.

In groups we discussed the following:

1. What for us are the greatest difficulties as Elders in the Church?
2. Do you as Elders set yourselves a positive goal to overcome difficulties?
3. How advantageous would it be for the Elders Meeting to suggest 3 reachable targets to the church?
4. What is the purpose of Church Worship?

From group discussion and summing up the following points were common to all:-

1. One man - the Minister - cannot do everything and the support of the Elders is necessary if the church is to flourish. More participation in worship.
2. Lack of real training for Elders and what it means, and their overall responsibilities to the church.
3. Church membership - more training and responsibilities on becoming church members.
4. Lack of communication at church meetings.
Judging by members attending church meetings in other churches, our attendance is lamentable.

It is not easy to sum up any conference but we learned from each other recognizing one another's problems. Where do we go from here?

It was a joy to see the new developments at Rustington, extension to Hall, new kitchen and lounge used for Elders and Church Meetings, and interesting to learn all was kept in spotless condition by one employed part-time man and teams of voluntary help week by week, by members of both sexes.

ETHEL DEARSLEY



GIRLS' BRIGADE

HELP! Knitters please! Our Explorers are in need of new red jumpers and Captain has purchased, in the sales, enough wool for ten. Are there ten ladies who would be willing to each knit one 28" chest jumper? Please 'phone 40546 for wool, pattern and needles, and these will be delivered to you.

In answer to the question "When is your next Jumble Sale?" It will be held on Thursday, 18th April and collections can be made, if necessary, from 18th March onwards.

We are still collecting foil, stamps and old Christmas and greetings cards, also $\frac{1}{2}$ p pieces - there are still quite a number around. Bless you all for your support and care of us,

JEAN WEBB

FROM THE TREASURER

Weekly Offerings are as under:-

20th January	£407.60	Average for first five weeks
27th January	£449.02	1985
3rd February	£359.44	£332 per week

This average is still well below our target of £475. Total receipts so far this year amount to £3517 against payments of £3737 - a deficit of £220. Payments include Insurance £858., Maintenance of Ministry Fund - £1054, Repairs £494, Electricity £311.

An underground water leak has caused our water bill to rise from a normal £112 per half year to £426. Energetic action by Colin Nodes, our Fabric Committee Chairman, has resulted in the damaged pipe being located and repaired. Nevertheless we will have to pay for all the water wasted.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

The new session of M.E.F. got off to a slow start due to the very cold weather in January. However, we are now under way and have a very interesting programme planned for the spring/summer sessions. Two of the future evenings are: 11th March, Mrs. Edna Silva, speaking on Antiques and 25th March, 'Easter Celebration' with members of M.E.F. taking part. We are a friendly group and we would welcome new members to come and join us. Do come along to the Cornwall Room at 7.45 fortnightly Monday evenings, or contact Mrs. Hitchin on 49580 for further details.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Since last month's report, our friend Mr. George Gillett has passed to higher service. Mr. Bert Groves and I were pleased that we had been able to visit George in St. Barnabas Home and to meet and talk with Mrs. Gillett. During our visit, we were surprised to have the Mayor and Mayoress come round the Home on an official visit and they chatted to all the patients and visitors. This, I thought was a very nice gesture, since snow and ice were still around and it was not a very nice day to be out.

Again, it is my sad duty to record the passing of another old friend and member on Thursday 31st. January. I refer to Ted Collison. We were always pleased to see him at one of our meetings and were sorry that his physical condition prevented more frequent attendance. We convey our remembrance of our dear friends to their families in prayer, that God's arms will support and enfold them at this time. I always feel ashamed when I meet people like Ted, who are confined to a wheelchair, or are very restricted in their movements due to a physical condition. They seem to bear their afflictions with such fortitude that it sets an example which is, for most of us, very hard to emulate. But who knows?. Their example may have given courage or help to others to put their talents to greater use. Pray to God that this may be so.

FRAZER FINLAY.

Our Chairman for the afternoon was Les Knight and in opening our meeting he welcomed our visiting speaker Mr. Hill from Hove. His subject "Sussex Windmills" illustrated by slides, could only be a potted history in the time allowed.

Mr. Hill disclosed the whereabouts of 14 windmills in Sussex which remain, out of the 70 to 80 which were erected over the centuries. With names like "Jack and Jill", which stand together high on the hill at Clayton, we began to understand the fascination of mills for the enthusiast.

With the coming of the Industrial Revolution and cheap foreign corn, the mills were no longer viable. A few have been restored at great expense to the owners and we have some interest in the finishing date for the mill at High Salvington, with a possible visit during the coming summer.

BERT GROVES.

JANET'S TESTIMONY

A THANK-YOU TO GOD AND TO YOU

"Fear not, for I am with you,
Be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand".

Isaiah 41. v.10

"He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid"

Psalm 78 v. 53

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future
and a hope"

Jeremiah 29 v. 11

These are some of the verses which God has given me over the last several years, promises on which I can rely now and in the future. I would like to testify to his remarkable power to use our ordinary circumstances to forward His purposes. I am deeply grateful for the healing of mind and spirit which I've been given - often in and through difficult circumstances. To know His guidance and protection is worth far more to me than

'success' as the world judges success. Even spiritual failures, inadequacies etc. can be of great value in His hands. How good to know that I am wholly acceptable to God - and so are you, in Christ.

Thank you to all of you who have been of help in some way. You may not know that yours was the friendship, the prayer, the phone-call, the book lent, lift offered - which was just what was needed for that moment. A particular thank-you to any who were trusting enough to let me know their weakness! - It is a great compliment to be on the receiving end of a confidence, and it builds one's own feeling of self-worth.

As to prayer - often I have prayed and not seen answers, certainly not the answers I wanted, or at the time I wanted them. But many's the time I have been surprised and delighted by answers I hadn't even asked for. The Father does indeed care about the small, practical details of one's life. This means more to me than vast questions of eternity!

One further thought - God's love to us is not soft and sentimental. He can be tough - and sometimes we have to be. A sentimental love won't carry you through daily life with a strong-minded toddler, for example. His love can make demands on us too, to face things in ourselves, in others or in the world, which we would rather not have faced.

FOOTNOTE:

To those of you who may have wondered where we've been these last few months, the Lord directed us to start attending services at Courtlands, with the Goring congregation of Durrington Free Church. I have been going along there with Joseph. This group began meeting at Courtlands, Parklands Avenue, last April, after being 'sent out' from Durrington. They remain part of the larger church in Salvington Road which has recently been re-named 'The New Life Church'.

JANET KNOWLES



JUNIOR CHURCH

Our 1984-85 session is well under way and week by week just under 100 children meet in the various departments, from the Creche to the Bible Class. On 16th December 1984 we held a Christmas Celebration in the Main Church Hall, when we were pleased to greet and meet parents, relatives and friends of our children and young people. The central theme of the Celebration was the Nativity in which all took part. We were previously approached by some church members with a view to the Celebration being part of morning worship in the church on 16th December, but we declined to do this, feeling that we had insufficient time for preparation beforehand - three Sunday mornings from the time of inception. Many of those who joined us in the Church Hall said that the informality and the familiar surroundings contributed to a happy and worshipful occasion. So, with two opposing views we shall have to consider carefully what we shall do in preparation for the celebration of Christmas, 1985.

Junior Church Christmas Parties were held on Saturday, 19th January and what happy occasions they were, due in no small part to the ladies of the Monday Evening Fellowship who prepared the refreshments for the separate parties. We are most grateful to them for the help they give us year by year.

Forty five children in the Junior Department and Bible Class, between the ages of 9 and 12 years, will be sitting for the National Christian Education Council's Scripture Examinations on Friday evening, 15th March, and all are working hard in preparation for them. To 'let off a little steam' afterwards we are holding a party on Saturday afternoon, 23rd March, for those who sat for the Examination.

We ask for your prayers for the teachers and all concerned in running the Junior Church as they seek to bring to the children and young people a greater knowledge and understanding of the love and teachings of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ERIC BOND
Secretary

UNITED WITNESS

The Churches have sat at separate tables for a very long time - and that can be taken literally. The various denominations are not individual trees in a forest, but branches of the same tree, growing from the trunk of one Gospel, and rooted in the soil of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. We are all one under the Cross. It will take something of a miracle to re-unite in a single stem the branches of a tree which have spread out in separate directions for hundreds of years.

In our day, however, we are seeing something of a miracle - a reversal of the process of division. Churches are now seeking one another out, and drawing closer together. In so doing a new form of Christian Unity is emerging. We can see signs of it in great Church Councils, and conversations towards organic unity. We can see it in Unions that have already taken place - eg. The United Church of Canada, The United Church of South India, and of Australia. Here in Britain, the Presbyterian Church of Scotland and the United Free Church have united to form 'The Church of Scotland'. And, of course, in recent times the Congregational/Presbyterian Churches have joined to form the 'United Reformed Church'.

We still have a long way to go. The Churches, however, now regard each other with a new respect. They study, pray and work together as they have not done before.

Are we, at Goring United Reformed Church, part of that United Witness? Do we really want unity in Christ?

If so, we must not just pray about it once a year in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity! We must work for it, and witness for it. Otherwise just wanting without participation and action, is in vain. The true Church should bind people together, so that they feel and know that they belong with one another.

In our own area this is exactly what the Worthing and District Council of Churches, with similar Councils elsewhere, are seeking to do. Our Church is a member of the Council. Are we playing our part in its Witness?

Two little girls were overheard telling each other about their respective Sunday Schools. One was heard to ask the other - What Sunday School do you belong to? Oh I'm Church of England, she replied, what abomination are you?

As your Representative on the Council of Churches, I would be greatly encouraged to see some active participation from our Church on occasions of 'United Witness', and participation in Ecumenical Study Groups, when these are organised, that we might the better understand each other's point of view - that we all may be one in Christ.

ELLA G. ROBERTSON

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

May I first of all thank those members who collected their own sets for this year and those of a friend. This was a tremendous help in saving postage, and also ensuring safe delivery.

At this date I have received intimation of no less than 4 persons who did not get their envelopes for this year. I can only conclude they were among the 2 dozen sets which I had to post before the end of the year (hoping they would arrive in time for 1st January, 1985.) In case other members of the Scheme did not receive their envelopes, please let me know and I will arrange for another set to be transferred to your name. At the same time, if any other church member wishes to join this method of regular giving to church funds, I will be happy to make the necessary arrangements. This system also enables our Church Treasurer to budget and control expenditure more effectively.

FRAZER FINLAY
F.W.O. Treasurer

SMALL ADVERTISEMENT * * * * *

Mrs. Lily Collison has for disposal. Ted's large red swivel chair. It is in very good condition and was used by Ted when he sat by the window. It is available free to anyone who is interested. Ring Mrs. Collison on Worthing 48861.

ETHIOPIAN FAMINE

I received a letter from one of my former Ethiopian students early in January and I hope the quotation from it will be of interest:

"It is amazing that the whole world made unreserved assistance to our appeal and we say 'thank you'. Still the lives of millions of Ethiopians are at stake. It is my wish and desire that the next rains will come in time. We in the third world have to work much harder to control nature".

DOROTHY TURNER

SITUATIONS VACANT

1. Publicity Officer This post has been filled by Ted Foott who now wishes to hand over to a successor. The job involves all matters of publicity relating to services and church functions through the medium of the local press; the preparation and production of leaflets concerning special events, viz. Easter, and Christmas services, and control of the various church notice boards. Any who wish to offer their services are asked to advise the Minister or the Church Secretary.
2. Transport Officer The Transport Officer should compile and maintain a list of church members with cars who are prepared to convey passengers to and from their homes in order to attend services and put those in need of transport in touch with those who can provide it. Offers to the Minister or Church Secretary, please.
3. Free Will Offering Treasurer This post is currently filled by Mr. Frazer Finlay but he wishes to hand over to a successor at the end of March. This is a most important job, involving full control of the free will offering scheme; recording and banking weekly offerings and arranging publicity including covenanting. Anyone who feels called to offer such services is asked to inform the Minister or Church Secretary.

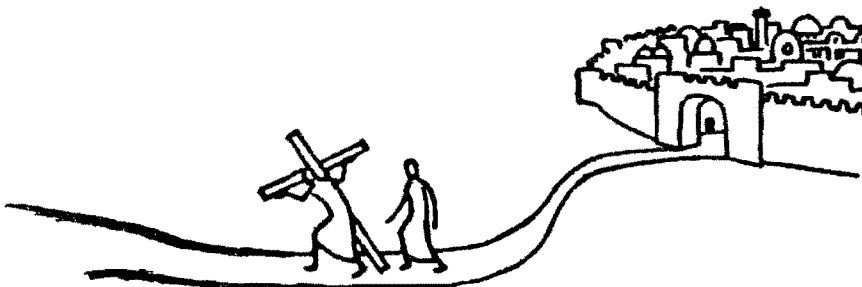
WOMEN'S GUILD

On 22nd January our speaker, Mr. Martin Allen, hardly surprised us, when he told us that boys and girls who are orphans are usually adopted, and those needing long or short-term care are these days generally fostered, this being more beneficial than being housed in large units as was done at the beginning of Dr. Barnardo's work. The homes which are still maintained, care for very seriously handicapped young people. The only training centre which has survived is that where printing is taught. We watched an excellent film illustrating the fine work done in that field. We enjoyed the afternoon and took a collection at which £50 was donated. Our Treasurer will hand this over to the Mayor at the Gala Evening arranged on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's on Thursday, 28th February.

As Vice-President of the Women's World Day of Prayer Miss Hillis, whom we welcomed on 5th February, has travelled to many parts of the world. After a short introduction, she showed her beautiful transparencies, with sound recordings, to us. It was a real eye-opener and a blessing. The beauty of her contacts, in looks, dress, carriage and devotion; the glories of their countries, and the way in which their faith, determination and ministry was helping the deprived and hungry people of their lands, touched our hearts. It was indeed an excellent preparation for the Women's World Day of Prayer on 1st March and our thanks to the speaker were heartfelt.

The party postponed early in the New Year, will take place on Tuesday, 12th March at 2.30 p.m. We look forward to it with happy anticipation.

BERYL STUTER
Secretary





Christian Aid

In last month's "Chronicle" we reported that the Christmas Appeal had realised £200. Since then, this has increased to £337 - our grateful thanks for your continuing support.

During the year ended 30th September, 1984, the Worthing churches raised £28,756, and just under £8 million was sent by Christian Aid to Ethiopia, Eritrea and Tigre in 1984.

Christian Aid envelopes are available in the vestibule for use at any time and may be placed in the offertory plate.

Collectors, please note - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1985 is from
13th - 18th MAY.

Amount Collected through Mrs. Hele for January - £20.

HILDA HELE
RON JORDAN

HEAR THE WORD

B.B.C. RADIO SUSSEX LENT COURSE

A course based on Old and New Testament Scriptures, to span all denominations, for the five weeks of Lent.

Studio Chairman: Monsignor Pat Olivier

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| Thurs. 28th Feb. | INCARNATION | The Rev. Dr. Colin Morris
Head of BBC Religious
Broadcasting |
| Thurs. 7th March | BORN OF THE
SPIRIT | The Rev. Colin Urquhart
Director of Bethany Trust |
| Thurs. 14th March | MIRACLES | Mr. Lionel Swain
Head of R.E. Philip Howard
School, Barnham (R.C.) |
| Thurs. 21st March | CRUCIFIXION | The Rev. Graham Mitchell
Chapel Royal Brighton |
| Thurs. 28th March | RESURRECTION | The Rev. Prof. C.F.D. Moule,
Formerly Lady Margaret
Professor of Divinity of
Cambridge University |

all these commence at 7.30 p.m.

During the five weeks of Lent BBC Radio Sussex will be broadcasting a series of Lenten talks and discussions, designed to fit in with study groups but also suitable for individuals.

Each programme will start at 7.30 p.m. with a short introductory talk of about 15 minutes followed by half an hour of music. From 8.15 there will be a studio discussion and listeners may phone in their comments and questions at any time after 7.45 p.m. The programme will end at 8.45 p.m.

APPEAL - Good Secondhand Bibles or New Testaments

If you have any to spare, please let the Pocket Testament League know (at 16 Holwood Road, Bromley, Kent, BR1 3EB Tel: 01-460 5317). They have addresses you can send them to or you can pass them on to the League for English-speaking Christians in Africa, India, Etc.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

YOUTH CLUB JUMBLE SALE - to be held in the Church Hall on 9th March, 1985 at 2.00 p.m. Collection of Jumble may be arranged by phoning 67749 or 32174.



YOUTH CLUB

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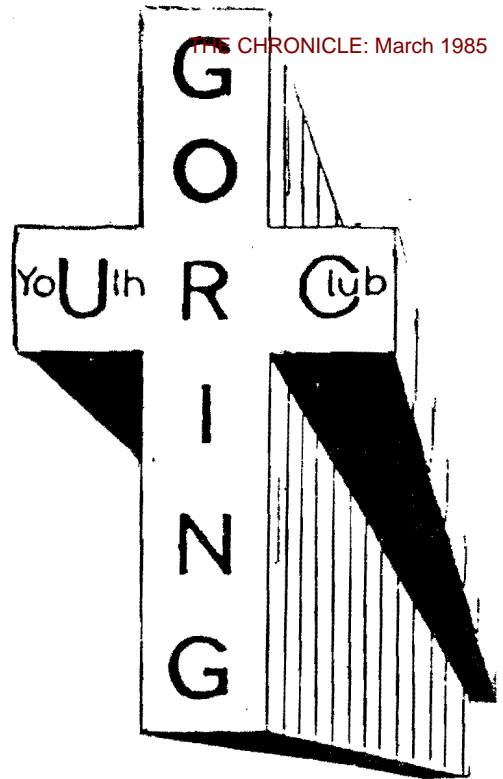
Many of you will have seen a copy of the recently formed Youth Club Magazine. If not, there are several copies around the Church, in the vestries and on the Y.C. notice board in the main hall.

It is hoped that this will provide a vehicle for the young people to keep in touch with their contemporaries and retain an interest, even when studies etc. take them out of the district. Thank you for your kind comments and encouragement.

If you would like to offer a word of encouragement or comment, please give this to Christine Brewer. I know that she would be most grateful. We are hoping the young people will let us have some news for the Chronicle also.

Changing the subject, you will be interested to learn that several leaders have been attending a special series of training courses for Youth Workers. These are being run by Ivan Andrews, Youth Training Officer for the Southern Province of the U.R.C. who has organised ten bi-weekly sessions, mainly based at our Portslade Church. These are proving very stimulating and thought provoking. Finally, we are sad to lose Shirley and Chris Payne from the leadership of the Youth Club. Living in Durrington, they believe they are specially led to participate fully in the outreach at the new Durrington Community Centre Church. However, we are grateful that they will continue to maintain a close link with us and are planning to be with us for Greenbelt 1985.

RAY CLOSE



CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

By the time you read this we will be well and truly back in Australia, but Kevin and I would like to thank, most sincerely, all those kind people who helped make the day of our Marriage Blessing such a memorable occasion.

Especially we thank Mr. Connelly for the inspiring service (it was good to see Mr. James there too!) Mrs. Turner for the lovely flowers, complete with white ribbon. A special thank you, too, to Jean Webb for playing the piano so beautifully and an equally special one to Roy Webb for taking such super photographs, and last but not least, the Girls and Officers of the Girls' Brigade who turned out on such a cold day to be a really lovely surprise Guard of Honour.

Our love to you all, God bless,

BEVERLEY BAKER
nee NORRIS

We give thanks to God and to the Church Family for their prayers, visits and get-well messages to Graham while he was in hospital recovering from his recent accident.

SANDY & SUE CLARK

When the surgeon who operated on my hip saw all the cards I had received during my period of hospitalisation, he said that I must belong to many organisations! I replied that I did not - but I belonged to a very caring church and I had a wide circle of friends. To most of you who sent good wishes, flowers, gifts and paid me visits whilst I was away and since my return home, I have been able to thank personally or by letter, but through the Chronicle I would like to reiterate my thanks to our Minister, the members of the Women's Guild, the Monday Evening Fellowship, the Girls' Brigade and to ALL whose loving thoughts and prayers have been for Les and myself during the past two months.

May God continue to bless our church, our Minister and all the members, so that the work for His Kingdom may go on in our corner of the world.

JOAN BURRAGE

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dear friends,

Thank you for the love, thoughts and prayers you have bestowed upon me, through letters, cards and telephone calls, at the death of my husband.

I have been comforted and sustained by your prayers and love. Thank you for all those who made a special point of shaking hands with Ted on Sunday mornings, and all who visited him at home. Ted so appreciated all your love and care for him. We have been greatly blessed with your love, friendship and spiritual help during our years in Worthing. On behalf of my family and myself Thank you for your support and presence at Ted's funeral service.

LILY COLLISON

My wife and I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the great kindness shown to our family on the recent occasion of our joining the Goring U.R.C. In particular, we wish to thank Wilfred & Eileen Rhodes for their kind help and support and of course, Rev Bill Connelly, for welcoming us back to the Church.

JOHN & WILMA MOTTRAM

I should like to thank all those who have written to me and sent messages, and for the flowers from church friends and Girls' Brigade at Christmas etc. I hope it won't be too long before I can get to church and the Guild again, so very many thanks to all those who have visited as well, not forgetting the visits of Mr. Connelly, of course!

Yours sincerely,

E. EDMONDS

**DURRINGTON COMMUNITY
CENTRE CHURCH**

Many thanks to the Young People of Goring U.R.C. for the gift of the tape recorder to the Durrington Church. This is already proving very useful.

ROBERT JONES

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SHAFTESBURY AVENUE · WEST WORTHING

FROM THE VESTRY

EASTER IS FOREVER

*Round the earth a message runs:
Awake, awake you drowsy ones!
Now leaps the sap in every stem
to chant the winter's requiem.
No more of sloth and dullness sing:
Sing love, sing joy, for Christ is King!*



"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek ye those things which are above" writes St. Paul to the Colossians. The upward thrust in the earth is given in response to the warmth of the sun. The awakening of our souls begins as we look up to the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life for us and for all creation.

Winter has taken more than its usual toll in sickness and depression; it is time now to look up and to rise up in the strength and victory of the Lord who calls His people to life in Him. Let us make an act of faith to the Risen Lord to live with Him in His Eternity, which is not just for some far off divine event to which we move, but a present reality in our souls. Jesus says "whosoever believes in me has Eternal Life" (John 3.15...) and that promise does not wait for death before it is fulfilled.

"Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand"

Many believe in life after death because it is their only remaining hope. We, as Christians believe also in life before death, to exhibit the power of Christ in His New Creation. One word of

caution! Nowhere does the Lord promise us abiding and beautiful feelings and however much we may desire them, we are saved by the conviction of Christ's Resurrection and not by "holy" feelings about Him. The heart's joyous moments, when we rejoice in the Lord is a bonus. Remember this, especially so when your road is long and hard...it really does wind uphill all the way. But the risen Lord is with us. He goes before us lead us. He blesses and encourages us when we are lonely and afraid....He bids us look up to Him and in His presence, Eternity is here! Let your Easter be forever as you live in Him and for Him.

