

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896)

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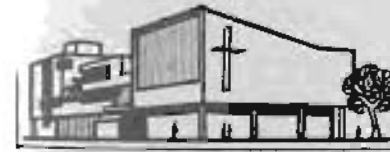
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WINDOW

ON

WHITECHAPEL



THE METHODIST CHURCH

WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by Rev Thomas Jackson, 1896)

FOR EVERYTHING ITS SEASON

Change comes to each of us and we react to it in a variety of ways. Reinhold Niebuhr asked for serenity to accept the things that could not be changed, strength to change things that could be changed and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. We can react to change actively and passively. Change grabs us by the throat and shakes us; we stand over against change and determine to hold fast to those things which we know must not change. The prayer for wisdom to distinguish becomes our perennial prayer.

In one sense, change is decay. Things cannot grow without 'growing old'. It is as true in the personal sphere as it is in the corporate sphere. The early morning ritual of looking in the mirror reminds us that wrinkles have appeared where none were before, that our weight may be the same but its distribution most certainly is not, that the few grey hairs for which we prayed, when we were young, to establish our maturity are now our only hairs as the years creep on. Looking in the mirror of history reminds us of shattered dreams and tarnished hopes as we try to help pick up the pieces of broken lives. Change and decay in all around. . . .

But change is growth. What is growth if it is not the miraculous replacement of old tissue by new? What is growth if it is not the miracle of rebirth and re-creation? Does not God make all things new? What does not change? God's love for us does not change amid all the changes of the present age. Mission changes. "The Mission" changes. But a new team is working and growing together. The Mission is still going in the same direction but following new routes. I would not wish to travel to Manchester by the same route as I did fifteen years ago. There are now motorways and by-passes. The welfare society makes provision in basic ways quite differently from only a few years ago. The love of God is channelled in new ways but it is that same love which has always wanted to draw people to the centre of God's will and hold them in God's way.

So what are we up to? How do we do it? What are our hopes? We are always reassessing our work in order to help those whom we serve the more adequately and efficiently.

In subsequent pages, Sister Vivien and Bob Blount write about aspects of the Mission's work in which they have a prime interest. Leslie Mole puts in a word, as our Treasurer. To these, to our Circuit Stewards, to the volunteers and all who contribute in whatever way to the smooth working of the Mission, I must put in a special word of gratitude. They have made the settling in and the settling down of the new Superintendent and his family so much easier. We were all so grateful for the support we received at our welcome meeting, Deryck Collingwood, deputising for the new Chairman, making a special point of welcoming the minister's wife and family, of whom not even a mention is made in the special order of service, and Bishop George Appleton, preaching a sermon which challenged every member of the congregation. It was a wonderful event to see the church so full of so many supporters, Christian friends of almost every tradition and Jewish friends whose presence and support made the occasion extra-special.

A few weeks later, it was good to welcome the new Chairman of the District, the Revd. Brian Galliers, and the new General Secretary of the Home Mission Division, The Revd. Dr. Donald English, at our Mission Anniversary celebration.

There is a new departure in this Mission Report. We are publishing a statement of accounts. We husband our resources at the Mission very carefully. We try to protect our few investments but the last two years have seen us spend a total of six and a half thousand pounds more on loving and caring than we actually received. We cannot believe that God would ask us to care less or love less than we are at the moment. But it is to your generosity that we appeal once again. Talk to your friends about us. We need to expand our work, to extend our outreach. I say "our" - but only in this sense, it is work that we do, with you and on your behalf, for God Himself to draw into His Will and into the centre of His Way, every single person we meet.

There are aspects of our work which are different from the sort of activities which go on in other churches. We are structured as a "Mission" so that we can be freed to reach out and touch those whom society labels as "untouchables". But there are those sections



THE SUPERINTENDENT WRITES. . .

of our work which are traditional and recognisably Methodist - morning prayers for Staff and volunteers at 9.30 on Mondays and Wednesdays, breakfast prayers at 8.00 on Friday. Other directions of service stretch the imagination and tax our spiritual resources. We are praying through and looking for new ways of working with children and young people.