With love and blessing,

William Connelly.

An important contribution to the understanding of the Ministry of HEALING has been prepared and published by Miss ELLA G. ROBERTSON.

It is called "Guide Lines to the Ministry of Healing" and will be available at services from April 17th, which is the date of the next ECUMENICAL HEALING SERVICE.

The Goring Ministers Fraternal are using this booklet for their own study and it will also be used by the Synod of the Southern Province of the U.R.C. of which the Minister of Goring U.R.C. is advisor on the Healing Ministry.

I warmly commend this booklet to all who are concerned with this Ministry.

William Connelly.

Mrs. ANN SILVESTON

is soon to leave us to make a new home in Spain. She will not sever her association with us and we shall hope to see her from time to time. God bless you and keep you in your new life.

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Many friends have been unwell over the past weeks. We send greetings to Eric TAYLOR and Beatrice BROWN in hospital and to the many who are ill at home. Mrs. 'Pop' EDMONDS has now returned home and Bill SAUNDERS is much better. Robert WRIGHT IS taking a period of rest away from home and Jean MARSH continues to improve. Mrs. A.RANDALL is recovering after her fall and what a joy it has been to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Robbie TURTON to Church again. Miss A. HAMBLETON is still unwell and we do miss her in Church, though bravely she has continued her fine work at SWANDEAN HOSPITAL. Mrs. CUTHBERT is rather poorly in a Nursing Home and to all these friends we send our loving thoughts with the assurance of our prayers. Do not forget young people who have been ill, including Sarah TULEY and Graham CLARK who had a nasty accident. Remember our young people in your prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

Doris Ethel WHITNEY 24.2.85

Archibald RAMSDEN 8.3.85

Green pastures are before me

DAYBREAK

The young people of the Church have been working hard for many weeks to prepare this interesting and exciting MUSICAL on the theme of the CROSS and RESURRECTION of JESUS CHRIST.

It is to be presented as an Act of Worship on Saturday April 13th. at 8.00p.m. and again on Sunday April 14th. at 6.30p.m.

It is hoped that the Church will be crowded on both these occasions and your presence will be a most important contribution to this EASTER PRAISE.

William Connelly

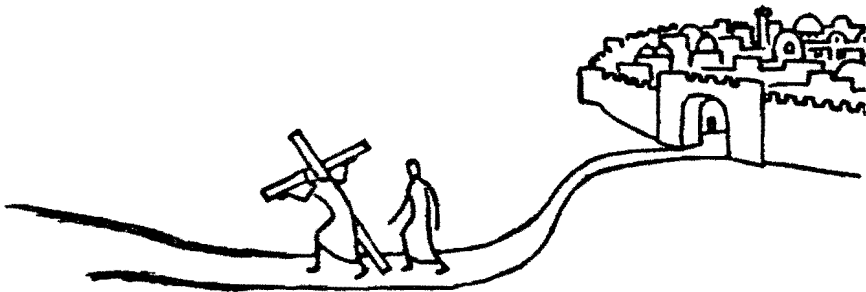
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE?

"How pleased was I to be asked by one of the Girls' Brigade members for my favourite Bible Passage. What a worthwhile project it would seem to be! I would like to congratulate all concerned, trusting that the response was worthy of your endeavour.

The verses I chose evoked memories of th days when I entered for Scripture Examinations.

My best wishes to Captain, Officers and girls of the Brigade for your future ventures and my somewhat belated thanks for your Christmas Greetings and gift.

DOROTHY COZENS-WALKER



MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Flowers for April.

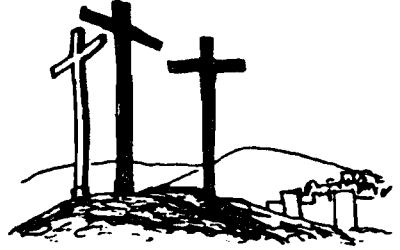
April 7th(Easter)	Miss Wingrove
Chapel Mrs. Hillier	
14th	Miss Hambleton
21st	Miss Wharhirst
28th	Mr. & Mrs. Popplestone

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £30.00 received during January and February.

D. M. TURNER

THE GOD OF HEAVEN,
 HE WILL PROSPER US,
 THEREFORE WE,
 HIS SERVANTS,
 WILL ARISE AND BUILD.



On the 27th February a working party was held, with the purpose of reviving interest within the Church, in the work of overseas missions. We were reminded that Missions are not an "optional extra" but an obligation laid upon all Christians to fulfil the Great Commission. Certain members and groups within our Church maintain close links with the Bible Society, the Leprosy Mission and the Sudan United Mission, but since the introduction of the "UNIFIED APPEAL", general interest in overseas missions has waned.

It was therefore necessary to encourage more people to learn about and support such work, by prayer and fund raising, including sacrificial giving. All this would be in addition to the Unified Appeal.

A regular monthly prayer/discussion meeting was proposed, sometimes with speakers having mission experience and occasionally to include fund raising activities such as Coffee Mornings. The next meeting is on Wednesday 27th March at 200 Goring Way, at 10.30 a.m.

ALL Church Members are warmly invited to a special meeting on Wednesday, 8th May at 10.30 a.m. in the Cornwall Room, to hear Rev P. Dominy (of Broadwater Parish Church), speak of his experiences in Nigeria and of the present conditions there.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

Arrangements have been made to show a video film "HUNGRY FOR CHANGE" in connection with Oxfam's work in famine relief.

This will take place in the Church Hall on 25th April at 8.15 p.m. followed by a shortened Church Meeting.

The presenter will be Mr. Trevor Jones, the Oxfam representative, who will speak and answer any questions.

It is expected that the meeting will close at 9.15 p.m.

It is hoped that this will also give some information and background to our work for Christian Aid, to which our thoughts will presently be directed by Christian Aid Week.

ROBERT WRIGHT

(The Minister asked me to include this article for Robert just before he died. It is a very sincere epitaph for such a dedicated worker as Robert, who will be greatly missed.) Ed.

LIVING LORD

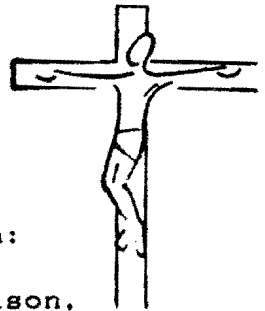
Living Lord, our praise we render!
 His the blood for sinners shed,
 In the Father's power and splendour
 Christ is risen from the dead.

Death's dominion burst and broken
 By that Life which no more dies;
 We to whom the Lord has spoken,
 One with Christ, in freedom rise.

One with Christ, both dead and risen:
 Dead to self and Satan's claim,
 Raised from death and sin's dark prison,
 Sons of God through Jesus' Name.

T. Dudley Smith.

from Romans 6. 5-11 (An Easter Psalm) taken
 from "Psalm Praise".





GIRLS' BRIGADE

Can you believe that it is Easter already?
Where does the time go?

We have completed yet another session and despite the awful winter, our numbers have been extremely good. (Colds permitting!).

Of course, the next highlight is the Spring Jumble Sale on Thursday 18th April at 6.00 p.m., for which we will be collecting on the evening of Tuesday 16th April. So if you have anything for us, we will gladly collect: A phone call to 40546, 40955, 41761 or 43360 is all it takes.

A passing thought..... If you have never been to a Jumble Sale you really ought to look in on the 18th just after 6.00 p.m.....it's an education!

We thank you Dear Friends for the love and interest you show to us.

May the blessings of Easter be with you all.

DOREEN NORRIS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hope by the time you read this that I shall be back again in my corner in the choir. However, a sincere thank you to our dear Minister and Mr. Christopher for their visits; also to Mrs. Turner for a cheery chat and lovely flowers and for cards, 'phone messages and a gift of beautiful fruit from the choir.

Making a bright day even brighter,
Making a glad heart even lighter,
Chasing all cares and worries away,
Friends can do that any day!

KAY BUCKLEY

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Have you ever travelled on a magic carpet? We did on the 19th February. We admired it, tentatively stood on it, then bravely walked across it and finally were transported on it to share in a holiday which Norman and Alma Prattent spent in Northern India and Kashmir. Through their collection of coloured slides we saw the exotic rich and the squalid poor, side by side. We saw the Hindu Temples, Muslim Mosques and the ancient Red Fort in Delhi, alongside which were the poor who have no home but the pavements.

Of course, we visited the Taj Mahal in Agra which was a talking point in itself. Then on to Jaipur where we were quick to recognise a gateway to the city which was filmed for the 'Jewel in the Crown'. A houseboat on the Dalh Lake in Kashmir was like a dream. Add to that the lazy drift up stream in a shikari, which is a flat bottomed boat about double the width of a punt. Then a visit to Palgham and the Shalimar Gardens which were alight with brilliant splashes of coloured flowers and breathtaking views of the Himalayas and mountain streams tumbling over rocky tracks to the rivers below.

Reluctantly we landed back in the Hall for our afternoon cup of tea, when we were able to view some of the treasures brought back: Jewelry, ivory, marble, papier mache and the beautiful hand made carpet from Kashmir.

Thank you Norman for such an interesting afternoon.

JOAN FINLAY

On March 5th, Mr. & Mrs. Sibley entertained us with slides and music to 'The Four Seasons'. As the lights came on again, and the applause ended, there were murmurs of "How inexpressibly beautiful". "What a lovely

country we live in" and "Why go abroad?". Indeed we had enjoyed every minute of the afternoon; Mr. Sibley's excellent photography and his eye for the photogenic; Mrs. Sibley's helpful commentary and thoughtfulness in leaving us to view some slides in silence or with only the beautiful and unobtrusive background music. Four Seasons in one afternoon, yet we were relaxed and refreshed and our spirits were lifted up. We acknowledged with humility that our Heavenly Father had considered even the smallest detail in His loving creation of our earthly home.

Between these two meetings several members of the Guild attended a special Gala Evening held in the Assembly Hall, Worthing. It was held in aid of Dr. Barnardo's and sponsored by the Mayor of Worthing. Our cheque for £52.00 contributed towards the grand total of £2513.00 presented.

BERYL STUTTERHon. Sec.

The Total has reached over £3000.00 by 20th March. Ed.

DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE CHURCH

Have you visited the New Born Church yet? It is a delight in itself, but it is so exciting to be in at the beginning of a new venture. Each Sunday we see about fifty in the congregation and Ron Christopher with Valerie Chapman and other visiting ministers have conducted the services. Quite a number of our Members have been to have a look and their support is most welcome. Why not call in one Sunday morning at 10.30 for the service and stay to coffee.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by the Fellowship when our member Mr. Bailey, spoke to us about the preparation and training of a most unusual Bomber Pilot in the war - Himself!

When he started to tell us of his apprenticeship on an oil tanker in the Persian Gulf, sailing from Abadan to Aden; I wondered how this tied in with his story, but that was soon revealed.

In this rather isolated location, news of the political situation was unknown. So, when a Royal Navy cruiser pulled up alongside them at Aden, everyone was aghast at the beauty of this ship. Its pristine elegance and all its brass fittings glistening in the sun and the freshly scrubbed decks - it looked a picture. However, that was shortlived when to his amazement as he came up on deck next morning to have another look, he found the stanchions and handrails all gone, the gun covers removed and the lovely white paint being covered in Admiralty Grey. It was really another cruiser and hard to imagine. When they enquired why - it was off to war and soon the old oil tanker was to follow. They sailed west towards America and joined a convoy sailing for England. Having seen the ship ahead of them in the convoy strike a mine and blow up, to disappear in three minutes with no-one to stop and give assistance (life rafts and boats were dropped for the survivors) Mr. Bailey then decided the Navy was not for him, so he applied to join the R.A.F.

From his hair raising episodes in pilot training in England, he deserved to gain his

wings. It certainly could not have been more dangerous in action! We were amused by the more humorous aspects of his training and active bombing exploits which were much appreciated by all the members. I do not think it would be fair to repeat all those incidents as I imagine others might like to hear them from his own lips in his inimitable manner.

Our grateful thanks to our friend for this happy time together.

FRAZER FINLAY (1/2 Sec.)

p.s. We were very sorry our other 1/2 Sec. Bert Groves was unable to attend, due to being confined to bed with a bad bout of bronchitis. We all wish him a speedy recovery.



DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

ACTIVITIES

- ★ CRIBBAGE CLUB
- ★ MUMS & 1ST BABY CLUB
- ★ MOTHERS, TODDLERS CLUB & PLAYGROUP
- ★ COFFEE BAR - Open 10.15 a.m. - 4 p.m. Daily
- ★ SUNDAY SERVICES - 10.30 a.m. ECUMENICAL supported by Methodists & United Reform Church. ALL WELCOME
- ★ BOOKINGS TAKEN - For Weddings.
- ★ DANCING CLASSES
- ★ BROWNIES & GUIDES
- ★ WHIST
- ★ KEEP FIT

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Christian Aid

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-18TH MAY.

It is estimated that 30 million people are affected by famine in 20 African countries (apart from those in other parts of the Third World) and so it is necessary for us to intensify our efforts during Christian Aid Week.

Unfortunately, several friends have had to withdraw their names from my list of collectors for the House to House collection this year and so more volunteers are needed. CAN YOU HELP?

You may reach me on Worthing 503791

RON JORDAN

Amount collected for February = £8.00 which was received with thanks.

HILDA HELE

CHURCH BOOK STALL

Please note that I have taken over the 'management' of the Book Stall and that our credit account with the Christian Book Shop in Worthing is temporarily closed. This is until I understand more of the organisation of our book buying. The account closure is due to lack of communication between some users of the account and ourselves. Much money was owed to the Book Shop for far too long a period.

It may be that by the time this note appears, credit facilities will have been restored, but this will be more limited than in the past. Please bear with me during my apprenticeship!

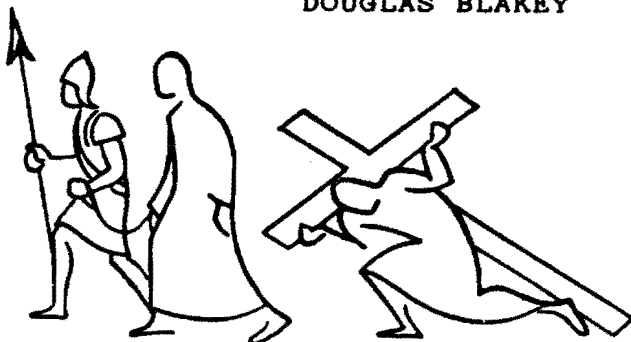
A further note will appear in the Chronicle as soon as the systems have been revised. In the meantime please contact me if there are any queries.

Weekly Offerings for February were as follows:-

10th February	£293.23
17th " "	£361.22
24th " "	£417.33
3rd March	£329.46

Average for NINE weeks up to 3rd March 1985 = £340 against a Budget Target of £475.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY



PEACE THROUGH PRAYER
AND ACTION

This was the theme of the Women's World Day of Prayer Service, held on March 1st. It was a joy to see ladies of all ages, representing each organisation in the Church, which was also attended by those of other denominations.

The presence of the Lord was very real as we worshipped and prayed together, and as we enjoyed fellowship over coffee in the Hall afterwards.

The Christian women of India who compiled the service, challenged all of us to be concerned about the major issues of life; the discrimination in the world, the lack of justice, nuclear weapons, unemployment and the underprivileged. Ethel Dearsley continued to challenge us, as she spoke on how we should be involved. First in prayer and then in action in order to bring about peace in the world. The peace given to us through our Lord Jesus Christ can become a reality.

IRENE TULEY

HI-TECH COMES TO CHURCH

You may have noticed the subtle change that has overtaken the Chronicle in the last few editions. It started in a small way when Andrew Smith offered to help with the production side and let Barbara use his company's Word Processor. I was delighted with the results, as it meant far fewer mistakes for me to eliminate for the printing process. Unfortunately, Andrew and his family have removed from the district and in order to push on with the development I tried to convert my home computer into a useful replacement. Last month about one third of the Chronicle was produced on my 'home-made' word processor and I was so delighted with it that I obtained a new micro-chip to permanently contain the wordprocessing element. Now we are in business! This is the first edition of the Chronicle to be produced without the use of a typewriter. If you look closely at this print you will(?) possibly see that it is not normal typescript, but an impacted dot matrix called NLQ (or Near Letter Quality). All the different typefaces are produced by a clever combination of carefully arranged dots, which are put together on the computer and then printed at high speed of up to 160 characters per second! We hope you like the new style, which is right hand justified (meaning that the ends of the lines are also straight) and would welcome any comments .

For the technically minded amongst you, the equipment is: Acorn Atom mini-computer with Disc Storage and a Canon PW1080 printer. The Word Processor unit is contained in a special micro chip fitted inside the Atom.

Eric

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

Healing services with Holy Communion have been held on the third Sunday evening of each month for some years now. The Healing Ministry has become a very important part of the total Ministry of our Church. Churches of all denominations have now begun to re-discover, with new enthusiasm, the importance of the Healing Ministry of our Lord. It has been felt for some time therefore, that a basic understanding of the Healing Ministry would be of immense help to many people attending such services.

A new Booklet has now been published, written by one of our own members, Ella Robertson, entitled:-

"GUIDE LINES TO THE HEALING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH"

It is available either from the Stewards or from the Vestry -price 50 pence.

We hope that many of you will wish to possess this valuable booklet as a helpful reference on the subject of 'Healing', so very important to each one of us.

"Have you often wondered what we mean by 'healing'?"

"What the 'Hindrances' may be"

"The importance of 'Faith' and 'Prayer' in Healing"

"Why sometimes there is no cure".

These and other important aspects are expressed in its pages.

We can also help exercise this Ministry ourselves by giving a copy to a friend or neighbour who may be in need of the healing of body, mind, and spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

n.b. These Booklets can also be obtained by other Churches and Healing Centres. (by post...70p).

CHURCH CALENDAR - APRIL 1985

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

2nd Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild and Mens Fellowship Joint Easter Meeting
4th Thursday	14.30h	'Oberammergau'-Mrs.R. Bradley Fortnightly Prayer & Praise Meeting
	19.30h	(Maundy Thursday) Holy Communion
5th Good Friday	11.00h	Family Service
7th Easter Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
11th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
14th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
16th Tuesday	14.45h	Womens Guild -Magazine Programme- Members Own
	14.45h	Mens Fellowship-Visit out in The Locality
	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
18th Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise
	18.00h	Girls Brigade Jumble Sale
	19.30h	Elders Meeting
21st Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing
25th Thursday	19.30h	Church Meeting
28th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
30th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild AGM & Exhibition
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship AGM followed by Tea & Talk
	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close

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FROM THE
VESTRY

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!

This month is a season of great celebrations. ASCENSION DAY is on May 16th and WHITSUNDAY or PENTECOST is on the 26th.

*"The golden gates are lifted up,
The doors are open wide;
The King of Glory is gone in
Unto His Father's side"*

Wherefore we pray that minds and hearts in praise and thanksgiving may be lifted up to the Risen and Ascended Lord.

WHITSUNTIDE or PENTECOST, and the writer prefers the Anglican associations of the former word confirms the promises of Jesus given in St. John 14 vv16-20 "and I pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." The life of the Church and of the Christian believer is sustained by the Holy Spirit.

*"Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song."*

Among the many spiritual blessings of these festivals is the affirmation of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ "the same yesterday today and forever." One of the weaknesses in the life of some Christians lies in their failure to live in the Eternal Dimensions of Faith. We are to look back into the history of faith, to experience faith today in our own souls, and to look beyond our own weaknesses and limitations to Eternity.

*"And ever on our earthly path,
A gleam of glory lies;
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veiled Thee from our eyes."*

May we be delivered from that introspection which is our weakness and given strength through the Eternal Life and work of Christ.

A personal word. It is hoped that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming the Rev. Charles ORR and his wife of WESTWOOD, LOS ANGELES to live amongst us and to minister during at least the earlier part of August. Mr. and Mrs. Orr will live in the manse, and be available to conduct services during that period. It will be a great pleasure for Mary and myself to visit California again and to minister in Fiona's Church in Westwood where she is now a Deacon. More of this later, but we thought you might like to know our hopes even in these early stages.

With blessings and love,

William Connelly

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Peggy BRADSHAW 6.3.85
Whose faithfulness to her Church and to
Missions to Seamen is remembered with
thanksgiving.

Robert WRIGHT 19.3.85
a faithful servant and Minister of the
Gospel. Generous to us all and to all that
declared God's love to the world.

Miss Edie HARRIS 21.3.85
newly come among us, who died in faith and
hope of the Resurrection to eternal life.

Mrs. Betty GREGORY 2.4.85
whose life of service in the Church and
public office ended peacefully after years of
increasing weakness.

Stanley FRANKHAM 26.3.85
One who held public office in the spirit of
his devotion to Christ.

Alfred EDWARDS 29.3.85
through whose gifts of music many were
cheered and comforted.

THE LORD IS RISEN....HE IS RISEN INDEED.

We greet all friends who are unwell,
housebound and lonely.

Miss Ella Robertson has sustained a broken
wrist.

Mrs. Grace Goss is in Southlands Hospital.

Mrs Dixon is presently in Sinclair Lodge.

Mrs. Clarice West is unwell at home.

To these and all friends we send our love in Jesus Christ.

It has been a great blessing to celebrate Holy Communion in so many homes, Rest homes and Nursing Homes during Easter. Do please remember our availability for this ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS to:-

Sheila Johnstone - who has qualified as a State Registered Nurse. We wish her every success in her future life and work.

Ruth Chatfield - who is happily settled in her work in Paris and enjoys her Christian fellowship there.

AVAILABILITY

The Minister is anxious to be available to the Church and offers the following as best times to call or telephone.

Monday..DAY OFF.

Tuesday.Vestry 9.00-10.30

Wednesday Vestry 9.00-12.00

Thursday Vestry 9.00-12.00

Friday Vestry 9.00-10.30

Saturday Vestry 9.00-10.00

He is usually at the telephone from 7.30-9.00 and 17.00- 18.00h.

Your suggestions are welcomed.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

The local branch of the Bible Society is holding a Buffet Supper on Wednesday, 8th May, in the Christchurch Road Baptist Church Hall at 7.30 pm.

Please bring something suitable for the supper. All the provisions will be pooled and anything over will be sold for the Society. The Speaker will be the Rev. B. EARNSHAW.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

Our New Year Party, postponed from January, was held on March 11th, and about sixty happy and appreciative members were present. The Secretary had arranged an interesting, entertaining and brain-exercising programme, all much enjoyed, followed by a "party" tea. We thank the Committee and all the helpers for such a successful afternoon.

MABEL REDMAN

On Tuesday March 19th Mr. Silverson, the Chief Engineer of Shoreham Lifeboat gave us a clear and vivid impression of all that we owe to the men of the R.N.L.I.

After a short talk, explaining the foundation in 1824 of the R.N.L.I. by Sir William Hilary and referring to Grace Darling's courage in helping her father to rescue shipwrecked sailors in 1838. This introduced us to modern lifeboats, such as the Waveney, Solent, Arun, and Rother, illustrating their self righting capacity. It also made us fully aware of the force of the tempest when these gallant men risk their lives for those in peril on the sea. Apart from one paid officer all crew are volunteers. We realised how thankful we should be for their selfless devotion to duty. Our collection of £36.50 was handed to Mr. Silverson for the Shoreham Lifeboat Station and we gladly purchased gifts and souvenirs from the sales table. Local support enables the Shoreham Station to be maintained without asking for funds from Headquarters.

BERYL STUTTER

'It is a thing most wonderful
 Almost too wonderful to be
 That God's own Son should come from Heaven
 And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true
 He came to this poor world below
 And wept and toiled and mourned and died
 Only because He loved me so.'

What does Holy Week mean to you? On Tuesday afternoon of this eventful week in the Christian calendar the Women's Guild and the Men's Fellowship united to hear one of our much loved Church members, Mrs. Robin Bradley, tell us of her visit to the village of Oberammergau last year. This is a village whose inhabitants have kept a promise made to God three hundred and fifty years ago, that every ten years the villagers would enact the Passion Play.

We were led in prayer by our Vice-President, Jean Marsh and Robbie Turton read from the scriptures, of how the crowd, from shouting 'Hosanna', turned on our Lord and the words 'Crucify Him' tumbled from their lips. Then in such a simple and yet awe inspiring way, Robin told us of her personal feelings as she watched the Play. She described the village of Oberammergau and the warmth of the people whose very lives are bonded together to perform the Passion Play. How difficult it is to put over to an audience one's own feeling of wonderment at witnessing such poignancy and yet Robin, with such sincerity, did just that. With the aid of slides we were shown the theatre and scenes from the Play.

I have found it difficult to write about that afternoon. Do I sleep whilst my Lord prays? - do I beat my brow and my breast and weep when I betray Him? - do I deny Knowledge of Him? - Questions, questions! Speak to the members of either of the fellowships and ask them what they thought of the simple yet majestic message that Robin conveyed to us.

Thank you Robin and God bless you as you look
after your own home and the patients and
their relatives that you minister to at St.
Barnabas.

'And yet I want to love Thee Lord
O light a flame within my heart
And I will love Thee more and more
Until I see Thee as Thou art.'

JOAN BURRAGE

May I take this opportunity to thank the
ladies of the Women's Guild and the gentlemen
of the Men's Fellowship for their generous
response to my appeal for donations and
daffodils towards the decoration of the
Church Shelves for Easter. The wonderful
display of foliage and flowers brought a ray
of sunshine to a very grey morning. Thank
you.

FREDA CALSTEREN



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Youth Caring Awards have now been
presented for 1985 and we were not amongst
the six winners. Never mind - there's always
next year!!

On May 18th we are once again taking those
girls, not going to camp, to Butlins at
Bognor for the day, so we hope the sun will
shine for us.

During May we shall also be very busy
preparing for our June Parade Service when
once again we are to have the pleasure of
conducting the morning service on June 9th.

On June 8th we are to hold another suitcase
sale and mini market, so make a note of the
dates in your diary now. We shall look
forward to seeing you.

Every Blessing,

JEAN WEBB

The Spring Synod which was held at Emmanuel Church, West Wickham on Saturday 16th March 1985 opened with Holy Communion, the Moderator presiding, assisted by the Rev. Derek Richmond, Minister of West Wickham Church. The service was taken from New Church Praise with its formal prayers and responses. The Congregational participation and the usual hearty singing of the 420 members present, all contributed to a most inspiring service. The morning session was mostly one of administration, including confirmation of the appointments of the several members to the different committees for the ensuing year. We were reminded that 1987 will be the year that will see the retirement of the moderator and his wife, together with the Synod Clerk, Rev. J. H. Taylor. The position regarding Church membership within the Province gave some cause for rejoicing, in that the rate of declining has been stabilized, although still recording a decline of 160 members. Only one District had shown an increase, that being Canterbury with a plus of 28 members.

PROVINCE DAY - Saturday 22nd June at Chichester. The theme of the day will be "Day by Day, a Daily Pilgrimage" recalling the story of St. Richard of Chichester. Churches were strongly recommended to book coaches as early as possible as some were already experiencing problems. There will be games during the afternoon in the field of the College of Technology, organised by FURY. URC Southern Province Walking Pilgrimage will take place from the 15th to the 22nd June, walking from Eastbourne to Chichester. The writer has details of this venture which is limited to 50 places. Details of a musical event were expected shortly.

Church & Society Report - Our attention was drawn to a number of important events of the coming months, including:-

1. Christian Aid National Conference at Swanwick- 5th to 7th July, at which Bishop Tutu will speak.
2. 40th Anniversary of the United Nations Organisation appealing to churches to unite this with special services in support of the International Youth Year. With this report we heard from the Rev. Roy Parkington on the Action Pack on Housing entitled 'No certain Dwelling Place'. We were reminded of links that are associated with homelessness, namely:- Drug and Alcohol Addiction, Poverty, Unemployment and Mental Health. He finished with the poignant words "take your head out of very clean sand". Coming nearer home, our own Rev. Ron Christopher gave a very interesting, though brief resume of the Durrington Community Venture, all rejoicing in its present encouraging situation. Since November, services have been held every Sunday Morning, when at the first one, some 90 people were present, with a subsequent average of about 50. The Methodists of Worthing are now fully co-operating in this task.

The Finance and Administration Department gave a heartening report showing that the Province had fully met its obligations in both the M. of M. Fund and the Unified Appeal. We were, however, reminded that the problems to achieve this were minimal when compared to other parts of the Country.

Faith and Life Department - This report was divided into three sections with our own Rev. W. Connelly reporting on the Ministry of Healing. During the course of his remarks he drew attention to a new

Publication for which Goring had been responsible, entitled 'Guide Lines to the Healing Ministry of the Church'. He referred to the fact that we at Goring had practiced Healing within the Communion Service with tangible results. His recent visit to the United States had greatly strengthened his interest and resolve. Further reports were given by Rev. Peter McIntosh on the Lay Ministry and by Mrs. Jean Palmer on the Children's Ministry. Mrs. Palmer particularly emphasised the importance of Teacher Training; she was appalled to hear that at times some young people came straight from Senior Bible Class to Teaching without any training whatsoever.

A most interesting report was given by our Moderator in connection with a visit he had made, together with the Welsh Moderator, to Hungary.

During the course of the 5-day visit he discovered that more than half of the population claim to be baptised Members of the Christian Church. Despite the fact that Hungary is a Communist Country the Christians they met assured them that they needed the State. But more importantly it was obvious the State needed the Church especially with the problems concerned with Young People. He was pleasantly surprised to hear that firstly the State backs the Church in running a Mentally Handicapped Organisation. Secondly Church Appointments are not controlled by the State. He was greatly encouraged by the warmth of the Family Spirit, including the fact that Grandparents are much involved in teaching their grandchildren how to pray.

In the closing 30 minutes we welcomed the lively Christian Pastor, Pastor Kim from

South Korea who has taken over our Grove Crescent Church at Kingston. We said farewell to Rev. Karl Olson who returns to California after helping with the Ministry at Chatham.

Synod closed with prayer in which we were particularly asked to remember the Minister at Lee & Burnt Ash, Rev. Harry Brown and also the Revs. Harold and Beryl Bennett who are our Ministers at Hampton Hill & Twickenham.

KEN IRVING

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR MAY

5th Mr. & Mrs. Blakey Chapel: Mrs. Wood
 12th Mrs. Buckley
 19th Miss Hedgcombe
 26th Mrs Pike

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £32 received during March/April.

MOTHERS' DAY

Special thanks to my "Flower Ladies" in preparing the posies for distribution, also for the assistance given by Simon Craghill and the boys and girls of Junior Church during the Children's address.

EASTER

Thank you for donations towards Easter Flowers. Grateful thanks to Women's Guild for shelf arrangements.

DOROTHY TURNER
 Flower Secretary.



Despite a lack of reports from us over the past few months we are still functioning. We are dealing with nearly fifty boys in the three different sections, but obviously are suffering somewhat from the lack of leaders. Thanks to Alison Batchelor for seconding herself from the Girls' Brigade to help in running the Junior Section. Congratulations to Neil Kerkhove, Stephen Davis and Graham Coombes in gaining their Gold Badges, having completed nearly sixty achievements during their three years in the Junior Section. Please keep praying that we may overcome some of the difficulties we are experiencing.

DONALD STEWART

FORE SALE:- Mushroom Compost: Delivery free at 60p per bag.

Orders to D.W.Stewart. Worthing 43787.

CHURCH FLOWERS

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Dorothy Turner and her willing team of helpers for the beautiful floral decorations in the Church week after week and the distribution of them afterwards to sick friends.

Such a lot of thought, preparation and work goes into the Harvest and Christmas decorating and really, this Easter, God's early Spring flowers were outstandingly beautiful.

ROSEMARY EVANS

JUNIOR CHURCH NEWSLETTER

At present we are busy preparing for our Sunday School Anniversary when we shall be leading the morning service on May 19th. Our Children will be singing and performing two playlets illustrating our theme "Jesus is Alive". The service will finish a little before noon and we hope that you will join us in the Hall for coffee.

The Scripture Exam Prize-Giving is to be held at Dorset Gardens Church, Brighton on Friday June 7th. at 7.00pm. We hope that parents as well as children will be able to join us on this occasion, as our Sunday School has been asked to lead one of the songs. Transport will be provided for those children whose parents cannot come, and we hope to arrive back at our Church car park by 8.30 pm. The individual certificates will be presented to the children during our morning service on Sunday June 16th.

OLIVE BUSHBY

DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE CHURCH

When you read this month's issue of the Chronicle, our Church and Offington Park Methodists will be starting our fifth month working together in the Durrington area. What was a small beginning is turning into a very happy and thriving congregation. We have members from all denominations and our average each Sunday is in excess of fifty. They are of all ages.

If you live in the Durrington or High Salvington area and have not yet worshipped with us, our Services commence at 10.30 every Sunday.

So, come along and enjoy a very warm atmosphere and a service lasting 45 minutes followed by a cup of coffee and a chat, before we go our separate ways.

Our Communion Service is held on the second Sunday of the month.

May God bless the work in this area and give strength to those who lead us.

NORMAN DOBSON.



Christian Aid

The Worthing and District inaugural meeting for Christian Aid Week (13-18 May) is being held at Offington Park Methodist Church on Tuesday, 7th May at 7.30 pm. The address is to be given by the Rev. Dr. Philip Morgan, General Secretary, British Council of Churches, of which Christian Aid is a vital part.

It is hoped that the change of the service to the week preceding C.A. Week will enable more collectors to attend. Christian Aid is the poorer for the passing to Higher Service of Robert Wright; his generosity and work on behalf of our poorer brethren overseas (despite his own chronic ill health) knew no bounds. As a tribute, our annual C.A. collection during the Week will be added to those monies already received in his memory.

RON JORDAN

Amount collected for March 1985 was £30.00 which was received with grateful thanks.

HILDA HELE

I have just received a letter from Marion, the daughter of John and Edie Beckerton, telling me that John has just had an operation which has been successful and hopes that it will put him in good physical condition again. However he is still suffering from his serious depression and Marion reminds us that it is a great help to know that friends are thinking of you and praying for you. Remember John and Edie and their loving family in your prayers.

Editor

Collections for :-

March 10th £362.02
 17th £310.72
 24th £503.16

(includes yearly payment under covenant)

31st £370.41
 April 7th £690.09

Weekly Target £475.00.

Average for 14 weeks £378.00

Our weekly offerings have been rising slowly but are still far short of our target

. Our payments during March were in excess of our total income by £2207. Main items of expenditure were:- Gas £1964, M.M.F. £1054, Unified Appeal £500, Water £440, Repairs £561, Junior Church £150.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY
 Treasurer.



Farm Day at Pondtail Farm, West Grinstead, is to be held this year on Saturday 15th June. Full details will be in the June Chronicle, but if you want to know more before that, ask Ted Foott (45570)

INVITATION



Gladys and Bill Marshall would like to see all their friends at the Wedding of their daughter, Mary, in the Church on 18th May at 12.00 noon.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT WRIGHT

To God we give the glory, thanksgiving and praise for Bob, our brother-in-Christ. He was a gracious, kind, humble, loving and generous man. All his resources, though limited physically, were put at the Lord's disposal. Although a learned man, he didn't speak to one in terms intellectual. He spoke and wrote in a way which was directed in a helpful and generous manner to the person or persons addressed. He took little account of his own serious and debilitating illness. We could think of his work in the Lord's service in many ways in Goring U.R.C.

He was in charge of the book-stall and had, for the last two years, arranged to have a Christian Book Stall at the Sea Front Fayre at the end of July.

He wrote many challenging articles in 'The Chronicle' - suggesting and challenging us to various forms of evangelism; inviting us to lobby the Government, to participate and to learn about famine, etc. He produced a 'spreading the Good News' exhibition for the Church. He also liked witnessing on the sea front when he felt he could. Bob really cared for the Goring congregation and encouraged, especially those who were ill, depressed, bereaved or coping with infirmity. Possibly not many of the congregation knew him because of his own infrequency at church.

Bob knew that the Lord Jesus heals and he knew the wholeness which only comes from the Lord. He knew that, in human terms, he was physically very poor; he also knew that God is concerned about the whole person, not just the parts which we think are important. He well knew the verse in Romans 8 "and we know that all things work together for good to

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CHURCH CALENDAR - MAY 1985

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 WEDNESDAYS: 18.00h Anchor Boys
 19.30h Choir Practice
 FRIDAYS: 19.00h Boys' Brigade
 19.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
 SATURDAYS: 19.00h Youth Club (12 years & over)
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 Communion
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 11.00h Parade Service
 18.30h Divine Worship
 13th Monday 20.00h M.E.F. - Meg of the Samaritans
 14th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild - OUTING
 20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
 16th Thursday 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise
 Meeting
 19.30h Elders Meeting
 19th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship with Holy
 Communion and Ministry of
 Healing
 23rd Thursday 19.30h Church Meeting
 26th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship
 27th Monday 20.00h M.E.F.*Pearl & Olive*sweetmaking
 28th Tuesday 14.45h Women's Guild*Informal*
 20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close

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FROM THE VESTRY

"Lord, giver of generous June
And all her roses,
Grant us to be in tune
With all Thy love discloses."

The author of this poem seems to be suggesting that kind of summer's day when we sit in our gardens, walk by the seashore, or enjoy a day at a cricket match. We are all well blessed people to be able thus to look forward and to enjoy generous June.

May I here suggest some thoughts and prayers for you during your hours of sweet content?

1) I heard of someone recently who had described our church as being a Rich Church! Remember that we are as rich as we receive the unsearchable riches of grace in Jesus Christ. He will use, improve and bless us as we give ourselves generously to Him.

The words of the Angel of the Church at SMYRNA (cf. Revelation 2vv8ff) would make a useful study here.

2) The World Church Missionary Committee is doing some fine work and has already begun to plan for a stimulating Winter programme. And talking of planning, let us be keen in all we propose to exalt the Lordship of Christ.

3) Junior Church, Brigades and Youth Clubs are all making fine contributions to our life in Christ. Pray with thanksgiving for their festivals, anniversaries, camps and outreach

into the neighbourhood.

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A service of BAPTISM will be held in the Church and in the Sea on June 16th. Pray for the Candidates.

Christopher and Shirley Payne

Rosemary Jones and Denise Elliott

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

.4) Building work is expected to begin in order to complete the first phases of our improvements in Kitchen, Class Rooms, Lavatory, storage and other accomodation that are needed to bring our premises up to date. Some of the money is available but we will need to give generously, and a generous June in the presence of God will no doubt stir many a willing spirit to give to this work in praise and thanksgiving to God!

With loving thoughts and blessings,

William Connelly

BAPTISMS

Laura Beth Alexandra SIBLEY May 12

David John Christopher Leonard LEADER May 26

MARRIAGES

Phillip Kendal PRICHARD to
Dorothy Kathleen COMPTON April 25

Ian Roland LONGMAN to
Wendy Maie EVANS May 4

Nicholas YATES to
Glenys Elizabeth FLINT May 11



IN MEMORIAM

- BEATRICE MAY BROWNE March 26
"Enter into His courts with Praise"
- MURIEL BEATRIX ISHERWOOD April 13
"And her soul shall be as a watered garden"
- SARAH HANNAH CUTHBERT April 15
"Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of
these my brethren, ye did it unto me"
- HERBERT ARTHUR MEDLYCOTT April 24
"A good name is rather to be chosen than
great riches"
- REGINALD HENRY WILLIAM TURNER April 25
"And the end of that man is peace"
- FREDA LOUISE SEWELL May 3
"O sing unto the Lord a new song"
- DENNIS ALFRED RUSHBROOK May 4
"My peace I give unto you"

LEPROSY MISSION

The amount collected for the Leprosy Mission during 1984 amounted to £64.23, including money given to Mrs. Freeman. Thank you all for your support. Should anyone wish to contribute to the Leprosy Mission, I have phials and boxes; Mrs. Freeman will pass on your name to me, or receive donations.

MARY LUCKIN

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Gordon Wraight is still most unwell and tired, though strong in the Lord.

Miss Shearmur is still in hospital and together with her sister in need of our prayers.

Mrs. Margaret McClaren has returned home after hospital treatment and looks forward to renewed strength.

Mr. W. Moulder is ill at home and we remember him in our prayers.

Miss A. Hambleton is still very unwell and confined to her home. She is greatly missed in Church and at Swandean Hospital where her voluntary work is a blessing to the patients.

Mr and Mrs Bob Edwards celebrate their Golden Wedding on June 1st. Our congratulations and love to you both.

Some friends will recall Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ellis who now live in Canterbury. A recent letter has given us the information that Hettie and Harold celebrate their Diamond Wedding on May 23rd. We have sent flowers as a token of our congratulations and love.

Note*

The Reverend and Mrs. Charles Orr of California will be welcomed among us at Morning Service which will be followed by coffee in the hall, on Sunday July 28th. We look forward to this Summer Ministry.

FARM DAY

PONDTAIL FARM
WEST GRINSTEAD
SATURDAY, 15th JUNE

This is a most happy annual event for all the family, with stalls offering a wide variety of goods for sale, sit-down teas and a mobile tour round the farm sitting on bales of hay. The tour includes short talks by farming specialists; this year they will be talking about the soil.

The event is organised by Horsham U.R.C.

Profits are to be donated to HORACE (Horsham Ambulance Cardiac Equipment appeal fund).

Adults-70p : School Children-30p :
under 5's - free

This is an event which many of us look forward to as a 'must' each year - DO come along and join us.

If you would like more information
ask Ted Foott (45570).

LET THERE BE SIGHT

The World Mission Committee have arranged for a collecting box to be placed in the Church into which attenders are invited to place unwanted spectacles - with or without cases. Through the kind offices of Messrs. G.C. Bateman (Opticians) the spectacles are classified before being sent to Third World Countries where they are put to use.

Let us make this project a
SPECTACULAR SUCCESS.

S. A. HIDER

HOPE IN OUR HANDS

There is an ancient legend from the Second Century Church which tells about a sleepy angel who had missed the fact that Jesus had gone to minister on Earth.

After the ascension the angel asked Jesus "Where have you been?". When Jesus responded that he had been on earth, the angel asked "How did it go?". Jesus replied "They crucified me". The angel then said "But you must have had a wide influence". Jesus responded "I had eleven disciples". The angel asked "What will become of your work?". Jesus answered "I left it in the hands of my friends". The angel then asked quizzically "And if they fail?". To which Jesus replied "I have no other plans".

Perhaps we could say:

God has no other eyes than ours.

God has no other ears than ours.

God has no other hands than ours.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

May we, through the pages of the Chronicle, say a very sincere "thank you" to the many people in the Church who have expressed their love and good wishes to our daughter, Helen, on commencing her new life. We are particularly grateful to Mrs. Turner for the lovely floral arrangement, which has a special place in Helen's room; to our Minister; to the Girls' Brigade; and to Mrs. Dearsley for the kindly messages. Thank you one and all.

Please remember Helen in your prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Peggy & Syd Machin.

 THE DAY AFTER 'DAYBREAK'

I felt it was high time that someone said 'Thank you' to the Young People for their superb production of 'Daybreak', a modern attempt at an old theme. If you were lucky, you were there in the Church on either the Saturday or Sunday night of the weekend after Easter. The music was inspiring, both in its musical content and in the enthusiasm with which the younger members of the Church entered into the singing of the songs and the playing in their 'orchestra'. Thank you to you all for the hard work you put into this production and for filling our church with your joyous offering of this lovely musical.

BARBARA POPPLESTONE

DURRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE CHURCH

THE ROYAL VISIT

Friday, 26th April was a day to remember! The Official Opening of the Durrington Community Centre, when Princess Alexandra unveiled a plaque in the Entrance Hall, then made a tour of the Centre and at her own request, saw some of the activities of the Centre. The President of the Community Centre Association, Mr. John Cotton and Rev. Ron Christopher met the Princess on her arrival at the Centre and Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor introduced her to the leaders responsible for the activities. The Princess showed interest in the announcement on the notice board of our Sunday Services and enquired about them. She was obviously delighted that such services were being held.

The sun shone and an atmosphere of happiness and pleasure radiated around. Among the young people who welcomed the Princess were the Guides and Brownies and the Majorette Troup who meet at the Centre. The Centre was beautifully decorated with flowers and plants supplied by the Worthing Parks Department.

The Centre is available for anyone or any organisation to rent a room for their own activity or the attempt to commence an activity.

This is what a Community Centre is all about. The Princess saw the Aerobics demonstration in the main hall; and in the rooms: the Play Group, the Scrabble, Bridge and Cribbage Clubs; also the Sugar Craft and Cake Decoration class. This class presented the Princess with a spray of sugar flowers which the Princess thought looked like porcelain.

Mr. Bert Groves reports that the Whist class has been cancelled due to lack of support. On the other hand, he reports that there is a thriving Bridge Club for learners and for keen Bridge players every Monday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm at 35p per session, organised by Rosemary Kitto.

The attendances at the 10.30 am Services of the Durrington Community Centre Church continue to be encouraging. Some of our Elders and members have visited us at Durrington and these visits which show interest are welcome and appreciated.

RON CHRISTOPHER

Christian Aid



Celebration of life

In the midst of hunger and war
we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.

In the midst of oppression and tyranny
we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.

In the midst of doubt and despair
we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.

In the midst of fear and betrayal
we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

In the midst of hatred and death
we celebrate the promise of love and life.

In the midst of sin and decay
we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

In the midst of death on every side
we celebrate the promise of the living Christ.

Edmund Jones © Stainer and Bell,

With Acknowledgements

Christian Aid Collection for April £30.00

HILDA HELE

IN MODERN TIMES

CHANGED BUT NOT FINISHED

Rev. Peter Dominy of Broadwater Parish Church, gave much food for thought to those who met him at our Church on May 8th.

Mr. Dominy spent 15 years with the Sudan United Mission in Nigeria, returning home some 3 years ago. What follows is a summary of his talk.