We want to build bridges with members of other faith-communities so that we can meet in mutual trust and confidence. We need to listen to each other, to share dreams and hopes to feel each others' suffering and joy, to work together to make a contribution in service to the community and to be strengthened by each others' spiritual understanding.

Help us! Pray with us and for us! Offer us an hour or two. We can always use volunteers - drivers, lifters, shifters, grafters. Share in the life of our family, join us in God's special work here and journey with us on the pilgrimage with God and all His people in Whitechapel.

PETER JENNINGS



HARVEST - WHITECHAPEL

A WORD ON WINDYRIDGE. . . .

Six miles from Colchester, just off the Sudbury road, Windyridge stands in 25 acres. Spot the water tower, turn right and you're as good as there. On the drive there's a hazard warning and a limit of 10 m.p.h. Mysteriously and consistently the '0' disappears and regular visitors find themselves trapped behind an unsuspecting newcomer crawling along at snail's pace!

Windyridge is home to 30 residents, young men and women of 17+, who make very full use of the facilities on site. With youth unemployment running so high, it is marvellous to have work and training opportunities so close at hand. Workshops, classrooms, the farm with its pigs, calves, sheep, a goose or two, potato and other vegetable crops are all pressed into service to keep hands and minds busy.

An Autumn Open Day with stalls and an auction proved a resounding success. One of the residents adopted a party of visitors from Whitechapel and, though scores of other visitors were milling around, gently guided a wheelchair round the farm and with patience and obvious bursting pride explained to a



POTATO HARVEST - WINDYRIDGE



WINDYRIDGE

ninety-two year old who had never seen a real live pig before all about pigs. The spirit of the day was special, the weather mild and dry after what had seemed like months of rain, the atmosphere warm, friendly and welcoming. Visitors, staff, residents and members of the management committee joined in a cooperative effort to make a really happy and successful time.

Gratitude is always in order to Colonel Round and those who serve as managers and give a great deal of time, to the staff whose cheerfulness rubs off in turn on the residents, but above all to the Principal, Mrs Stowers, whose experience, commitment and caring demand resources of energy and perseverance rarely seen in ordinary mortals.

Dare we pinch the words of the poet who described England as

..... a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies, of lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by,
But the glory of the garden is in more than meets the eye.

It's all true of Windyridge; there are no statues, but the pride of the peacocks is matched only by the pride of the residents. The glory of Windyridge, however, is in more than meets the eye. It is in its spirit, its ethos and the atmosphere of what might be just a hostel, but is in fact a HOME.

SISTER VIVIEN WRITES

I feel I am becoming an expert . . . in packing furniture into the minibus, with a little help from my friends. The furniture is given to us for the use of the men who obtain flats from the Council. We pick up the furniture, pack it into the van and bring it to the Mission to store it. When a man gets a flat, he chooses what he wants; it is then packed into the bus and delivered to his new home. Sometimes we are even involved in arranging the furniture as for some it may be their first home and they feel they need help and advice. One such man suffered from bronchitis - so I found myself laying carpets and hanging curtains and pictures. That was easy compared with helping to carry a sideboard up to the fourth floor! It is a great joy to help someone, when we have confidence in their ability to cope, to set up in a new home; but there are those who cannot cope - not even with lots of help and advice. K. . . 's flat has to be seen to be believed. She shares it with Q. . . . but the pair of them are ridiculed by people unknown to them; they are harassed and persecuted. The flat is entered by a window, the front door broken off its hinges and they are robbed of the little money they had. They have no gas or electricity and their only means of heating is an open fire on which they burn anything that will burn. They are not coping, as I see it, but it would be wrong to compel them to give up what they regard as home. They have the right to live as they choose, as do you and I, but it is heartbreaking to watch them when you want only the best for them.

The work among young people has temporarily ceased because of lack of leadership. It's a constant cry in the inner city and a problem that's not easily solved.