There is need today for contacts with individual missionaries sent out by Churches. The New Testament Church sent Paul and Barnabas and kept in contact with them. And the Church should support its workers financially.

Missionary work has changed but it is not yet finished.

1) MISSION IS THE TASK OF THE WHOLE CHURCH, not just societies or Missionaries. The early Christians who were scattered by persecution "went everywhere preaching the message" (Acts 8 v4 GNB). Britain too is a Mission Field.

2) MISSION SHOULD MEET PHYSICAL AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL NEEDS. Tear Fund and Christian Aid are involved in this. Missions are working together in "ACROSS" to help refugees in the Sudan.

3) MISSION MEANS CHURCHES HELPING EACH OTHER. In almost every country there is now a church but young churches need help with bible teaching, leadership training, etc.,

We too need help and can learn from their enthusiasm, patience in adversity and bearing of hardships; also their understanding of the Church as a body, as against individualism. African Leaders are coming over here. Could

we have a Pastor to live in the Church for a period? Is there a church overseas with which we could have a two-way relationship?

4) MISSION IS INDIGENISATION. Mission should enable Christianity to take root in different soils. Africans should do this work in their countries as they understand their own people. There is now no Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, just the Church. It is true that not all Radio and TV is culturally relevant, but in the "New Life for All" movement, Nigerians are producing their own programmes.

To sum up: Missionary Work in many countries has changed emphasis - supporting rather than leading the Church, but that support is vital and all Christians are to be involved.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

Please share with us an Easter Greeting from Australia, just received.

The earth is a Temple of Beauty
 Created by God's loving hand
 To stand as a living reminder
 Of wonderful things He planned...
 Its mountains are altars of worship,
 Its birds are a glorious choir,
 Its stars are the glowing of candles,
 That constantly serve to inspire...
 Its trees with their murmuring branches,
 Are outstretched in prayer where they stand,
 The earth is a Temple of Beauty
 Created by God's loving hand....

Mr. & Mrs. A. MARSH

ODE TO DAYBREAK

"All right", said Bill Connelly to Saskia one day,
 "Go ahead with this small plan of yours",
 But Bill did not realise just what was involved,
 The hassle, toil, sweat and chores.

No matter how tidy the kids tried to be,
 The Church was always a mess,
 Surveying the scene, Bill's heart sank,
 "Why did I ever say yes?".

However...

Time flew by in the usual way,
 And the show was at last put on
 There were Tacy and Sarah, Cathy and me,
 And Heather, and Ian, and John.

as well as...

Jo and Tina, Dave, Pete and Steve,
 Denise and Ali - The other one!

We had songs and drama, dance and fun,
 To give pleasure to one and all,
 And there in the corner out of the way,
 Our own little Music Hall!

Pearl led the band as she tinkled away,
 Simon did things not to mention
 Robert, 'the Superstar', came in to help,
 Plus Mark, from 'Fourth Dimension!'"

Sarah and Mike were skulking there too,
 Oh we were such a happy crew!
 Nigel did lots of things with the sound,
 But really we thought he was playing around,

Mick fiddled and fiddled with all the lights,
With explosions and fuses and such delights.

But finally...

The show was ready, panic and nerves,
Came from everyone, and then some!
But all were uneasy, one question remained,
"Would Uncle Bill really come?".

ALISON GERRISH

CHURCH TRANSPORT

Do you travel to Church alone?
Is your car half full when you come to
Church?
Can you give someone a lift to Church?

If you are in a position to and would like to
assist by giving someone a lift to Church on
a Sunday Morning on a regular or irregular
basis please give your name to Mr. Jim
Johnston or call him on 692855.

Attempts will be made to put you in touch
with a member of the Church, who because of
age or other reason is unable to attend
without assistance.

Unless otherwise indicated, introductions
will only be made between individuals of
close proximity or residing en route to
Church.

This is a very worthwhile cause and can be
fruitful and rewarding inasmuch as new and
renewed friendships can be made. Once an
introduction is made it will be left to
individual parties to arrange frequencies of
assistance.

Similarly if you would like a lift or know of
someone who might benefit from such an
arrangement, please contact Jim Johnston.



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

June is a very special month for us and we hope that you will have already made a note of the 8th and 9th in your diaries.

On Saturday the 8th we have our suitcase sale and mini-market from 10.00h to noon. Refreshments will also be available, so do come along and see us.

On Sunday the 9th we are once again to have the pleasure of leading our Morning Worship, and at that service, all being well, our Young Leaders will receive their Chevrons which they have gained through much hard work. Please remember us in your prayers as we prepare for this special service. It is such a wonderful opportunity for our Girls' Brigade to witness for the Lord.

Also during June, we hope to have an exhibition in the East Transept and we trust that you will find the time to look at and enjoy seeing the work that the girls have recently been doing. Please may we have the lids, round or square, from your empty margarine pots? In due course we will show you what we do with them!

When you go away on your holidays, would you please let us know if you find a church with premises suitable for our indoor summer camps? It is becoming more and more difficult to find places. Captain has recently 'DONE' the Isle of Wight and found nothing large enough!

We need one large hall or two halls if they are only of medium size, plus a room for 4 officers, a kitchen and at least two toilets and two washbasins.

Happy hunting and 'Thank you'. Blessings from:

JEAN WEBB

PROVINCIAL DAY

22nd JUNE at CHICHESTER

Provincial Day this year will be on 22nd June at Chichester. This is the day when members of all the United Reformed Churches in the Southern Province are invited to join together for a day of fellowship, worship and witness.

Details of the events are contained in the Official Programme, which is also the means of admission to all activities. Programmes can be obtained from the Church Secretary price 50 pence. All events take place in close proximity but the programme will facilitate pre-planning as to how to spend the day.

If you wish to join the coach party to Chichester, please speak to the transport officer, Mr. Jim Johnston (telephone Worthing 692855) without delay. The coach will leave Church at 10.30am, returning from Chichester at about 7.15pm. The cost will be about £2.00 each.

RAY NEWELL

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We commenced M.E.F. on our return after Easter with a Beetle Drive, which provided fun for all.

On Monday 29th April, we had a very pleasant Recorded Musical Evening presented by Mr. and Mrs. Jarman. This was entitled 'Do you remember?' and it proved quite nostalgic. We look forward in the near future to a talk given by the Samaritans, then a Sweet making evening and also a chance to learn about 'tracing your family tree'.

We once again issue a warm invitation to any lady newcomers who would like to join us. I will be happy to furnish further details of our meetings if you would ring me on 49580.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The penultimate meeting of the Spring Session was devoted entirely to a programme consisting of items given by individual members.

After the singing of Hymn No.705, especially chosen for the occasion by Ethel Dearsley, we were regaled with poems, stories, cookery tips and music.

The whole programme was most enjoyable, and our thanks go to those members who took part and to Beryl Stutter who arranged this first (but we hope, not the last) Magazine Programme which was attended by sixty members.

AUDREY HIDER

At our A.G.M. on April 30th which was well attended, Mrs. Dearsley, our President, spoke of the wonderful sense of fellowship we have together. We, in our turn, acknowledged the help and guidance of the President and were happy that in adopting a revised Constitution we could ask Mrs. Dearsley to continue for another year.

An exhibition of work done by members during the year, was of high standard, varied and interesting. We thank our friends for sharing the result of their skills with us.

We look forward to our second informal meeting in the Cornwall Room at 2.30 pm on June 11th and to the CREAM TEA to which all church members are cordially invited on Thursday June 20th at 3.00pm for 3.30pm. Tickets can be purchased at any time from the committee members at 75 pence. There will be a bring and buy stall. The proceeds will go towards new equipment for the new Church Kitchen. Please come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

BERYL STUTTER

EXPANSION TIME !

It is expected that the builder (Mr. R. J. Surridge) will start work on the extensions and alterations during the last week of July or the first week in August. The first job will be to excavate for new foundations although it is possible that the concrete base for detached store on the North East corner of the site will be laid at an earlier date (subject to approval by the Local Authority).

All items in kitchen should be stored on the stage and packing cases and cardboard boxes would assist in this work to keep breakages down to the minimum. Also the builder might need part of the Ladies Cloakroom in Church Hall to keep his equipment.

Hopefully we can use this occasion to have a thorough "SPRING CLEAN" and discard all unwanted furniture and fittings. The gas stove in kitchen will replace the old stove in kitchenette off East Hall.

COLIN NODES

Member of Building Committee.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS**New Members:-**

4	HISLOP Mr. & Mrs. P.	7	Smugglers Walk	44381
4	MURRAY Mrs. W.	7	Smugglers Walk	44381
7	LEADER Mrs. T.	37	West Park Lane	41944
15a	MARTIN Mr. & Mrs. J.	9	Arun Crescent	692874
5	MORTON Mrs. A.	13	Longfellow Road	38861
13	WATSON Miss M.	1	St. Matthews Road	
15b	WHONE-BROWN Mrs. E	15	Plantation Way	63333

Change of Address:-

4	PIKE Mrs. L.	60	Sea Place	503709
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FRED MARSH

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship last two meetings of the Spring Session proved most interesting for different reasons, and were much enjoyed by all those able to attend. The penultimate one was addressed by five of the members speaking on items of interest or a trip which held special memories for them. Mr. Hider displayed a Silver Knight, which conjured up Wartime R.A.F. camp memories and the villagers who used to turn out every Sunday evening for a stroll round their very brightly lit camp site, because many of them had never before seen street lights. Their village had none. Mr. Wheeler was more down to earth with his special small animal trap, which caught them alive, and his pocket collapsible wire cutters used in the First World War (almost as effective as those used at Greenham common today). Mr. Bulstrode spoke of a trip to Switzerland when he became an interpreter to two Germans, unable to understand the other's dialect. Mr. Groves told us of his middle East travels and the camel stool which he bought and laboriously carried on planes and buses until he reached England. When he forgot it on the last part of his journey and had to go back to retrieve it. Mr. Dick took us back to Canada and the Church where he was treasurer. He told us how, after the service when the Minister set the collection plate down on the Communion Rail, in order that they might discuss the new Rail. When they had finished and they turned round to gather up the plate - it had disappeared. It was about a week before they found the culprit, who agreed to replace it

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in weekly amounts and no-one else knew anything about it. THE CHRONICLE June 1985

A DIVERSE AND INTERESTING AFTERNOON

Our A.G.M. is held at our 1st meeting of the session. The Office bearers were re-elected with two exceptions. Mr. Ron Jordan stood down as treasurer and was thanked for his services. Mr. Hider was elected in his place. Mr. Ashburner was elected to the committee in place of Mr. Hider. Mr. Ron Hurt then gave us a brief talk on budding apple trees, so that you can have three different varieties on one tree. He has done this himself with success. After this we had yet another nice tea, all prepared and set out by Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Finlay. Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Turner also contributed to the supplies. Our thanks to the Ladies for this; the men enjoyed the chat around the tables which helps us to get to know each other better. The attendance was the highest of the year. 28 members were present and five sent apologies. We stood in silent remembrance of our two members who had passed on since our last A.G.M.; Mr. Ted Collison and Mr. G. Gillett. Our chairman Mr. John Blackwood presided over the meeting and we also had a visitor, a wartime colleague of Mr. Woods from Glasgow.

FRAZER FINLAY

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Flowers for JUNE

2nd	Flower Fund
9th	Girls' Brigade
16th	Mesdames Flory, Young and Miss Glue
23rd	Mr. & Mrs. J. Blackwood
30th	Mrs Edmonds

Flower Fund.

Sincere thanks for £5.00 received in April/May.

DOROTHY TURNER

CHURCH CALENDAR - JUNE 1985

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

2nd Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship with Holy
 Communion -(Rev. Ron Christopher)
 8th Saturday 18.30h Divine Worship
 10.00h Girls Brigade SUMMER FAYRE
 9th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Parade Service
 18.30h Divine Worship
 10th Monday 20.00h M.E.F.-Tracing Your Family Tree
 11th Tuesday 14.30h Women's Guild * Informal *
 20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
 13th Thursday 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy
 Communion
 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise
 Meeting
 16th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship with Holy
 Communion and Ministry of
 Healing
 20th Thursday 15.00h Women's Guild * Cream Tea *
 19.30h Elders Meeting
 22nd Saturday PROVINCIAL DAY at CHICHESTER
 23rd Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship
 24th Monday 19.30h M.E.F.*Visit to Salvington Mill
 Mr. Casebow
 25th Tuesday 20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
 27th Thursday 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise
 Meeting
 19.30h Church Meeting
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FROM THE VESTRY

"I will arise and go now, and go
to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of
clay and wattles made;
Nine bean-rows will I have there,
a hive for the honey-bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud
glade.

And I shall have some peace
there, for peace comes dropping
slow."



So W.B. Yeats writes in his poem "The Lake Isle of Innisfree".

With the beginning of holidays we need to reflect upon our need for silence and peace. The life of the Christian is not immune from that striving in business or professional work which lays waste our powers. One may even dare to suggest that there can be a wasting of our spiritual powers within the life of the Church. We know that this ought not to be and yet whilst desiring that tranquillity which should belong to the Christian life, how often do we seek it?

"O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love".

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you as we journey to California. Time comes dropping slow in the gardens of Santa Monica on the Island of Catalina, and in the ghost towns of Nevada....and the shadows of those lonely crosses over the desert sands will remind us of our God who provides a table for our refreshment in the wilderness.

May God provide you His own peace and rest
and be with you until we meet again.

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With Blessings and love,

William Connolly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISMS

Christopher PAYNE
Rosemary JONES

Shirley PAYNE
Denise ELLIOTT

These four were baptised in the Sea on June 16th.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee"

MARRIAGES

Timothy Harvey DRUITT
to

18th May 1985

Mary Jean Marshall

David William LINE
to

25th May 1985

Shirley Ann MARRIOTT

Martin Paul DIPROSE
to

1st June 1985

Marion WALLACE



Clifford Martin JONES
to

8th June 1985

Helen Frances SMITH

The marriage of Martin Paul COURTNADGE and Julie Ann DORMAN took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Goring on 1st June. Their new address is:

34 Kipling Avenue,
Goring-by-Sea.

May God bless you in your new life and in your home.

IN MEMORIAM

Doris Annie AIDIN May 13th
 "In Thy presence is fulness of joy"

Gordon WRAIGHT May 27th

A large congregation met in a spirit of Worship and Praise to give thanks to God for the life of Gordon. To live to 95 years old is to enjoy fulness of days. Fervent of spirit and serving the Lord with gladness characterised this happy, brave and faithful servant of Jesus Christ. During the service the Minister spoke of our friend's happy and holy use of TIME; his love of Christ and the Bible; and of the wise use of recreation he enjoyed. Active in Christ's Service to the end of his earthly days, we expect the joys of heaven to complete the fulness of his years. Many have spoken of that unfailing kindness and courtesy, diligence and beauty that were part of Gordon's life. A word, a telephone call, a letter, all served graciously and wisely to keep us in remembrance of one, who while in his last years, absent from our fellowship, was ever present with that Lord in whose love we commend his soul.

His sons Norman and Brian and their families are assured of our prayers and love.

(A cassette of the Funeral Service is available from the Minister)

Our prayers go out to Mrs. Helen Batt and to our friends at St. Columba's upon the death of the Rev. Ronald BATT, greatly loved and faithful servant of Christ, and since 1981, Minister of that Church.

A number of our friends are still unwell at home or in hospital. Mr. Ernest Munday has had another operation and is recovering (more like his old self) in ward D3 in Southlands Hospital. Miss Shearmur and Mrs. Clarice West

are still in Southlands Hospital. Mrs. Eva Pullinger has been far from well. Mrs. N. Winter is now feeling somewhat better after illness. To these and all our sick friends we offer our prayers and blessing. Miss Y. Whyte of Storrington has been absent from us because of a long illness. We send our loving thoughts to her in trust that she will continue her slow return to health and once more be able to worship with us. News has just come to us of the death of Mrs. G. A. WOOD, mother of Mrs. Avis Morton and to this family we send our sympathy and blessing.

Dear Bill,

Please accept my sincere thanks for all your loving thoughts and prayers which you surrounded both Ron and myself with during these past sad and difficult weeks.

I have been given a great deal of strength and comfort in knowing that so many of our fellow Christians were praying for us.

I wonder if you could spare a few lines in your next magazine to thank the members at Goring for upholding me in prayer.

Yours sincerely,

HELEN BATT

CONGRATULATIONS

to Richard Tuley on his award of one of Scouting's high honours - The Medal of Merit. This was awarded to Richard in recognition of outstanding services to Scouting. Well done !

The Rev. R.C. Christopher would be very pleased to hear from anyone able to undertake some typing for him. Please ring him on 30330.



With the horrific news of the cyclone in Bangladesh following closely on Christian Aid Week, the £1367.50 raised by members of our Church towards relief of such suffering was most gratifying.

Our forty collectors between them covered over sixty roads and collected £873.34 (£135 more than in 1984), while a total of £494.16 has been donated by friends of the late Robert Wright and members of our congregation.

I am most grateful for the willing support given me in the house to house collection and on behalf of Christian Aid, say 'Thank you' to all who gave of their time and treasure.

RON JORDAN

Amount collected for Christian Aid in June.....£14.00

HILDA HELE

FAMILY CIRCLE

A very enjoyable time was had by all who took part in the Treasure Hunt on Saturday evening June 8th.

In spite of the very cold wind, the rain kept off until we had found our treasures!

Some young lads asked us what we were looking for and when we told them we were on a treasure hunt, they stood there silent and amazed! I really think they thought we were looking for gold.

We were welcomed back at the Hall by Robin Bradley and Betty Ashburner and were glad of the hot coffee they provided.

Our Chairman, Bill, presented the winners with their prizes and thanks were given to Robin, Betty and Hugh for thinking out such interesting clues.

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Flowers for July:

7th	Mrs. Cushing
14th	Miss M. Barnes
21st	Mr. & Mrs. Burrage
28th	Mr. & Mrs. Stewart

Flower Fund.

Grateful thanks for £5.00 received during May.

HELP!

Additional help is needed to arrange the Church flowers throughout the year.

Please contact me by telephone on 43843 if you can assist.

DOROTHY TURNER

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

On the afternoon of May 14th, the day we visited Wakehurst Place, it rained. It started to rain soon after we left the Church and it was still raining when we returned. We passed through pretty villages and beautiful countryside, saw enough of Wakehurst Place to wish to return, had a good tea and a good chat.

We thank our friends Miss E. Gilby and Miss D. Sands for organising our outing which we still enjoyed in several ways.

BERYL STUTTER

The final informal meeting of the Women's Guild commenced with a reading by Mrs. Dearsley, which opened the way for a discussion by members on the blessings which often come from adversity.

New members were introduced and welcomed into the fellowship which prevails in the Church. Before the meeting closed arrangements for the Strawberry Tea, to be held on Thursday 20th June, were finalised. Altogether we had a most enjoyable afternoon.



THE Boys' Brigade

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CAMP

On Friday evening May 24th, seven members of Boys' Brigade Company Section set off with Captain Stewart to Bracklesham Bay near Chichester for a long weekend camp. When we arrived we all helped to put up the tents and by the time we had finished it was dark, so we all went to sleep.

Next morning we went for a jog at 5.30 am. to let Mr. Stewart have a lie in. Over the other side of the field, the 19th Wigan Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade were camping and we all joined in for a game of football.

On Sunday morning we attended Church Parade at the local Church. After Mr. Stewart's delicious lunch, we explored the nearby beach. There was a terrific thunderstorm when we got back, so we sheltered in our tents. All too soon it was Monday and time to pack everything up again and come home. We had a really enjoyable weekend and are looking forward to the next time.

NEIL KERKHOVE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Collections for April

14	340.43
21	621.82
(Includes an annual payment under covenant)	
28	251.45
May 5	320.31
12	440.08
19	306.24
26	353.93
June 2	341.14
9	379.39

Average collections over 23 weeks - £375.75
Our Target - £475.00

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you very much indeed for giving us such a lovely surprise on our Diamond Wedding Anniversary; especially for the card from the Girls' Brigade and the lovely Begonia plant from the Church Fellowship.

When we left Goring we missed our Church fellowship so much that we arranged for a friend from each of the Churches we had attended to send us a copy of their monthly magazines:- the "Messenger" from Woodgrange Baptist Church at Forest Gate, "Look Out" from Loughton Union and the "Chronicle" from Goring U.R.C.

We have followed with great interest the progress of them all.

Canterbury, where we now live and belong to the Baptist Church, is rather dominated by the Cathedral (Archbishop of Canterbury) so we are in the midst of the Ecumenical question. We are both in our late eighties now, (87 & 88) and physically on the last lap (hence the badly formed letters) and appreciate very much your love and prayers.

May you all experience the power of God's love through the working of the Holy Spirit in your lives in the establishing of God's Kindom in this unhappy world.

Our love to you all, especially to any who may be of our period at Goring U.R.C.

HETTIE & HAROLD ELLIS.

(I only hope I can write such a lovely letter when I reach my late eighties - Editor)

HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

Change of Address:

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Hayling Island, Hants. PO11 0BN
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For a good many months there had been constant activity and excitement and much hard work among the young people of our church. There was evidence of happy hard working rehearsals in progress for the production of "Daybreak" at Easter.

I was disappointed that I should not see the performance as I was away for Easter. However the opportunity came the following Sunday at Storrington Methodist Church. There was a packed church for the first performance at which many of our church members were present.

If they were moved as I was, the message of Easter must have reached many hearts, kindled anew a flame of love for our Lord, or even reached hearts that were waiting for the love of Christ. We heard every word and everyone I spoke to felt the same.

It was a performance of complete sincerity on the part of all who participated, no matter whether the part was large or small. It was a wonderful team effort.

Young people, we were proud of you and look forward to you taking part in other activities within our church. We need you, we need each other; for events like "Daybreak" bring back happy memories of drama work within the church when we were young, when we were your age. For some of us, memories of events in later life. In the field of good drama so much can be achieved. Isn't the life of our Lord real drama from beginning to end? He gave Himself, he gave all of Himself for us. In that performance you gave your all - surely for Him?

Thank you one and all, no matter how small your part, for a very wonderful evening.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

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THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

What a super weekend June 8/9th was and what a lucky lady I am to have such a lovely company of girls and a team of dedicated officers and a chaplain too, who is one in a million. "Thank you - all of you"

It is now 'Company evenings as usual' until we break on July 23rd. The new session will start on Sept. 10th. Remember that all visitors are welcome at any time between 6.00 and 9.30 pm. on Tuesday evenings. I think it might surprise you, if you knew how busy our Girls' Brigaders are!

Camp this year will be at Bedford from 10th August to the 17th. Please remember us at that time and may everyone of us find Jesus very near during our holidays and our quieter days.

Bless you all,
JEAN WEBB

PEACE, PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT (Parade Service - 9th June)

Three words that held so much meaning for the young members of the Girls' Brigade.

Three words that shone out in today's beautiful service which I was delighted to witness. The enthusiasm and participation of the leadership shines in the girls' development. The development of a most beautiful and moving service in which the singing and dancing was absolutely wonderful. Captain and her Lieutenants had a lovely way of speaking and I am sure very few eyes were dry.

I think I speak for most of the congregation when I say an extra 'Thank you' to Mrs. Blackman for her work of love to the 5th Worthing G.B. It was her love that started the Company in 1953, that love which is continued today. With peace, participation and development may it continue for many years to come. Thank you all for a lovely service.

CAROLINE NORRIS



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We are proud of our Warrant Officers and priveleged to have them in the Company. The trouble is that they do tend to hide their lights under a bushel!!

For instance, no one knew until it was in the local paper, that Sharon Armes (for some time a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists) had won the Ladies Prize in the recent Road Safety Rally, making her the best lady driver in the town. She works as an assistant Road Safety Officer and teaches all aspects of this very necessary subject over a wide area of West Sussex. In addition to this she works very hard helping to run a most successful youth club at Offington Park Methodist Church, to which she was committed before she joined us in 1977.

Working very hard for her Girls' Brigade 'Queen's Award' is Alison Brunton. This is an award of extremely high standard requiring two or three years of tremendous dedication. We are praying that she will achieve her goal and that we will be able to cheer the roof off the Albert Hall next year when she goes to collect THE BADGE. Alison's quiet efficiency and great artistic talent are a source of joy to those who have watched her grow in grace over the last ten years.

Those of you who know Denise Elliott (and it must be many of you since she has been a loyal and long serving member of Girls' Brigade and of this church since she was a very little girl), will all be quite sure of one thing - her deep and abiding Christian Faith. Denise, in her very quiet and gentle way is a great help in the company and is wonderful with the little ones, both on company nights and outside activities. She leaves college this summer and we pray that she will be given the opportunity to follow her chosen career.

Sharon, Alison, Denise. We are proud of them and we want you to be proud of them too!

DOREEN NORRIS

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Report on meeting held 3rd May.

The Treasurer of the Christian Aid Committee reported that £11470.00 had so far been raised and she hoped that collectors would have a best ever week this year.

An outline has been distributed of the 'Ecumenical Lent Course for 1986' called "What on earth is the Church for?". This course is divided into five sessions. A booklet will be prepared and should be ready in September or October of this year.

In connection with the United Nations International Year of the Youth there will be a service at West Worthing Baptist Church on Sunday 24th November at 6.30 pm. The speaker will be the Rev. Myra Bligh.

One World Week-October 20/27th: I understand that all churches have been advised by notice about this and have been asked to co-operate. Mr. Ron Christopher gave us a glowing report of Princess Alexandra's visit to the Community Centre.

The 'New Life' Church will be holding Sunday afternoon services on the Green opposite Alinora Avenue at 3.00pm. during the month of August.

HUGH ASHBURNER

For the past few Sunday Evenings we have heard various sermons on the Gifts from the Holy Spirit - apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, helpers, administrators and speakers in various tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

A meeting has been arranged for the 11th July (7.30 p.m. at 3 Arun Close) to discuss these talents and this is your opportunity to talk over, with others, the interpretations offered by the preacher(s).

The meeting is open to all. YOU are welcome.

RON JORDAN

Gordon Wraight, disciple of Jesus Christ, received his long awaited call home and promotion to glory on May 27th at the age of 95 years. We give thanks to God for Gordon's life of faithful intercession and witness over the years. We know that he will be greatly missed by his family and by many of his friends of all ages.

We rejoice that Gordon and Doris, who shared over sixty years of marriage are now reunited in the presence of their Lord. They had great joy in serving God; whether it was in their home, in the various churches or in the community and many will remember the times of fellowship spent with them, with Doris's homemade cookies and Gordon's quiet words of wisdom.

Gordon, though old in years, remained young at heart and took a keen interest in the life of the Church, in his family, his friends, in missionary work and in sport.

He was a great letter writer and encourager in the faith, but above all he was a man of prayer, steeped in the Bible. His faith, tested for many years, shone for all to see. Psalm 121 had meant so much to him since his time in the trenches of the First World War and he testified to God's faithfulness in all circumstances throughout the years.

Gordon was a true gentleman, an inspiration to us all, who like the apostle Paul, knew: "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain".

RICHARD AND IRENE TULEY.

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

CALLING ALL M. E. F. MEMBERS!!!

We only have two meetings before we close for August.

Do come along on 8th July when Mrs. Blakey will talk about Homeopathy and the 22nd July for our A.G.M. and supper, when we plan our year ahead.

A group from our church attended the Spring Meeting of the Sussex West District at the end of May, when we were guests of the Billingshurst Church. The theme "Helping to feed hungry minds" was central to our worship and discussion. The Rev. R.P.Marr, the secretary of "Feed the Minds" most aptly portrayed the missionary outreach of his society's work, which was to proclaim the good news of peace through Jesus Christ. (Acts 10.v36/39). This was especially among people able to read, but being without suitable Christian reading matter, or being deprived of this through political or social decisions. We were told that the Society always attempted to work through the church organisations of each country, so that they could legitimately print books in their own languages and on their own presses. If paper was short, they would seek to provide this and by persistence and faith, they have moved many eastern European governments to allow the acceptance of such help. We were deeply moved by their 'Mini Library' scheme. Cellophane folders were produced capable of holding about 20 books or pamphlets and these folders were circulated among village people and were calculated to encourage them in learning usable skills as well as to build up their knowledge of life and faith. We of the District were ably fed too by the local churches and this provided a good opportunity for fellowship and discussion. Pray for and help this good work.

LIONEL KNIGHT

THE MAN FROM GALILEE

- 1 A long time ago in Galilee,
A Man walked tall, a Man walked free;
To a captive people ruled by Rome
He preached a message that was His alone.

On Whitsunday 1985 the M/s "Blumlisalp", flagship of the Lake of Thun fleet, made a special trip from Spiez to enable Oecumenical Divine Worship to be held afloat. The day was perfect for the Service, calm and with brilliant sunshine and the ship stayed quiet and stationary, between Spiez and Gunten, for the three quarter hour service. This consisted of Lutheran Hymns, a few prayers and two addresses. There was absolutely no trace of sectarian bias at any moment. The first address, in crystal clear German thanked the ship's crew for their co-operation in arranging everything for us. The speaker then equated our trip on the lake with our journey through life, placing God the Father as Captain, God the Son as Helmsman and God the Holy Spirit caring for other functions. Our Lord's journeys and teachings in Palestine were introduced to complete the picture. The second address was harder for me to follow as the speaker had a considerable Bernese accent, which my hearing aid did not like very much!

The hymns were Martin Luther's, familiar to us in their English translation and sung to the same tunes as we use. Music was provided by a volunteer band of wind instruments and the Clergy, wearing dark suits, had the use of a good public address system. It was all together a moving an satisfying experience and there was no collection!

Christianity was introduced to this area by St. Beatus, by repute a Welshman, and the earliest Christian burials so far identified date back to the 6th Century.

R. F. BULSTRODE

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- 2 The crowds followed Him wherever He went,
To hear His words and learn what they meant;
His twelve disciples, all simple men
Had given their all to follow Him.

F. W. O. AND COVENANTS

This is my last comment concerning Free Will Offerings and Covenants. Before the end of June, Mr. Tye will have taken over this post. On behalf of all the members of the Church may I wish him God's blessing in this important work.

In relinquishing this task, which I have performed over the past few years, I should like to say "Thank You" to Miss Molly Hawke for so kindly and willingly helping me by typing the mailing envelopes each November, ready to put the F.W.O. envelopes inside for distribution during December. May I, in closing, reiterate the point which I have mentioned many times before, that giving regularly by F.W.O. is very helpful to the Church and especially the Treasurer, who is faced with the task of paying all the "Bills" which increase year by year and must be met out of Church Funds and preferably current income. Also, if you are paying basic income tax, then perhaps you might consider - if not already - becoming a subscriber with a covenant. This gives to the Church a very large increase on your yearly contribution and Mr. Richard Tuley will be very pleased to let you have this relevant information and the necessary form.

As I leave on a brief holiday with my wife, Mr. Groves has consented to attend to the F.W.O. collections until I return. I shall then inform Mr. Tye of the procedures to be adopted over the year, including the ordering of supplies, the forms for which have just come to hand.

FRAZER FINLAY

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- 3 The Man from Galilee changed the earth
 From the moment of His glorious birth;
 He showed men the path that they should tread
 And a glimpse of new life that lay ahead.

ANCHOR BOYS

Friends and supporters of Anchor Boys might like to hear about their activities over the past few months.

We started the year with 13 boys, all of them loyal, well behaved and regular attenders at Church Parade Services.

During the weeks until Easter we heard stories and played games connected with animals in the Bible. Our craftwork included making a collage of Noah and the creatures approaching the Ark, which has now been displayed for all to see on our notice board. The evening spent making peppermint creams for Mothering Sunday was a particularly mouth watering experience. Our Minister visited us one evening and the boys very soon discovered his ability for discipline, hitherto not experienced on Wednesday evenings!

Since Easter we have welcomed a number of visitors who have talked about their own childhood and to them we extend our thanks. This has been a valuable link between generations and also between the Church and the Boys' Brigade. The remainder of the summer term will be spent out of doors as much as possible with games in the park and on the beach high on the agenda.

This term we said goodbye to Malcolm Craghill, Stuart Hart, David Kerkhove and Ben Neal who have left us to join the Junior Section; a happy reason for saying good-bye. From September 9th, Anchor Boys will meet on Mondays from 4.45 to 5.45 pm. We shall need more recruits and we offer a welcome to all boys between 5 and 8 years old.

EILEEN RHODES

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- 4 He journeyed through to the edge of time,
 Conquered death and revealed Truth Divine;
 His message to all was 'Follow Me',
 Follow the Man from Galilee.

SPECTACLES FOR THE THIRD WORLD

On behalf of the World Church Missionary Committee I have pleasure in announcing that so far, we have collected 43 pairs of spectacles.

This is an excellent beginning, but I am sure we can find more. If you have exhausted your own stocks, why not ask your friends and neighbours?

SIDNEY HIDER

HEALING IN THE CHURCH

John Wimber will be leading a conference at the Brighton Centre on the subject of Healing in the Church.

This is designed not only to provide a further understanding of the Ministry, but to enable the body to EXERCISE this Ministry.

The dates are Monday 14th to Thursday 17th October. I can provide more details and transport if necessary. I would very much like to share this week with other friends in our Church. It is likely to get booked up very quickly, so please ask or phone for details as soon as possible.

JULIAN BREWER

5 Down the years men have denied His name,
Yet have been unable to defame
The Son of God who, for one brief span
Did humbly walk the earth with man.
Vera Briscoe.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS: 18.00h Junior Boys' Brigade
 TUESDAYS: 17.30h Girls' Brigade (TERM END 23/7/85)
 WEDNESDAYS: 16.45h Anchor Boys
 19.30h Choir Practice
 FRIDAYS: 19.00h Boys' Brigade
 19.30h Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
 SATURDAYS: 19.00h Youth Club
 SUNDAYS: 09.50h Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

JULY

7th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship with Holy Communion
 18.30h Divine Worship
 8th Monday 20.00h M.E.F. - Mrs. Blakey - Homeopathy
 9th Tuesday 20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
 11th Thursday 10.30h Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise Meeting
 14th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Parade Service
 18.30h Divine Worship
 19.30h Elders Meeting
 21st Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
 22nd Monday 20.00h M.E.F. - A.G.M. & Supper
 23rd Tuesday 20.00h Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
 25th Thursday 14.30h Fortnightly Prayer & Praise Meeting
 19.30h Church Meeting
 28th Sunday 08.00h Holy Communion
 11.00h Divine Worship
 18.30h Divine Worship

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ASSOCIATE MINISTER'S PAGE

FROM the VESTRY



It is said that Paul stood head and shoulders above the Prophets! Our preacher from Los Angeles stood tall among us and each time he preached, he gave the prophetic word. For this we are grateful. His Ministry will be long remembered by those who were present. The Reverend Charles Orr and Mrs. Claire Orr brought an enthusiasm and liveliness into our fellowship and provided two occasions after the

morning service for a social gathering. They have seen some of the beauties of Sussex and they visited Canterbury. We wish them God's blessing and travelling mercies as they return home. We would like them, sometime in the future, to return to us on another visit. On Sunday, September 1st we welcome home our Minister and his wife.

Our Minister enters into his twelfth year at Goring U.R.C. May we remember him in our prayers and assure him of our loyalty and affection.

As I write I hear that thirty eight of our young people and leaders are going to "Greenbelt". A card from our Girls' Brigade reminds me that the company are enjoying Bedford. Our Boys' Brigade report a happy and successful camp. This should make for an active Autumn session.

During September I hope to have a week with

my son David, staying in Ludlow and enjoying the Shropshire and Hereford countryside. I am again grateful for all the help I have received, especially for transport during our Minister's absence. My ministry at Goring and Durrington owes much to the prayers of many of you.

It is certainly an active ministry and always a privilege and joy.

God bless you all,

RON CHRISTOPHER.

IN MEMORIAM

ERNEST MUNDAY

Ernest Munday has died, being full of years and his earthly life fulfilled in the purposes of his Saviour Jesus Christ.

A humble man, whose ambitions and interests were given to glorify and praise God, Ernest's richest and happiest days were enjoyed within his home and the Sanctuary. "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the House of the Lord" may be taken as motto for his life. It was not the present writer's privilege to know Ernest in the energy of his youthful zeal for Christ, but his closing years have fallen as a benediction upon this Church and people.

To hear Ernest sing and pray was blessing in itself with an Amen that seemed to sound from Heaven. His work as Deacon in the Church compassed many activities. It is however as a minister's man that he will be remembered by those whose joy it was to have him present in Worship and Fellowship. Many Ministers including the writer are better men and ministers for his prayers and love and it is here that the present writer pauses to bless God.

The last clearly conscious words spoken by Ernest, were to commend his family, his Church and all his loved ones to the care of the Redeemer, in whose love his life here and in eternity was wholly given.

To Ellen, his dear wife we offer our loving prayers, giving thanks for her faithfulness and committing her to the care of a Risen Lord and the many friends whose happiness it is to be with her and to bless her.

Ernest's songs are now with the redeemed in heaven and we rejoice!

"There, from the music round about me
stealing,

I fain would learn the new and holy song,
And find at last, beneath Thy trees of
healing,

The life for which I long".

William Connelly

Ernest Munday, faithful servant of Jesus Christ received his call home to the presence of his Master on July 15th at the age of 93 years. We praise God for Ernest's life of faithful witness and intercession over the years and we know that he will be greatly missed by his wife Ellen and his many friends, both in and beyond the Church.

He was a man of prayer and of the Bible and was a faithful founder member of the Arun Close Bible Study and Prayer Group. If he missed the monthly Communion Service on a Thursday morning or Sunday worship, then something was amiss.

He will be remembered for his cheerful words of encouragement and greeting, for his faithful witness in his advancing years.

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age." Psalm 92 vv13/14.

RICHARD & IRENE TULEY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Male Members of the Congregation:-
A SPECIAL NOTE

Tuesday September 10th will see the commencement of the new session of the Men's Fellowship. An interesting programme has been arranged, right through to our last meeting of this Session on 17th December.

If new members of the Congregation or friends of members wish to come along to our meetings on alternate Tuesdays at 2.45 p.m., they will be most welcome. We like to have the opportunity to introduce additional friends to our fellowship. It is not essential that you attend every meeting. However, we feel sure you will wish to do so, as you get to know other members of our group and enjoy the opportunity of a friendly chat before and after the meetings. Of course, you do have some entertaining programmes to hear or see. At our first meeting, five of our members will do just that and entertain us with a talk on things that they found of interest in their lives. From past experience this should be very interesting indeed.

BERT GROVES
FRAZER FINLAY

WEDDING

The Wedding of ALISON BATCHELOR and PAUL SOPP will take place in the Church at 2.30 pm. on Saturday 28th September 1985.

All friends are welcome at the Service.



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We are grateful to those who provided bric-a-brac and books for the Christian Aid stall at the Seafrost Fayre at the end of July. It happened to be one of the several very wet days this 'summer' but, despite this £150 was raised. (A jumble sale is to be held in due course to dispose of the items remaining unsold.) Mike and Hanny raised a further £25 from the sale of second-hand Christian books and this has been given to Christian Aid.

We thank Ellen Munday for considering Christian Aid as the recipient for gifts in memory of Ernest. So far £212.50 has been donated. You will be able to make your usual thankoffering for the 'good gifts around us' by using the envelopes to be available on Harvest Thanksgiving Day, September 29th. Thank you for what is past and for what is to come.

RON JORDAN

Christian Aid Collection

Amount Collected in July	£27.00
Amount collected in August	£50.00

Thank you.

HILDA HELE

HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

13 * CRAGHILL Mr. & Mrs. V., 5 Athelstan Road 208192

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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May I through the Chronicle express my heartfelt thanks for all the love and prayers which have surrounded me in the passing to the fuller life of my dear Ernest; also for the many expressions of love and for the many letters of sympathy.

My sincere thanks to Joyce and Ted Young for their love and care of me at a time when I needed it most; also to Richard and Irene Tuley & Dulcie Jenkins for all their practical help. Many thanks too to all the willing friends of the Church who transported me to and from Southlands Hospital; also for the many visits to see Ernest together with our Ministers.

I have been wonderfully upheld in every way and have known the sustaining help and love of the Lord.

God bless you all,

ELLEN MUNDAY

May I take this opportunity through the Chronicle to thank all friends who kindly wrote to me, sent me flowers and cards, visited me whilst I was in Hospital during July and since then, and for the many prayers offered for my recovery.

I am pleased to be home again and making progress, which is of necessity slow, but certainly good.

ANN HAMBLETON

I would just like to say 'Thank You' to all my friends for their good wishes and to the Girls' Brigade for the beautiful flowers.

I have missed our services and hope to take part in them as soon as I am well again.

JOHN PARKER



THE Boys' Brigade

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Wet, windy and muddy conditions did little to deter a few of us from enjoying camp at MODBURY in Devon. We joined in fellowship with members of the 4th Worthing Company and participated in all their planned activities, such as cricket, rounders, canoeing, swimming, rock climbing and pony trekking. We also had unplanned activities, including getting soaked, rescuing tents and the marquee in gale like conditions, as well as Officers being thrown into the sea! Every day we travelled out and visited places such as Plymouth, Salcombe and various parts of Dartmoor. Yes, we really did enjoy ourselves, but were sorry that more of the 5th Worthing did not attend the camp.

Our only Fund Raising Event this year will be a coffee morning and Bazaar on Saturday 23rd November. We mention this now in the hope that you may consider us if you have any useful items, such as books, toys, trinkets, bric-a-brac, etc., that you may wish to contribute. You may have some items that need renovating and we could do this at our craft class between now and November. Please phone me at 43787 if you need me to collect. Thank you so much.

DONALD STEWART

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The meeting for discussion on The Gifts of the Spirit, postponed from 11th July, will be held at 3 Arun Close on 12th September at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

RON JORDAN

Beryl Chatfield is now actually printing her own newsletter and in her latest (No.4) she says that the plans for her new Church will be going before the Lambeth planning committee in September/October. She hopes to be laying the Foundation Stone in Spring 1986 and possibly opening the new Church in about a year's time.

God has given her great encouragement by bringing forward volunteers as leaders from the local community, who are interested in running a Youth Club and a 'Mothers and Toddlers' club. She has also been approached by the Pastor of a black Pentecostal Church who would like to use the premises for worship.

She offers a warm invitation to everyone to come to her Harvest Festival on 29th September, which will be the First Anniversary of her ordination.

Chris, Ruth, Michael and 'Auntie' are all well and busy. They have all visited her at various times. If you are ever near to her, you are invited to call in, but please ring first to make sure that Beryl is at home.

Address: Rev. Beryl Chatfield, 108 Downton Avenue, Streatham Hill, SW2 3TT. Tel: 01 671 6736.

THIRD WORLD SPECTACLES

I am happy to report that by our united efforts we have (as at 2nd August) collected 209 pairs of glasses for despatch to Third World countries.

This is a magnificent response and on behalf of the World Mission Committee, I sincerely thank all who are taking part in the enterprise. Dare I spur you on to greater things? If you have gleaned all you can from near relatives and friends, why not try distant ones? One member recently returned from a visit to Essex with over 40 pairs. I leave the thought with you.

I use this term in the meaning of a divine reward and as a notable experience, having the Rev. Charles Orr and Mrs. Orr come to us from Los Angeles during August. Our own Minister and Mrs. Connelly were away in the U.S.A. on holiday at this time and the exchange of Menses was an excellent idea. Not unexpectedly Mr. Orr had a different approach to his sermons or talks on the sections of the Bible with which he concerned himself. After all, like viewing a picture, we each find a feature that expresses so much to us, or, a focal point around which the whole picture derives its meaning. So, new ideas were projected which gave us food for thought and made other possibilities worthy of consideration.

Obviously it took a little time for some of us to get used to the different tongue and accent, but from the comments we did hear, most of us enjoyed the experience. I should like to especially mention the Communion Service on Mr. Orr's first Sunday with us. Members liked the way Mr. Orr and Ron Christopher blended together in celebration of the Lord's Supper. Each shared in dispensing the elements and the pertinent comments of Mr. Orr as he did so were much appreciated. Perhaps this is a feature that could be used advantageously with the congregation in future.

We all sympathise with Mr. & Mrs. Orr in that 'Sunny Worthing' did not live up to its reputation during their visit. However, as Mr. Orr pointed out, Los Angeles gets its water piped in from 200 miles away because their area is rather dry and desert like. So he thought the rain (torrential though it was on some occasions) had much blessing.

May we wish them and our own Minister and Mary a safe return journey home and we hope that they all feel invigorated and refreshed from their holidays and experiences.

FRAZER FINLAY

HELP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING



Way back in 1979, our Girls' Brigade presented to the Church an induction loop connected to our public address system. Recently, a friend who had had a hearing aid for about two years, discovered she could tune into this loop by switching over her hearing aid to the T (telephone) position. Anywhere in the Church, she joyfully reported, she could hear the sermon, notices, readings and prayers

amplified clearly through her own personal aid.

One of the system's greatest fans recently presented us with an RNID sign, drawing attention to this induction loop. This has now been displayed in the Church Vestibule, above a notice to remind our visitors. Some may find the acoustics of the Church difficult and hollow; others have difficulty with some voices and not others. For these, our Girls' Brigade have provided hand held aids, which you can borrow from a Steward in the Vestibule. Sit where you like - there are no wires to plug in. Switch on with the thumb wheel in the handle. Hold the red spot to your good ear. Adjust the volume for the best results - the more you turn the thumb wheel the louder the volume.

PLEASE SWITCH OFF after use (red line visible on dial in the handle) to save batteries, and return to a Steward in the Vestibule.

BOY WEBB

for 6 months ending 30.6.85

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Envelopes	7136	M.M.F.	6329
Loose Cash	2221	Car allowance	412
Donations	758	Manse Expenses	1062
Rents	2514	Cleaner's Wages	650
Re Heating	60	Heating/Lighting	2453
Income Tax Refund	19	Rates	501
Dividends	536	Insurance	796
Cong. Ins. Trust	260	Repairs & Decorations	2753
		Musician's Expenses	265
		Junior Church	150
		Printing & Stationery	169
TOTAL INCOME	13504	Advertising	39
		Telephone	101
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	6531	Unified Appeal	1000
		Durrington Outreach	831
		Sundries	449
		Bal. of ORGAN repair	2075
	20035	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20035

The above account showing a deficit of £6531 gives cause for grave concern. Our budget for weekly offerings, as agreed at the January Church Meeting, calls for an increase of 44% over last year's total. For the six months under review, contributions from F.W.O. Envelopes have increased by only 12%, whilst loose cash received has decreased by 6%. All expenses are very carefully scrutinised and therefore there must be a substantial increase in our offerings if we are to eliminate this deficit by the end of the year.

Gift Day is on October 12th. The Church would gain substantially from refunded Income Tax if gifts were made under a "Deposit Covenant". It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity and full details of the scheme can be obtained from Richard Tuley. Our Minister will be in attendance to receive our gifts and the Women's Guild will provide coffee in the morning and tea in the afternoon.

DOUGLAS BLAKEY

FAREWELL. - Rev. ORR

On August 11th, during our last morning worship service together, we joined in singing:

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

As I looked out upon the congregation, I was struck anew by the truth of these familiar words by John Oxenham.

For surely there are differences between us - between those who live in Los Angeles, California and those who reside in Worthing, Sussex (and I don't mean simply the noticeable difference in summer weather!). For each of us is shaped by different histories, traditions and circumstances; each brings to the interpretation of human experience and therefore to worship, a somewhat different perspective.

And yet how very much more we share! and nowhere is that sharing deeper or more profound than in the common faith in which God has bound us to Himself in Jesus Christ. In Him we share an understanding of human life and destiny, of its awesome mystery and ultimate purpose, redeemed by a suffering, triumphant Love which draws us out of narrow self-concern into the ever-widening circle of self-giving and true self-fulfilment.

That means, of course, that no matter our differences we are ONE in gratitude and praise, in joy and devotion. So whether we live and move and have our being in the urban cluster of fast-paced Los Angeles or in the charming, pleasant precincts of suburban Worthing, we are one in the Lord and one in a commitment to try to show - through deeds of compassion and outreach - His love for the whole human family.

Thus, whether "home" happens to be an ocean and a continent or more away, one is immediately "at home" with God's people wherever they are. Claire and I have experienced your grace and Christian hospitality in our too-brief visit with you. We are grateful for the kinship and bond that we have felt, for the vitality of your congregation's Christian witness we have sensed, for the strength of the pastoral leadership of Rev. William Connelly and Rev. Ron Christopher we have observed. Please know that if you should ever visit Southern California, we would be delighted to welcome you warmly to worship at the Westwood Presbyterian Church. May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His care and grace.

In Christ's name,
CHARLES & CLAIRE ORR

WHAT'S IN A SMILE?

On the morning of June 29th Mr. Connelly said that Helen had expressed a wish to read Psalm 100.

How beautifully Helen read to us and oh, that lovely smile of joy and satisfaction, was one I shall always remember, especially when the following verse enters my head.

A SMILE

A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give it. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts for ever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

Why don't we smile more freely?
We miss Helen in Church. May her future be of joy and Happiness in her new home.

ELSIE E. MARSH



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

At the time of writing, camp is yet to come, so it will be October before you will see anything in print about our week in Bedford. I do know that it will be a good week! Thank you for money for ice-creams. I know too that they will be appreciated.

The new session starts on September 10th and on September 12th we have a Jumble sale. Please contact any Girls' Brigade Officer if you have any items for collection and arrangements will be made.

On Tuesday, September 3rd., Officers will be happy to welcome all ladies to the Church Hall between 6.00 and 9.00 pm., when materials and patterns will be available. WHAT FOR?. We need your help in sewing and knitting and generally 'making' ready for our Mammoth Fund Raising Event next year. It won't cost you any money - only time. Do come along and we will tell you more.

This month, Lieut. Alison Batchelor will be changing her name!

We look forward to her wedding on September 28th and wish Alison and Paul every happiness in their life together.

Bless you all,
JEAN WEBB

CORRECTION

In the article 'Overseas Missions in Modern Times' in the June Chronicle it was incorrectly stated that "there is now no Sudan Interior Mission, just the Church". Miss Wheeler would like us to point out that the Sudan United Mission has become the Sudan United Fellowship, indicating a desire to work towards the Church's complete independence.

Editor

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

It never fails to amaze me how the Committee finds fresh ideas for our meetings and after nearly 30 years I think this is remarkable. Many thanks to all the outgoing committee for what they have done; please pray that the newly formed one will be equally successful. The following is our programme for the next session, the work of the last committee, I hasten to add.

We extend a warm welcome to past, present and new members at 8.00 o'clock in the Cornwall Room on the dates indicated. Any ladies who would like a chat about our meetings, please contact me and I will be glad to help.

- 9th Sept. Members Evening - Music. Bring records and tapes.
- 23rd Sept. ISRAEL - Hanny & Irene.
- 7th Oct. Dressed Dolls.
- 21st Oct. Bring & Buy Sale and talk on wartime evacuation.
- 4th Nov. Mrs. Cox - Missionary Speaker.
- 18th Nov. Robin Bradley on Oberammergau.
- 2nd. Dec. Christmas Decorations.
- 16th Dec. Christmas Party.

AUDREY STEWART.

A TRIBUTE

I wish to pay tribute to Jim and May Johnston for seeing me into hospital and safely home again; also for other caring in common with many Church Members who visited me including our Asst. Minister Ron C. We had one or two good laughs together (an excellent tonic). So many young people paid me a visit and/or sent cards. Thanks to all.

Praise and thanks be to God.

BERT GREWCOCK

CHURCH CALENDAR—SEPTEMBER 1985

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS:	16.45h	Anchor Boys (from 9th)
	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade.
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade (from 10th)
WEDNESDAYS:	19.30h	Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chape
SATURDAYS:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

1st Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
3rd Tuesday	08.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
5th Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise meeting
8th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
9th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship Musical evening— Bring your records & tapes
10th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild—Rev.W. Connelly
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship—Member's Afternoon
12th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer Service with Holy Communion
	18.00h	Girls' Brigade Jubla Sale
15th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
17th Tuesday	18.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
19th Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer & Praise meeting
	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
22nd Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
23rd Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship Israel—Hanny and Irene
24th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild—Goring Marine Townswomen's Guild: Two Sketches
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship— Outside visit
26th Thursday	19.30h	CHURCH MEETING
29th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship

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FROM THE VESTRY



GIFT DAY & EXTENSIONS
Mind how you go when you are on Church premises! The builders have been at work among us for several weeks and already there are signs of progress. The present phase in the work is to provide us with a kitchen that will meet the needs of the present day and provide a more efficient and pleasant place to work in.

Secondly it will provide us with a new room in which small meetings for fellowship, study and prayer may be held. This has been referred to as a 'Parlour', 'Sitting Room' and 'Quiet Room', but is there a better word to describe it? Your suggestions please and do remember that it will be available to all ages on request. I already have my eyes on it for interviews and counselling purposes!

The GIFT DAY on Saturday October 12th will provide us with an opportunity to show our gratitude and thanksgiving to our generous God. To say that God loves a cheerful giver implies more both scripturally and spiritually than is sometimes recognised. A person who gives generously to God's work is one who becomes identified with His loving purposes. (St. John 3.16). Such a person will be blessed more abundantly than he knows for God is no man's debtor. "Freely you have received, freely give". Many among us may have been waiting for such an opportunity as the present financial need affords, to give in a more than usually generous way this

year. I believe that to be the case and so I expect a remarkable result to this year's Gift Day. The Minister, Mr. D. Blakey (the treasurer), and other church officers will be in the Church or Hall all day on October 12th. We look forward to seeing you then or hearing from you before that day. The present extensions will reduce our financial resources in a way that will demand a generous response from us all. I believe that your love for Christ will more than supply that need and that we shall be blessed both personally and as a Church as we give in response to the generosity of God in His gift of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We rejoice in the newly elected Elders who are to be ordained and/or dedicated on Sunday October 20th at the 11.00am. service. May they with us all seek God's blessing and inspiration as together we go forward in Christ's Holy Service.

Yours with blessings and love,

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

BAPTISMS

Issac Paul TITLOW	21.7.85
Kelly Anne HITCHMAN	15.9.85

IN MEMORIAM

Gladys Marion WOOD	6.7.85
Harry Stephen HOARE	22.8.85

"In Thy presence is fulness of Joy"

WEDDINGS

Robert Frederick John COLLINS to Amanda Jane Ward	6.7.85
Michael Taylor SPENCER to Linda Barbara Ayles	13.7.85
Andrew David STENNING to Susan Theresa Perkins	20.7.85
Walter James HAWKINS to Vivian Mary Vaclavik	27.7.85
Ashley Bruce CARTER to Tracy Dellow	7.9.85



MISSION WEEKEND

(Nov. 30th - Dec. 1st)

Plans are advancing well for the above weekend. We have been fortunate to secure the services of a Ghanaian Chaplain, the Rev. Anthony Beeko, BA., LTh., who will speak on both Saturday and Sunday.

Various missionary societies will have their own 'Spots' on the Saturday, with experts to talk about that particular organisation and to answer questions.

If you would like to learn more about what is happening in mission fields these days, now is your opportunity. Please make a note of the dates now; more precise details as to times etc., will appear in next month's Chronicle.

SYDNEY HIDER

HELP! We need YOU!

For some considerable time the Elders of the Fabric Committee have been striving to find a way of streamlining the cleaning and general appearance of the Church and premises. They are now considering bringing in a firm of industrial cleaners once a month, but can only accept a quotation already received if sufficient volunteers, male and/or female are willing to work on a rota basis for the remaining three weeks in each month.

The industrial cleaners would do the 'hard work' every four weeks, whilst the volunteers, preferably two each week, would be required to see that waste paper bins were emptied, the chairs and communion table dusted and toilets and basins were kept clean. A couple of hours each week, for three weeks of each month would ensure that our premises were kept as befits a Church of our size. Are you willing to help? Offers to join the "Top and Tail Brigade" to Jean Webb, please, as soon as possible. Bless you and thank you.

JEAN WEBB

BIBLE STUDY



Would anyone, who does not attend a Bible Study at the moment, like to join me in Bible Study for an hour, fortnightly on the Thursday afternoons alternating with the Thursday Prayer Meeting. If you are interested please contact me on 49580, when we could discuss time and venue.

BOBBY HITCHIN

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH



Amount collected for August...£3
With thanks.

HILDA HELE

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

We have recently said good-bye to Kay Buckley, a long standing member of the choir in the alto section, whom we miss very much. She and her husband have moved to Bexley in Kent, which is just a trifle too far to come for practices and services! We wish them both every blessing in their new sphere.

Over the past year we have lost, for the time being at least, four other members, also through unavoidable circumstances and, although we have been glad to welcome the return of a former member as well as starting a Junior Section, the choir is still very much below strength and we urgently need additional members.

If you enjoy singing and feel a call to serve the church in this way, please contact me or any member of the choir. Duties are light - Wednesday practice 7.30 - 9.00pm., and Sunday morning service 11.00am.

If you are doubtful, then come along to practices for a week or two and see how you get on - we won't hold you against your will!

EDWIN BOWN

THE MINISTER

Please note that it is possible to contact the Minister, Rev. W. Connelly on weekdays (except Mondays) between 5.00 and 6.00pm. Telephone No. 48259

A message can also be left at the vestry between 10.00am and 12.00 noon on Wednesday or Thursday with Mrs. Clay. (same Telephone Number).

NEW LIFE FOR OLD BOOKS

For 40 years "New life for All" has been collecting unwanted books and selling them in aid of "Save the Children Fund", "Christian Aid", Missionary Societies, Bible Colleges, etc., etc. Donors specify to which society or organisation the proceeds are to be sent. The books are cleaned and catalogued, and lists of titles are sent to colleges throughout the country. A double purpose is thus served: (a) Students are able to buy books at lower prices than in the shops, (b) many societies are helped. There is no need to list the books individually. Just give some idea of the number you have to give and whether they are religious or other professional books, or generally assorted. They will then be collected. The President of this book selling scheme is Rev. A. Berry Blake-Lobb, PENYCAE, CLWYD. LL14 2RF.

Perhaps we could organise something within our Church.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

REFORM 1986

It will not be long before I receive from Headquarters a form to be completed, giving the number of subscribers for 1986. I do hope that those who now take the magazine will wish to continue for 1986. I also hope that I shall obtain some new subscribers as from year to year there are inevitably some cancellations. Every year I am urged by Headquarters to try and get new subscribers. I will assume that those who now take "Reform" will wish to continue, but please tell me as soon as possible should you decide to cancel.

MOLLIE HAWKE



THE Boys' Brigade

We are pleased to welcome Brian White back into our midst in the Company Section. Though it is early days we hope to be able to start band practice again and also improve our Physical Training programme. Some of our band instruments, particularly the bugles are due for replacement, so if you know of a cheap source of supply, please let me know. The latest Boy's Brigade catalogue quotes prices of bugles at anything from £30 to £115. It was good to find a box of trinkets on my doorstep the other day, they will be very useful, As there was no name on the box, may I just say thanks to the unknown person. Please do not forget my appeal in the last Chronicle for items you could spare for our Bazaar and Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd November. We take this opportunity to wish every happiness and blessing to Alison Batchelor and Paul on their marriage. We are glad to know that they will be living in the area, so we will not be losing the services of Alison for a while. Please keep praying for the boys, especially the naughty and noisy ones!

DONALD STEWART

CONGRATULATIONS

Ray and Valerie Close are proud to announce the engagement of their eldest son Peter to Susan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. Rogers of Bury St. Edmunds.

Both have recently attained their B.Sc. (Hons) degrees, Peter in Mechanical Engineering and Susan in Music at City University, London.

LITTLE BY LITTLE

On our return from Los Angeles, we noticed, just outside the French window, a gathering of ants. There seemed to be much activity in and around the cracks of the steps and the bottom of the wall. Also noticeable were an increasing number of ants with wings. It was evident a mass migration was about to take place. Not particularly wanting to be dodging thousands of flying insects, I followed my mother's recipe for such occurrences and poured a kettleful of boiling water in and around the cracks. Activity ceased. We swept away the dead ants from the area. The grandchildren could go out to play quite safely.

Next morning - what a sight of desolation! Thousands of dead bodies, winged and non-winged lay outside on the steps and surroundings. During the night, the survivors had worked to clear their home and continue to multiply.

The bodies swept away, another two kettles of boiling water went down the cracks. Next morning a thousand or so bodies again littered the steps. A third lot of boiling water went down. Next day, all quiet, no movement. However, I have no doubt, that in a while, we shall again see signs of activity, for they never give up. One dies, another takes his place. Despite all setbacks, they keep on and on.

Just recently I went back to Cornwall to a reunion - "Forty years on". We met together - forty years after we had started at Helston Grammar School! What a frightening experience it is. One cannot believe that one can have aged as much as the others!

It was interesting to find out what had happened in the years between. One was headmaster of a large school; one a bank

manager. Someone else was running an hotel. Another had left school as soon as he could, taking as few exams as he could, but had since decided he should do more, so he studied and took his English O-level at the same time as his teenaged son! I was able to give the good news that I had passed my diploma in Primary School Science Education. That had been a hard struggle - in my 'spare' time, attending the university after school, etc. But again, little by little, things get done.

Back at school, the garden was overgrown, the grass about a foot high. How were we to cut it with our decrepit lawn mower? The shears also needed sharpening.

However, little by little, we cut it. A class of juniors, four at a time, measured half a square metre each, which they then cut with a pair of scissors, timing themselves with a stop-watch. Gradually, the long grass was cut, the shortened grass then cut with the mower, raked and put in the compost.

The class is working out how long it would have taken one person to have done it with the small pair of scissors' (allowing for blisters) and they are also making a graph! So they have learned quite a lot from this essential exercise and much more interesting when they can get to the blackberries after the grass is cut!

MARY CONNELLY

THE WORTHING (CENTRAL) TORCH FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Group is looking for someone (preferably with experience of lettering) to write out a condensed version of the Monthly Newsletter in 'Half-Inch' letters, ready for photocopying. This covers both sides of a foolscap sheet. Enquiries to me, please, or to Mrs. Hilary Redman.

PHYLLIS WHEELER

OUR DURRINGTON DAUGHTER

Some of you may be wondering why Eric and I have not been around quite so much lately. We have been worshipping at our daughter Church in the Durrington Community Centre. As you know, this church came into being last November, since when the congregation has grown steadily.

Last Sunday we were privileged to be present at the first Baptismal Service. A family of three young people were baptised, two teenage boys and a little girl. This was a moving service, especially as the elder boy is to join H.M. Services in the New Year.

Was it a mere coincidence that the young lady was named Kelly Anne, while at the same time down at Goring, Kelly Anne was also being baptised?

Ron Christopher is very active as pastor and is ably and enthusiastically helped by the Rev. Valerie Chapman from Offington Park Methodist Church. The congregation is composed of those who live around the Durrington area, with support from a few from Offington Park and a handful of Goring U.R.C. folk.

Eric and I have found that a job is waiting for us whenever we get there. I have been playing the piano for worship, taking turns with three other pianists, while Eric frequently reads the lesson, serves at communion, takes the offertory or acts as steward. Because we feel needed there, we are being encouraged to attend more regularly, but we do still drop in at Goring in order to get to know the new congregation there too. We need your prayers, even as you need ours and you may be assured that the fellowship in Christ which we all share will be richer and fuller because we are spreading it into the

wider neighbourhood.

Mrs. Sylvia Batchelor has done a wonderful job in supervising the Community Centre since the beginning and she needs our support and encouragement, for it is not an easy task. As the Community Church approaches its First Anniversary, may we count on your loving concern and thoughts. After all, if it had not been for Bill's foresight and planning and Ron's dedicated and energetic hard work, this Church would not have been born.

BARBARA POPPLESTONE

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

6 Mr. & Mrs. Young
13 Dr. & Mrs. Webb
20 Mr. C.S. Nodes
27 Mrs. R. Bradley

APOLOGY

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I regret the non-appearance of the "Ministry of Flowers" in the September Chronicle.

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £13 contributed during July, August and September.

DOROTHY TURNER

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Delegates to th Worthing Council of Churches:
Miss E. Robertson and Mr. H. Ashburner.

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It was at about 10 past six on Thursday morning 22nd August that the 'advance' party set out for Castle Ashby, where thousands of people would be gathering for the Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival over the next five days.

The festival caters for a real mix of people, from the very young to older people, young at heart! For the babies and children there are well organised games and new songs to be learnt in the 'purple pickles' and 'green gurglers' tents, or even outside, if it's really nice.

The main stage is one of the main attractions for most of the people who come to Greenbelt simply because this is where those great or lesser known artists come to perform.

It was also used for one of the special highlights of Greenbelt, the Communion Service on Sunday morning, where many came to take part in the sharing of the Body & Blood of Christ.

'The Fringe' is also something which is very much a part of Greenbelt but is easily missed; this includes Speaker's Corner, Drama or Mime, Fast Food and Market Stalls. Other activities like morning worship and seminars are all part of this big festival.

The sight of miles upon miles of tents stretching down the driveway from the big house is quite incredible and if you can snatch a quiet moment or two, it's well worth paying a visit to the house, church and grounds, for they are lovely. NB: you have to take your shoes off before you are allowed in. There is a lot which can't be squeezed into this small space, the things I've mentioned are just a few of the 'highlights'; others, like the more practical and fun side of camping together as a club are another story!

CHRISTINE BREWER

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

We had our first meeting of this session, a musical one. Our last tape was "Jerusalem" sung by the matchless voice of Aled Jones.

Our October meetings are:

Monday 7th - Pam Hall - Dressed Dolls.

Monday 21st - Bring & Buy and Francis Sallis on: "Being evacuated during the War".

This latter should take some of us back and be an interesting history lesson for our younger members.

I feel there may be ladies in our Church or associated through Junior Church and the Brigades, who would like to be with us but have no transport. Many of our members have cars and would be willing to collect you. Just ask me if it is so.

AUDREY STEWART

WOMEN'S GUILD

We opened our Autumn Session on Tuesday September 10th, a lovely sunny afternoon, when we welcomed several new members. Our Minister, Mr. Connelly was our guest speaker. We were reminded that we were all involved in ministering to our friends and neighbours in sympathy, understanding and love; thus reflecting the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is never too late to say thank you. This we do with gratitude to those who supported our Cream Tea in June. This resulted in over £87 being collected towards equipment for the new kitchen.

At 2.45pm. on October 22nd we hold our Anniversary Service, when our speaker will be Miss Wyn Funnell. The Men's Fellowship join us on this occasion and we hope that as many friends as possible will be present too.

BERYL STUTTER

The BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY are holding an AUTUMN RALLY at St. Paul's Church Hall, Worthing on Friday, 18th October, at 3.00pm. Speaker: Rev. W. Crittle.



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

There was Rachel, Sarah, Lisa, Wendy, Hannah and Louise,
 Yvette, Ali, Nikki, Sarah, Johanne, Helen and Julie,
 There was Joanne, Hayley, Claire, Tanya, Sarah and Jenny,
 Teresa, Debbie, Elisabeth, Tina and Maggie.

Chorus: Hooray, Hooray for Girls' Brigade,
 In Brickhill Baptist Church we stayed,
 We spent a week together,
 In many kinds of weather,
 But regardless we played very happily.

Oh our Captain she does love us all so dearly,
 And this we see so very clearly.
 Mrs. Medlycott is also there to watch our every move,
 And Mrs. Norris' M.O. bag if sickness should prove.

Well Mrs. Brunton she was there and what a joy to see,
 Oops and in this little song I quite nearly forgot me,
 And Doctor Webb who played so well with every single one,
 Oh we all did have such fun.

SHARON ARMES

You will see from Sharon's song, sung by the way to the tune, "Glory, Glory, Alleluyah", that once again we have had a happy camp. After an eventful journey to Bedford we set up our temporary home in Brickhill Drive Baptist Church. There was Captain, Lieutenants Norris, Brunton and Medlycott, our Warrant Officer Sharon and twentyfour girls whose ages ranged from 9 to 15. Dr. Webb stayed at the home of Jean's cousin and joined us each day. He showed again what patience he has in keeping the girls amused.

reading "Foch Bear" to them as their bedtime story and putting up with their jokes, etc. Captain had laid on an excellent week of entertainment which was enjoyed by all. We shopped at Bedford Market and in the town. We had a wonderful day at Woburn Safari Park, the coach taking us through the wildlife enclosures so we had a really close view of the animals. We paid a visit to the Mayor's Parlour where we were greeted by the Mayor and Mayoress and whilst refreshments were served we were given a very interesting talk on the History of Bedford. Some of the girls and Captain were even allowed to try on the Mayoral robes and many photographs were taken. We had an afternoon at the local swimming pool which ended with a party tea in the clubroom and Jean's cousin rounded off our week with a Bar-b-que on Friday evening. This was to have been in her garden but owing to the rain we all squashed into the house together with five dogs and their owners and we enjoyed a talk from a blind man who had come along with his guide dog. Last Term the girls had been learning about guide dogs and their work, so this made the evening even more interesting for them.

As we were in the home town of John Bunyan, Captain read to us the family version of Pilgrims Progress during our evening devotionals and we learned some new choruses which no doubt we shall be sharing with you before long.

Once again we have so much to thank our Captain for. I'm sure nobody realises the amount of effort and hard work which goes into planning of a successful camp. Not just for a few weeks - many months of organisation are needed to make for a smooth and happy week. There was fun, fellowship and much laughter. Thank you dear Jean from us all. We are indeed blessed to have you for our Captain and we are already looking forward to Woodford, 1986.

BRENDA BRUNTON

CHURCH CALENDAR—OCTOBER 1985

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

MONDAYS	16.45h	Anchor Boys
	18.00h	Junior Boys' Brigade
TUESDAYS:	17.30h	Girls' Brigade
WEDNESDAYS:	19.30h	Choir Practice
FRIDAYS:	19.00h	Boys' Brigade
	19.30h	Prayer & Praise in the Chapel
SATURDAYS:	19.00h	Youth Club (12 years & over)
SUNDAYS:	09.50h	Youth Club Bible Class

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES:

1st Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
3rd Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
6th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	18.30h	Divine Worship
7th Monday	20.00h	Monday Evening Fellowship "Dressed Dolls"
9th Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild - Members' Afternoon: "Any Questions"
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship - "Parliamentary Procedures"
10th Thursday	10.30h	Monthly Prayer service with Holy Communion
13th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Parade Service
	18.30h	Divine Worship
15th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
17th Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
20th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
21st Monday	20.00h	M.E.F. - Bring & Buy Sale & talk on Wartime Evacuation
22nd Tuesday	14.45h	Women's Guild Anniversary: Miss Wyn Funnell
	14.45h	Men's Fellowship Joint with Women's Guild.
	*****	Girls' Brigade: HALF TERM
24th Thursday	19.30h	Elders' Meeting
27th Sunday	08.00h	Holy Communion
	11.00h	Divine Worship
	18.30h	Divine Worship
29th Tuesday	20.00h	Bible Study at 1 Arun Close
31st Thursday	14.30h	Fortnightly Prayer Meeting
	19.30h	CHURCH MEETING

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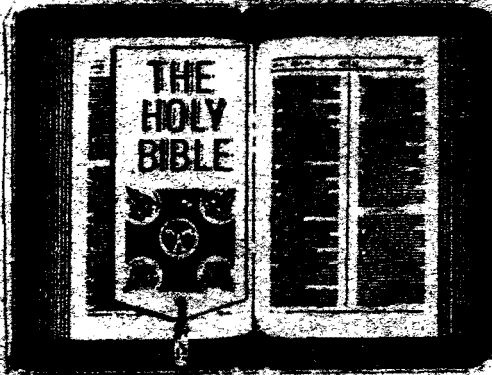
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Membership for 1986.

Will members of the above requiring any alteration to their orders let me know as soon as possible. I should very much like to increase the orders for Bible Reading notes and would be glad to receive new members. Please note that "DAYLIGHT" and "GUIDELINES" are £3.00 per annum and I.B.R.A. "LIGHT FOR OUR PATH" and "NOTES ON BIBLE READINGS" are £1.50 per annum. I should also be glad to receive any donations for the I.B.R.A. INTERNATIONAL APPEAL.

Please contact me at 11, Twyford Road, Durrington, W.62217.

BETTY BARNETT



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We produce approximately 500 copies of the Chronicle each month (except for August) at a cost of 12p per copy. This is a total annual cost of £660.

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(Should you wish to make any contribution to the production costs it will be received with grateful thanks.)

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FROM THE VESTRY



The late days of an Indian Summer have lately blessed those who, wearied with rain, longed for the gold of summer and autumn. And we have been well blessed and all is safely gathered in. Harvest Festival was celebrated in beauty and with thanksgiving. "The feeding of the five thousand" enacted during the services, brought us closer

together as we blessed God for Him, our Saviour, Christ who is the BREAD of LIFE.

Welcome Winter! Charles Kingsley's "Ode to the North-East Wind" is one of the few celebrations of winter in verse. He goes on to say

"Tis the hard grey weather
Breeds hard English men"

and he reminds us that every wind that blows is a gift from God.

There is one hymn only in Congregational Praise, No.653, that is a celebration of winter in Christian Devotion. It ends:

"O God! who giv'st the winter's cold,
As well as summers joyous rays,
Us warmly in Thy love enfold,
And keep us through life's wintry days"

And that is my prayer for you today.

William Connelly

NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

We still have a number of friends in hospital. Dorothy Cozens-Walker has had a lengthy stay in Southlands and we hope for her return home and improving health by the time you receive this magazine. Ethel Ayling is making steady progress and looks forward to being amongst us very soon. Peter Hislop is having treatment in Worthing Hospital. May God bless these friends and all who are unwell, or else just 'carry on' with a quiet brave endurance.

The Harvest Gifts brought cheer to many and we thank Dorothy Turner and her team for their gracious work. Many have written in their appreciation of this means of being together in celebration of Harvest joys.

BAPTISMS

Lee Michael CASEY 18th October

Adult Baptism in the sea:

Giles TEWKESBURY 18th October

Julian BREWER 18th October

WEDDINGS

Alison Rhoda Batchelor
to
Paul Ian SOPP 28th September

Pearl Margaret Moore
to
Geoffrey ENGLISH 28th September



IN MEMORIAM

Len Boyce has died, being full of years in Christ's Service. He came to his rest "like a sheaf of corn in harvest". May he now rejoice in that Harvest of souls of which Christ is the first fruit.

Len will be missed at home by his widow, who will bear that name with dignity. His walk among us round the houses where he lived, will be missed for his quiet caring conversation. And the Church and Men's Club will miss one who loved his Lord and his fellow men.

Remember to use the Prayer Book in the little Chapel for your prayer requests both in writing the names for whom prayer is desired and also in offering prayer for the whole world; suffering mankind; and for the renewal and revival of God's Church in our land. "May we share in the gracious work which has refreshed the Church in UGANDA, KOREA, INDONESIA and in many other places.

CHURCH & SOCIETY

A Conference will be held at Durrington Community Centre on Saturday 2nd. November. Coffee will be served from 10.15am. The morning session commences at 10.45am and the afternoon session commences at 1.45pm. The conference will be led by the Rev. D. V. Clarke, Secretary of the Provincial Church and Society Committee.

RON CHRISTOPHER

ANCHOR BOYS

The Autumn programme is now in full swing on its new day, MONDAY at 5 o'clock.

There are games to enjoy, stories, craft work, prayer time and "tuck" to complete the evening.

The theme for this session is "Bread & Water" using material from TEAR FUND and concentrating on the rift valley in Africa. Around harvest time seems a good time to learn about those whose basic needs for survival depend on a clean water supply and bread in the form of food and employment.

More boys are needed to join Anchor Boys. It is not very easy to play team games with only seven boys!

EILEEN RHODES

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER:

3 Miss Dudley
10 Miss Manix & Mrs. Green
17 BOY'S BRIGADE
24 Mrs. Ross.

FLOWER FUND

Thank you for £1 received during September

HARVEST

Thank you for £13 received. I am grateful for the help given in decorating the Church and taking down the decorations. Over 90 gifts were prepared and distributed and I thank so many who contributed to this end. Many expressions of joy have been received from those who received the gifts.

DOROTHY TURNER

TOP AND TAIL BRIGADE

When I visited Bournemouth's West Cliff Baptist Church to arrange our 1984 camp one Friday that Spring, I found a group of about twenty friends busying around with dusters, polish and hoover making their church spick and span for the week-end. What a happy cloud of fellowship welded them together. Coffee and biscuits were to hand ("Do you want one?" they asked me, a stranger) and the result on Sunday was a picture.

At Goring, so far I have received three names to start such a brigade. Come and join in and make this house of God somewhere we can be proud of with a shine on the fabric to match the love in our hearts.

JEAN WEBB

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our meeting on Sept 24th was the first to be held in the Church due to the Church extension work making a meeting in the Church Hall impracticable.

Any doubts whether this would affect the atmosphere of informality and fellowship which usually prevails in our meetings was soon dispelled and even without that customary cup of tea, the afternoon proved a happy one.

We were entertained by the Goring Marine Townswomen's Guild Drama Group which presented two very amusing sketches on imagined conversations between ladies whose casual meetings brought them before long to unexpected conflict. We hope we may welcome this very talented Group again in the not too distant future.

ETHEL GILBY

WOMEN'S GUILD Pt. 2

On October 8th the 'Any Questions' afternoon proved a great success. The Panel, composed of two Committee members and two other members of the Guild, answered questions posed. to our general admiration, satisfaction and delight. Those not on the Panel were given the opportunity by our Chairman, to voice their opinions from time to time. Yes, we not only sharpened our wits, but also, in a slightly different way from usual, got to know each other better.

BERYL STUTTER

FREE WILL OFFERING

Envelopes for 1986 will be available for current subscribers in the vestibule, from the end of November.

If you are not a regular subscriber, may I recommend this method of giving to Church Funds. It is of great help to the Church and in particular to the Treasurer, who has to grapple with the problem of meeting increasing costs out of current income. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

In addition, may I draw the attention of all subscribers, both present and future, who pay basic income tax, to the advantages of subscribing under covenant. If you would like to know more about this method of increasing your yearly contribution, you should contact Richard Tuley, who will be glad to give you any information you require, and the appropriate form for completion.

PAT TYE

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

MISSION WEEKEND

November 30th - December 1st

Plans for this project are nearly complete. The Saturday Event will be held in the Main Hall from 10 am. to 5 pm. The Rev. Anthony Beeko, B.A., L.Th., will open it officially at 10.30 am.

The following organisations will have static displays in the Hall:-

- The Council for World Mission
- The Bible Society
- The Sudan United Mission Fellowship
- The Leprosy Mission
- Torch Trust for the Blind
- Bientôt Gospel Mission.

There will be specialist speakers to give short talks in the Cornwall Room to the following time-table:-

- 11.15 am. S.U.M.F.
- 12.00 noon Bientôt
- 2.00 pm. Leprosy Mission
- 2.45 pm. Torch Trust
- 3.30 pm. Bible Society

Throughout the day the West Chapel will be set aside for short, informal prayer meetings. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available in the Hall, and visitors should feel free to bring their own lunch and to stay as long as they wish. The committee have prayed and worked hard to plan this Event. All we ask of you is to COME & LEARN. Without you there will be no Event.

The Rev. Anthony Beeko and our Minister will share the Sunday Services which will have a large mission content. If you want to add to your knowledge make a point of attending one or both of these Services.

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE

WORSHIP DISCUSSION GROUP

At a recent Church Meeting, during a discussion on possible repercussions on Sunday Trading if the Sunday Trading Bill becomes Law, one of our Elders said that we should be positive in our approach. We should make our Church Services so attractive that people would want to come to the Church rather than go shopping on a Sunday.

Members of the Worship Discussion Group are always seeking to find ways of encouraging growth, not only in numbers, but in Christian discipleship, through the attractiveness of our worship. You are welcome to make suggestions for our consideration.

At our evening services during the past few weeks, some of our young people have been given the opportunity of leading us into worship with words, music and songs, in praise of The Living Lord. We hope and pray that the experience afforded to these talented young people will enable them to carry on with spreading the Good News, when we older ones retire from active service.

Let us encourage them and their leaders and support them in their endeavours to move to brighter and more bible-centred evening services.

Next month's speaker is the Rev. Roy Currie of Dorking U.R.C. He is known to many in our congregation and comes to us for the day on 24th November whilst our minister preaches at Dorking.

RON JORDAN

BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

A Coffee Morning is to be held on Wednesday 13th November, from 10 am. to 12 noon, at the St. Paul's Church Hall, Richmond Road. ALL ARE WELCOME.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Members' Afternoon proved to be an excellent opening to our series of Autumn meetings.

Mr. Ashburner showed us something we had not seen previously, a £1.00 note of the Bank of Kent dated 22nd October 1814. It was drawn by a firm of solicitors, Penfold, Springbet and Penfold on the Kentish Bank. We all thought that its value could now be £2000 to £3000. It was an interesting piece of history.

Mr. Blackwood had an amusing tale to tell us of a time when he presented his local Council's decision at an enquiry. His opponent was one of the most famous legal counsels of the day, representing the potential developers. The tactics adopted by both sides to prolong the discussion, so that the famous person, who had been delayed en route could arrive to take part, extended even to (accidentally on purpose) knocking over the table holding all the books and papers of the case.

Mr. Turton enlightened us about his war service with the RAF, when his assignment, to tune aircraft engines, became tuning groups and choirs to entertain the forces and arrange concerts. But the highlight of his Service career was the latter period, when the C.O. of his Group asked him to take the Sunday Service in the large aircraft hangar filled with about 3000 aircraftmen. It was a very moving experience for him and the Men's Fellowship were equally moved by the manner of his telling. We only regret that Mr. Mason and Mr. Howie were unable to speak due to illness. We pray that they will soon be well again.

Our second meeting was a trip out in the lovely sunshine over the Downs to Bramber. There we paid a visit to the House of Pipes

and all the members found it very interesting. I have been four times to this little museum, which is operated by Mr. Irving alone. I still see things I have not noticed previously. As I went round the cabinets of pipe displays with Mr. Dick, he was quoting some words which he remembered from his youth concerning smoking, which called tobacco 'The Indian Weed'. Lo and behold! in the very next cabinet was a song book open at the very page containing the words and music of that Indian song. The variety of pipes, from clay to glass, from Meershaum to Bubble and all the ancilliary equipment were displayed. Cigarette cards, tobacco, packets of cigarettes and the tins given to the troops in wartime, not to mention hundreds of advertisements for tobacco etc., which one had forgotten, that existed years ago. Mr. Irving places a value of over £1 500 000 on the exhibits and still folk send him pipes for his museum.

We look forward to a full turn out of our members at our next meeting in the hall, when Mr Fry will be talking about 'Parliamentary Procedures'.

If there are any members of the Church who feel that they would like to join us, please come along - you will be most welcome.

FRAZER FINLAY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

53 Coniston Road,
Goring by Sea.

My husband and I enjoyed the company of all who kindly attended our coffee morning on the 7th September. As a result the sum of £109 has been sent to Home Farm Trust, for which we would like to thank everyone.

PEGGY MACHEN



Christian Aid

Thank you for your continued support. The Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal has so far realised £300. As £100 of this total has been 'loan or deposit covenanted', this will increase it by another £43.

May I take this opportunity to remind you, in simple terms, that there are two ways of getting money from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

(1) By Covenant.

To promise a gift to a charity (e.g. Christian Aid or the Church) of equal annual amounts over a period of four years.

(2) By Loan/Covenant.

To make one payment to a charity, and by virtue of two forms you will be asked to sign, tax relief will be claimed by the charity on a quarter of the amount of the gift on each of the succeeding four years.

Both of these schemes are, of course, dependant upon your liability to income tax at the time the repayment of tax is claimed.

RON JORDAN

Amount collected for September - £32.00 -
many thanks. HILDA HELE

MORE THANKS 27 College Gardens
Grand Avenue

My wife and I send our grateful thanks for the lovely flowers we received after the Harvest Festival; also my sincere thanks to Mrs. Turner and the Girls' Brigade for the flowers, cards, and all the good wishes that I have received since I have not been able to come to Church.

FRANK H. LATIMER

WHAT IS MISSION

The Rev. Fred Kaan is the new chairman of the Council for World Mission. In the July 'Newshare', he expresses his own thoughts on mission as follows:-

"I understand mission to be that risky commitment to handing Christ over to our contemporaries and to future generations, with an open mind and expectant heart.

I believe mission to be, to a large extent, a matter of identification with 'the other', of putting flesh on the gospel of love by what we say, do and are, and by the integrity with which we reach out to others.

I believe mission to be an integral part of humanity's search for life in all its fulness this side of the grave as well as beyond. This is bound to include taking political stances and action, because it is essential in any missionary engagement to keep together, mind and soul, both of the individual and of the community without which the individual is unthinkable"

These ideas, particularly those in the second paragraph, should give all pause for thought.

SIDNEY HIDER

THANKS

47 Meadway Court,
Worthing.

I wish to say a very big 'Thank you' to all the kind friends that sent cards and good wishes for my 90th birthday and for Mr. Connelly's visits in the last months that I haven't been able to get to Church. Also for all those who sent flowers and for the gifts of Harvest goods and prayers and kind thoughts over the past months. I am hoping to get to Church regularly again but am afraid I shall be restricted more in the cold weather. I hope the winter won't be so severe as last year.

EDITH EDMONDS

A SPECIAL HARVEST

Do you think of harvest as being a precise time of year or a special service in Church? It is nice to consider it at set times, so long as we do not forget that THE HARVEST is there to be garnered all year through.

I like to help with the distribution of the flowers and goods after our Harvest Services, as this gives me the opportunity to see and speak with folk I have not seen for some time, or perhaps, those I have never met before. This for me is the real harvest.

It would seem that this year I was fortunate to arrive first with transport and was asked if I would care to take those items which Mrs. Turner and helpers Irene and Olive had already assembled. This I was pleased to do, as I know most of the district towards East Preston, where the recipients live. Although I knew the district, I knew very few of the folk. I was warmly welcomed by all of them and whilst they were very pleased with the gifts I brought from the Church Harvest, I got the impression that they liked the time I was able to stay and chat with them just as much as I did.

What a fund of information and knowledge is available from so many of our members. Whilst they may be restricted in their movements now, they possess a lot of local knowledge, which gives meaning to things one did not understand previously. They have personal abilities one did not realise and could be of service in different fields of work or perhaps entertainment. I was amazed to find the writer of mathematical text books and a person who has flown in Concord. This for me was all part of the Harvest. Thanks to all who took time to chat with me.

FRAZER FINLAY

p.s. As for the harvest Services themselves. Was not the Church beautifully decorated? The contributions by the B.B. Junior Section, the Girls' Brigade and the Junior Church were really lovely and well thought out.

My thanks to all who played a part in the Services including the Choir for their Anthem.
F.F.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

We are now halfway through the last session of 1985, working very hard for our display. You have got the date in your diary, haven't you? Saturday December 7th, West Park School, 7.00pm.

Gifts for Christmas are being prepared and already behind us a very enjoyable visit to the Home for the Blind on September 20th, where we entertained the folk with songs and stories of our week at camp. We enjoyed preparing the gifts for the Church shelves at harvest time and doubtless any Elder will be happy to tell you all about the Elders Supper held on October 15th. Even without a kitchen the girls were able to cope with 54 folk sitting down to supper.

Alison Brunton takes another step towards her Queen's Award on November 2nd., when she writes a two hour paper on the Monarchy and Government. Over the first week-end in November three Brigaders are going to Seaford to prepare for their graded leadership tests which they will take in January. Please remember them all in your prayers.

We are glad you enjoyed our recent exhibition -- thank you for all your encouragement to both girls and officers.

Bless you all,

JEAN WEBB





THE Boys' Brigade

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Congratulations to Adam Kirkland on his promotion to Lance Corporal and to Kean Elliott on his promotion to Corporal. The officers look forward to their loyal support in promoting all that the Boys' Brigade stands for.

Despite the doubtful weather conditions, six of us enjoyed a week-end of camping at the beginning of October. It is not true that I collected 200 conkers, but I certainly found plenty of rose hips.

Not a great response to my appeal for items for the coming coffee morning but nevertheless we will be going ahead and look forward to your presence on the day. We would still welcome any items you may have to stock the various stalls and are only too willing to collect them from you. Anyway, even if you have nothing to offer, do please come along for coffee at 10 am. on Saturday 23rd November as we look forward to seeing you. The 23rd is actually the beginning of what we call "Boys' Brigade Week" and in that week we will be making every effort to raise the necessary funds for equipment and annual subscriptions to Headquarters. We will be holding an exhibition of our activities in the East Transept during the last two Sundays in November and invite you to inspect.

DONALD STEWART

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

I am writing this in the garden on a very hot and pleasant day in October. This late summer weather, with the wealth of fruit, flowers and vegetables that the early wet summer produced is a lovely time.

We are having some very good meetings this

session, the illustrated talk on Israel made one member say she felt that she had been there!

Then we had Mrs. Pam Hall's fascinating talk on dressed dolls last Monday. She had four dolls on display, each about 15 inches tall. She slowly undressed each one and showed us the way the clothes were made. For instance, on the Victorian girl, each little article of clothing was made of wool or cotton as they were in Victorian times and the ties and buttons were all authentic. Each garment was beautifully sewn by hand, whereas the later doll of around 1904 had machine stitching. Our November meetings are on the 4th with Mrs. Cox, a missionary speaker and on the 18th, when Mrs. Robin Bradley will speak about Oberammergau. If any ladies would like to join us, please do.

AUDREY STEWART

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
GRAND COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 23rd November at 10am.

Stalls of all kinds:-

Bring-&-Buy
Jams
Toys
Gifts
Books
Foreign Stamps



Cakes
Bric-a-Brac
Crafts
Cards
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"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."

LUKE 2:7



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FROM THE VESTRY



'How many days to Christmas?
 How many miles to Bethlehem?
 Shall we find a baby on a hay-bed?
 And is there a bright star over his head?
 How many days to Christmas?'



These words from a carol we shall sing at the season of Advent, invite answers to questions that mortal beings have been asking for centuries. Another poet, John Betjeman asks the same question in his poem "Christmas".



"And is it true? for if it is,
 No loving fingers tying strings
 Around those tissued fripperies,
 The sweet and silly Christmas things,
 Bath salts and inexpensive scent
 And hideous tie so kindly meant.

No love that in a family dwells
 No carolling in frosty air,
 Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
 Can with this single truth compare-
 That God was Man in Palestine
 And lives today in Bread and Wine."



May I suggest to you that we shall more truly be led into the truth of Christmas by enjoying its simplicities than by joining in its extravagances.

"And the Word was made flesh,
 and dwelt among us and we beheld His Glory"

It was upon that Christmas Day, when far from home, family and friends, cold, hungry and humanly miserable, that Christ came to me. But then, doesn't the New Testament teach the likelihood of this. You never know the newness of Christ until you are forsaken of all others. That is why He is so much nearer to us in our poverty and need, than in all our riches and self-sufficiency. I look forward to seeing you with Christ on the road to Christmas.

With blessings and love,



William Connelly

BAPTISMS

Donna Louise FORRESTER

10.11.85

Clare Louise MANVILLE

17.11.85



IN MEMORIAM

Agnes SIGNEY

18.10.85

"In heavenly love abiding"

David Colin MITTEN aged 26 years

26.10.85

The tragic death of David, who had been a good friend to many in the Youth Club over the past years brought great sadness to his family and friends. His parents and family have borne the burden of their sorrow in a truly Christian spirit. We remember them, together with Jackie, his pillion passenger, who was seriously injured in the motoring accident. A large company of relations and

friends attended the funeral service to thank God for David's short but fruitful life. Gifts totalling £400 will be sent to the Worthing Ambulance Station toward their "Cardiac Scheme" in remembrance of David and in thanksgiving for the fine work they continue to do for us all.

Hilda Theresa BEALE

31.10.85

The esteem in which Hilda Beale was held, was evidenced by a large congregation at her funeral service.

Friends were present, representing those who had known and loved Hilda down the years. More than one church has been refreshed by that gallant and cheerful soul who has been active in the name of Christ for many years.

The service led by the Minister with an address given by her son-in-law, the Revd. Peter NEWELL, expressed thanksgiving to God for a loving and loved wife, mother, and grandmother, whose concern for all people of all ages expressed her love for Christ.

May our friend Ralph know God's Presence and Peace and the assurance of our loving prayers.

"So He giveth His beloved sleep"



NEWS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. Sheila Gibbins has entered hospital for treatment and Mrs K. Green is shortly to have a further operation. Peter Hislop is more comfortable and happily now at home. Mrs. Amy Hopkioins is feeling rather better. All friends who are housebound are remembered in our thoughts and prayers. Please use the Prayerbook in the Little Chapel and telephone the Minister(48259) or Mr. F .Marsh in case



of need.

May the peace of God bless all our homes at Christmas.

GORING U. R. C. OUTREACH



Our Church has always been known as a 'caring' church and that is true today; but no church and no Christian grows in the true spirit of Christ, if it cares only for its own members, or the members live within themselves.

At our last Church Meeting quite accidentally the question of our Church's OUTREACH- the work outside the church was discovered in greater detail. I used the word discovered purposely for I do not think our Church Members know or realise how far our care extends in the community.

Many have no conception of the vast area of work covered by our Minister. we all know of his pastoral visitation among us and his interest and problems sometimes among the various groups within the church. Within our immediate neighbourhood and further afield that pastoral work is very demanding. In the colleges and schools, banks and offices, hospitals and nursing homes, blind homes for old people and sometimes at a moments notice a call from the Police or Prison service. Wherever help or advice is needed he gives of his service wholeheartedly.

Helping in the above work there are many of our church members with prayer and study groups within the local schools.

Many of our internal societies reach out to young and old, where love and friendship help to show the love of Christ and often lead to some seeking membership within our church.

Phoenix House in Worthing- a home for the recovery of alcoholics finds one of our elders working with patience and love.



Then we have the Durrington Community Centre, young, but our influence extends with the love of those who serve there.

Quite possibly we could fill our Chronicle with names and places of outreach and those working there, but discover more for yourselves and if possible give of your time within and without our Church.

ETHEL DEARSLEY

OUR NEW KITCHEN



In the next few weeks when the Church extensions are completed, we shall be the fortunate owners of a brand new kitchen and as stewards of such a facility, we may be required to extend our catering in various ways.

It would be nice if we could replace some of the equipment which has served us so well in the past, with new and matching utensils.

The Women's Guild has generously donated the money for 120 new heatproof plates. Monday Evening Fellowship and the Kestro Club have promised the money to buy 10 new large trays. Several of us feel that a supply of matching stainless steel cutlery would be a welcome replacement for the present collection, kindly donated by so many people through the years.

We will also require a suitable replacement for our refrigerator as well as some large saucepans.

If anyone feels able to make a contribution towards the cost of this equipment, would they please contact me or any member of the Fabric Committee.

I also would like to bring up to date the list of ladies who are willing to help with catering in any capacity. If you feel this is a way you would wish to serve the Church,

please let me have your name as soon as possible.

ROBIN BRADLEY

CONTACT

As Some of you will already know, CONTACT is a group for mums with young children. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the Cornwall room at 10.15am and are led by Anne Rowlands and Julie Ward.

About 10 to 14 mums attend our meetings, which start with coffee and biscuits.

A time of praise and a short talk lead us to an informal chat until it is time to pick up older brothers and sisters.

At our December meeting, Irene Tuley will be coming along to talk to us, with the aid of slides about her visit to the Holy Land. We hope that as we sing carols and join together in a time of fellowship, we will share an awareness of the reality of the Christmas story.

In addition to our monthly meeting we now have two Bible Studies. One is on the 2nd Thursday and the other on the 4th Thursday. They are taken by Anne at her home. Everyone is welcome to stay for soup and rolls afterwards.

We thank the Lord for a safe and happy Sparkler Party, which we held on November 5th. It was a great success with 25 children and 15 mums.

A Christmas Party is our next event and then in the New Year we all hope to go out together for a meal with our husbands.

If you feel that you would like to come along to any of our meetings, please just turn up, or phone Anne (503242) or Julie (501949) for more information. Even if you are not a mum, you will be most welcome. Love and Blessings from



ANNE & JULIE





MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting with Mr. Denis Fry taking us through Parliamentary Procedures and organisational features was exceptionally entertaining and informative. There was an excellent attendance of members to hear Mr. Fry tell us why the Chamber in the House of Commons is so small, accomodating only about half the total number of M.P.s; that all have pegs on which to hang their hats and coats, each with their name attached. An unusual feature here is a loop of cord on each peg so that members could (in olden days) hang up their swords before entering the chamber. Before this system was adopted, the carpet under the table in the House was of a width that no member was supposed to stand thereon and was called to order (even today) if they did so. The width of the carpet was made to ensure that any opposition member could not thrust his sword through his opponent without stepping on to the carpet. The introduction of Bills and the formula of procedure involved with the committee stage and second readings etc., and reporting back, was very comprehensive, but simply explained. A very interesting afternoon for us all and our sincere thanks to Mr. Fry. (No! there was no bribery with Fry's Chocolate Bars.)

The following meeting was in our usual meeting place in the East Hall, as now the builders on the development work had moved their stores to the shed. (to be used in the future by the Boys' Brigade). At this meeting, a talk and short film on the work of Dr. Barnardo's was given by Mr. M. Allen, their Area Organiser. Much interest was shown in their new role in society, compared to the original ideas and fields of work by Dr. Barnardo. The training of young people in the





printing industry is their practical approach with most trainees obtaining work in industry afterwards. The meeting closed with some members still wishing to ask questions, so we may have Mr. Allen on a future occasion to show a film on life in the Barnardo community. It followed that, on the day after our meeting we heard of Princess Diana who is the President of Dr. Barnardo's, visiting their Home during the Australian Tour. There is also a Canadian Section. Our Thanks to Mr. Allen and to Rev. A. Jaques, who took the chair on this occasion.

FRAZER FINLAY

JUNIOR CHURCH

Time seems to be flying since Promotion Sunday and all departments are kept busy with various activities.

On October 6th, after the morning service, the Bible Class made their way to Highdown, where they shared a picnic lunch. After fun and games they continued with a ramble, picking the odd blackberry. A happy time was shared by all.

On Saturday 12th October, the Brighton, Central and West Sussex Christian Education Council held a Bible Quiz, Choral Reading and Choirs Festival at Shoreham Baptist Church. We entered two teams in the Bible Quiz and both did well, with one team taking second place to Worthing Baptist Church. Congratulations to you all.

OLIVE BUSHBY



AN INVITATION

The Youth Club will be going Carol Singing on Saturday 21st December. You are, as usual, welcome to join us at 7.00pm for singing and afterwards for soup.



WOMEN'S GUILD

On a beautiful afternoon, Tuesday 22nd October, we met in Church for our Anniversary Service.

Members from other Women's Guilds joined with us, as did our own Men's Fellowship, who so willingly support us.

Mrs. Dearsley in her opening prayer, introduced the theme, 'Love, Adoration and Joy'. Our soloist and speaker, Mrs. Wyn Funnell, emphasised this adoration and love in the rendering of her solos, 'Maker of Sun & Moon' and 'What a friend we have in Jesus'. All three were linked as we joined in the question and answer of that beautiful old hymn, 'Who is he.....?', 'Tis the Lord, the King of Glory, crown Him Lord of all'.

The address was a challenge and help to us all. Miss Funnell lead us to consider Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her never failing acceptance of God's will throughout the whole course of Christ's life on earth, even when she must have been subject at times to doubts and fears, as well as joy. What an example Mary was to us all, as with love and humility she responded to God's will.

Our closing hymn, a favourite with our Guild, 'Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,'.. was a fitting close to an inspiring afternoon.

Thanks to our committee, who, in spite of the difficulties of working without a kitchen, provided tea for all after the meeting.

LILIAN COLLISON

On Tuesday, 5th November, Mr R. Fox very speedily made us aware of his appreciation of the beauty of the Sussex countryside and his concern that the work of the Sussex Trust for Nature Conservation should be encouraged. His

excellent photography of both well known and lesser known beauty spots, lifted our spirits with joy and thankfulness. This was indeed an afternoon of happy memories and refreshing enjoyment, given to us by someone who was undoubtedly an enthusiast.

BERYL STUTTER

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

The last article I wrote was done in the garden on a hot day! This is a complete contrast, by a log fire on a cold November evening.

We have had two more interesting meetings, the one about the wartime evacuation was an "eye-opener" and very amusing. Mrs. Cox, our missionary speaker, on her work and life in the Congo was excellent. Also another "eye-opener", on such a different way of life, to which she and her husband were called by God to serve Him in what was then called Congo.

We are now looking forward to Christmas. 2nd December, Bobby Hitchin will show us Christmas Decorations and on the 16th, Brenda and Jim Richards are giving us Christmas slides and music and we will supply the coffee and mince pies. I am looking forward to seeing old and new friends on those two evenings.

In wishing you all a happy Christmas, I leave this thought. I try to read some new meaning into Christmas or get some new thought from the well known story. Going over to the Isle of Wight on the ferry one Christmas a few years ago, it came to me that as we rocked gently on the waves on our journey, that that is how Christmas began, with a journey; Mary on a donkey going to Bethlehem.

AUDREY STEWART



JOHN WIMBER AT BRIGHTON

It was exciting and challenging to see God move in Power during the conference on "Healing in the Church" recently at Brighton Centre. I had never heard of John Wimber before this year, but I certainly have now. There is some controversy about the things he teaches, but then Jesus was not always a favourite with the Jewish leaders.

The main message of the week for me was that when Jesus said 'Preach the Kingdom of God, heal the sick and drive out demons' he meant PREACH the Kingdom of God, HEAL the sick and DRIVE OUT demons.

That is what Jesus spent His time doing; that is what He commanded His disciples to do, that is what His Church should be doing.

The aim of the conference was not only to provide scriptural authority for miraculous healing today, but also to activate people's faith for it. Seeing hundreds healed and blessed over the days of the conference certainly did that.

There is no doubt in my mind that the power of God, through the work of the Holy Spirit is as strong today as in New Testament times. That being so, we should expect to see the miraculous (together with the associated conversions) in our Church and in our lives. If you think that sounds a bit strong, turn again to the Gospels and Acts. If it makes you feel uncomfortable (and it makes me feel uncomfortable) ask God 'Do you want me to get involved in THIS sort of thing?'

You may be surprised by the answer!

JULIAN BREWER

p.s. I have tapes of the evening meetings if anyone wishes to borrow them. J.B.



CALL TO THE MINISTRY

Since becoming a Christian at the age of fourteen, I have always felt God calling me into the full time ministry.

I had regularly attended Sunday School out of a sense of duty, but Jesus was a folk hero to me; someone who was magical. He was not someone who I could know personally and love. I lived my life without Him and never really thought about Him until Sunday morning.

Then while on Summer Mission the Lord called me to be His child in the most complete loving way only He knows how. It wasn't a Damascus experience but a slow loving embrace, a deep sincere welcome.

Soon after, I drifted away again. I didn't realise that in a loving relationship, total commitment is required of both people. I was the one who failed, for my career and worldly desires were more important.

The Lord used this separation to show me that I was nothing without Him. I was only a fool being buffeted by life's strong winds of pride, jealousy and lust.

After accepting once and for all that Christ was my saviour, He brought me to G.U.R.Church. Within the fellowship of the Church my faith and love towards Christ increased greatly.

Last summer on Mission once again, I felt the Lord reinstating His call for me to serve Him. I felt deep inside that the Christian hope, first and foremost, is in God Himself. Not only is it the Christian hope, but it should be the hope for everyone. I feel that because I know God and have confidence in Him, I know that what He has promised will be fulfilled. This should be the message of every Christian to everyone he meets on the street.

JOHN GORDON





NEWS OF THE MINISTRY

On Thursday, 31st October, the Rev. MARIE ROE was inducted to the pastorate of Moorland Road U.R.C., Weston-Super-Mare.

Her new address is:-

The Manse,
6, Nithsdale Road,
Weston-Super-Mare.
BS23 4JR.

All her friends here at Goring wish her every blessing in her new and challenging vocation.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

New Members:-

2 * ROSS Mr.& Mrs.W., 18 Falmer Close	45085
11a * READ Mr.& Mrs.R., 31 Frobisher Way	502134
15a * Tewkesbury Mr.G., 1 Lyn Road	66429

Change of Address:-

0 * HOBBS Mr.& Mrs., 19 Meriden Ct., Bagshot Rd., Sunninghill, Ascot, Berks.	0990-27878
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Correction:-

6 * KITTO Mrs.I., 19 Elgin Road	43237
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NOTE:

This section is printed in reduced type so as to fit in your Handbook. You can cut it out and stick it into the appropriate place, keeping your Handbook up to date. (just part of the service!)

TRANSPORT NEWS

A good number of Church Members, particularly the elderly, cannot get to Sunday services, due to lack of physical ability. Transport assistance is required, both occasionally and regularly. If you feel that you can help, please contact Jim Johnston (692855). Similarly, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a lift, please let me have his/her name and address.

JIM JOHNSTON





SYNOD REPORT

The high points of the Autumn Synod held at Eastbourne on the 12th October, 1985 fell to two very interesting and very different speakers.

In the morning we heard from the Rev. John Crocker who is at present home from CWM service in Zambia and in the afternoon we listened with great interest to the Rev. Bernard Thorogood, our General Secretary.

A gentle but telling rebuke was delivered by John Crocker for the lack of Young People in so many of our Churches. He told us how their own Moderator was also saddened when he came to the U.K. last year by the absence of evangelism amongst the Youth.

We are fond of extending that evangelism overseas, but forget or ignore the need around us. Various members expressed their thanks for this straight talking including Rev. Ken Anderson who regretted that not enough attention was paid to FURY. The Youth Secretary (Ivan Andrews) appealed to Churches to seek help from the FURY Team. Significantly, the reports submitted this time by each District Secretary appeared to similarly convey its concern for the missing Youth within so many Churches.

Bernard Thorogood's talk was entitled 'Global and Local; the shape of the Church'. The Local Church must be the Representative of the Universal Church - it is where we learn of the love of Christ but where we think of the whole. This he showed under the following headings:-

PRAYER - We must express our praise and adoration as well as indulging in the 'Cook's Tour' (his words).

SACRAMENT - This must be the basis of our faith.

MINISTRY - With each and everyone this must

be both local and universal. We must share the suffering of all people for we are a family worldwide. We must be a disciplined Church and offer our strength to the weak.

DIVERSITY - The parts of the world are all different but all are brought together through the spirit of Christ.

OUR MISSIONARY CALLING - is local as well as Carey's India and Livingstone's Africa. He asked us to pray for the Church in South Africa and to pray for the dismantling of the Apartheid system.

During the general business of the morning, Synod unanimously agreed with the Resolution from both the Croydon and Bromley Districts that the name of our Moderator, Rev. Cyril Franks should go forward to the 1986 Assembly nominating him as Candidate for Moderator of the National Assembly 1987/8. Mr. Franks ceases to be Southern Province Moderator in August 1987.

The final discussion of the Synod was that very controversial subject entitled 'Churches and Politics'. As most members would agree, the Church is always in a 'hiding to nothing' situation. However, we were strongly called upon to discuss the important issues of the day, such as "The Police and the Community", "Sunday Trading Laws", "World Poverty", "Nuclear Freeze". The Church at Upperton suggested we might even ballot our members on such important subjects.

KEN IRVING



Small Ad

TWO DOZEN 1lb Jam jars for disposal! from 98 Sea Place (tel. 504749)--- If desired - a donation towards the new kitchen.

FREDA CALSTEREN

CLOSING DATE FOR CHRONICLE COPY IS 12th OF EACH MONTH

ELDERS DINNER!

On October 15th the Elders and their spouses were entertained to supper by the Senior Girls in the Brigade. This is the second such event that Valerie and I have been privileged to attend and what a magnificent spread of food was put before us.

Whilst I believe one of the main objectives was to test the girls who helped in preparing the meal as part of an award, it also served to get us all together in a most friendly and relaxed atmosphere. On each table we had both Elders and girls and as Captain requested, we had fun getting to know each other better during the meal.

The evening concluded with a graphic presentation of some of the happenings and goings on at the last G.B. camp. From the way all described the event it was clear that there were many happy memories of the holiday.

Thank you Girls and Officers for putting on such a fine evening. On behalf of the Elders I congratulate you on an excellent performance and wish you every success during the remainder of the season. In my view, you all passed with flying colours.

RAY CLOSE

**THE GIRLS' BRIGADE**

Come and start the Christmas celebrations with us - Saturday December 7th at 7pm. - at West Park School. It will be a very happy evening - that's a promise.

To each and everyone we say "Happy Christmas and bless you"

JEAN WEBB





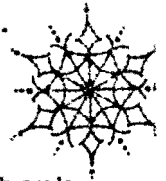
With Christmas almost upon us, I wonder how many of you are still undecided as to what to buy for whom? May I suggest that you have a look at our Church Bookstall, where you will find books by such well known personalities as Colin Urquhart, Billy Graham, David Watson, Luis Palau, Catherine Marshall, Tozer and many others. There are also children's books on display, as well as colouring books (for stocking fillers). If you particularly want a book not on display, don't hesitate to let either Wilfred Rhodes or myself know and we will try and get it for you (at no extra cost!). Why not treat yourself occasionally and invest in a book? After all, reading is to the mind what eating is to the body and there are many nutritious volumes available to provide nourishment for everyone. Books that help us to understand the Bible better, books that will help us serve the Lord better, biographies of great Christians, etc., and remember, we also carry a great selection of cards for all occasions, including Christmas Cards, for your convenience.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

HANNY WEBER

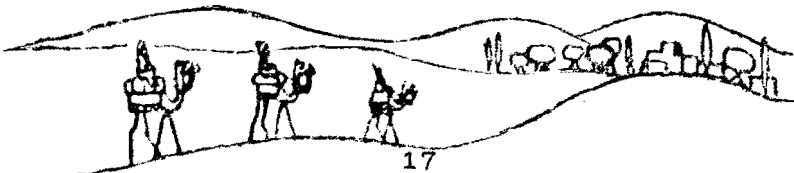


THANKS



I would like to express a very sincere "thank you" to all who sent me cards, gifts and messages whilst I was in Hospital; also a special "thank you" to our minister who visited me and to Dorothy Turner, whose loving care and attention upheld and sustained me. God bless you all.

DOROTHY COZENS-WALKER



11TH PRAYER VIGIL

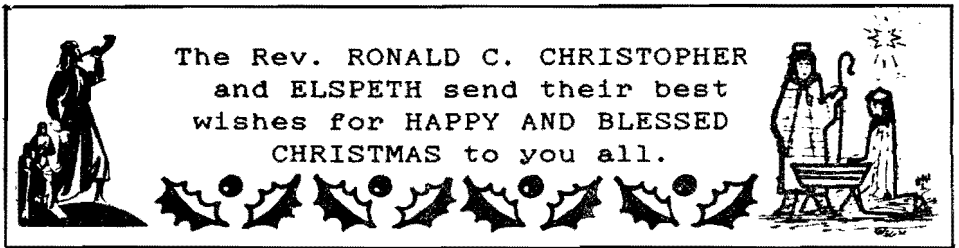
Jesus spent many hours in prayer before He went out amongst the crowds of people, teaching, healing and ministering. He prayed to know His Father's will before He went out and obeyed it. Surely we must do the same.

WILL YOU JOIN US? We will be praying for the life, work and witness of this Church in 1986, on Wednesday January 1st. by:-

- 1) Coming to the Little Chapel in the Church any time between 8.00h and 23.00h
- 2) Being responsible for a particular hour or half hour during the vigil period (names to me please)
- 3) Praying at home, using the Church Handbook, if unable to join the vigil in person.

"We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that He hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to His will"
(1 John 5.14.)

IRENE TULEY



THANKS

98 Windermere Cres.
Goring by Sea.

I would like to thank all the kind friends who, by their kind thoughts and help, gave me so much comfort during my time of troubles. Thank you all.

ETHEL BOYCE



Christian Aid

Amount collected during October - £17. Many
Thanks,

HILDA HELE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Downs,
Woodside Close,
Storrington.

I was very thankful to see so many people in the Church for the Service at Hilda's funeral last Friday. I give especial thanks to the Choir and Organist for helping to make such a bright service on an occasion of great sadness for myself and the family. I have been blessed with such a wonderful partner throughout our married life, her loving kindness and her bright and happy nature made her loved by all.

Thank you Bill for all your help and guidance over this sad time. My son-in-law's words were a great comfort to me.

For all the letters and cards I received from friends at the Church, I hope you will receive this note as sincere thanks from myself and the family, they all helped to ease the pain.

God bless you all,

RALPH BEALE

I should like to thank Mr. Connelly, members of the Church and the Women's Guild for all the visits, fruit and flowers which I received whilst I was in Southlands Hospital. It was all very much appreciated.

Thank you to the "Girls Brigade" for the sweet little card they sent me. Thank you all.

EDITH AYLING

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

DECEMBER FLOWERS



1st Mrs. Bulstrode 8th Mr & Mrs Brunton
 15th Mrs. Cozens-Walker & Mrs. Turton
 22nd Mrs. Turner 29th Mrs. Calsteren

FLOWER FUND

Sincere thanks for £19 received during October and November.

My grateful thanks to all who have provided flowers on special dates during 1985 and also to those who have given money to the flower fund. This is much appreciated.

For all new members of the Church, there is the opportunity to contribute towards the flowers either on a specific date or by the flower fund. Please contact me if you are interested and would like more information.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

This will be done on Friday and Saturday 14th & 15th December from 10.00am. Please come and help. Foliage holly and ivy in particular can be brought to the church on Friday (14th) morning.

FLOWER ROTA FOR 1986

This will be found in the Church vestibule early in December. If you wish to donate towards flowers on a special date, please put your name on the list. If there is any difficulty please contact me on 43843.

DOROTHY TURNER

DURRINGTON 1ST ANNIVERSARY

The FIRST ANNIVERSARY of the Durrington Community Centre Church will be on the 1st December at 10.30 am., when the Guest Preacher will be Rev. Colin G. Rowe, Chairman of the Methodist Circuit. All are welcome.