The Mums' and Babies' Group runs in partnership with the Health Clinic. It had a rocky start



THE LADIES AT ANNIVERSARY TEA

a year ago but as time went by the numbers increased. Our lounge got to be bursting at the seams with ten mums, eleven babies, Ann, our health visitor and myself. After the summer break we have found it difficult to get going again. Several mums have found themselves little part-time jobs. Others, for a variety of personal reasons, have found themselves unable to attend, so we're back to square one and starting all over again.

Family Lunch on the second Sunday of the month is doing well. Our congregation is small. But meeting and chatting over a roast, three veg and a sweet has made it into an occasion when we really meet with our friends.

The women's meetings on Monday and Wednesday continue but we've suffered a number of deaths this year and the numbers are down. The Monday group has had a fascinating time looking at church history. The Wednesday group now has a dance session before the meeting. The session is run by an instructor from the Tower Hamlets Institute of Adult Education. It's great fun, it makes the older ones feel younger and it puts me on my knees! We combined our trips this year with the Tower Hamlets evangelical church and so managed two trips. Our first trip started by coach to Greenwich, by boat along the Thames to Westminster Pier, where the bus met us again to take us to Kew Gardens. It was a beautiful day and we all enjoyed it immensely. It was the first time ever on the River for some of the ladies and the first time for a long time for the others. The weather was beautiful for our second trip - to Hitchin, the home of relatives of Mr Webster who is the Superintendent of the Tower Hamlets Evangelical Church. They are returned missionaries and promised us the use of their garden if it were fine, or their home if it were wet. They gave us tea and as they live in the country it was a lovely experience to leave the concrete jungle for a while, even if it was only a couple of hours.

Work certainly has its variety at times it's very hectic . . . but then, that's what God's work is and never done!

VIVIEN WARD

THE TREASURER'S WORD

My sincere thanks to all those individuals, churches and other organisations who have so generously supported us in this past year. As the financial climate grows more bleak, so too does the necessity for our work become more urgent, yet we are confident that God still demands that Methodists proclaim His message of Love, Hope and Compassion in the inner city.

In these difficult days, Whitechapel continues to ask for your assistance in this work. We pray that more of our churches from the more prosperous areas take an interest, more of our fellow Methodists consider giving us a regular donation. For those who pay Income Tax - and there can't be many who escape - a Deed of Covenant gives the Mission £14.29 for every £10 donated. Our dedicated staff will appreciate all offers of help including clothing for the store - and don't forget the bequest when making a Will!

We need your prayers too - thank you once again,

Yours Sincerely,

LESLIE MOLE

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

STATEMENT OF POSITION

AT 31ST MARCH, 1982

31.3.81			
<u>£</u>			
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
4,036	Creditors and Reserves		
7,511	Due to Thrift Clubs	4,809	
	Accrued Expenses	6,023	
11,547		10,832	
13,128	<u>LEGACIES RESERVE</u>	11,822	
(6,564)	<u>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</u> (See Note 2)	(8,611)	
<u>18,111</u>		<u>£14,043</u>	
	<u>ASSETS</u> (See Note 1)		
	<u>Loans and Deposits</u>		
	Methodist Chapel Aid Association Ltd.		
2,200	T. & A. Jackson Memorial Fund	2,200	
	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church	8,014	
13,611		10,814	
15,811			
	<u>Barclays Bank Limited</u>		
347	Current Account	911	
342	Sidney House Account	165	
689		1,096	
55	<u>Cash in Hand</u>	10	
1,556	<u>Sundry Debtors and Prepayments</u>	2,123	
<u>18,111</u>		<u>£14,043</u>	

These Accounts are to be read in conjunction with Notes 1 - 3 annexed.

Signed on behalf of the Circuit Meeting:

L.G. MOLE)	
H. SHAPCOTT)	<u>JOINT TREASURERS</u>
B.G. YELLAND)	
M. PENGELLY)	<u>CIRCUIT STEWARDS</u>

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1982

1981			
<u>£</u>			
	<u>INCOME</u>		
8,003	Rents	7,828	
1,807	Interest	1,250	
13,069	Subscriptions, Donations and Collections	17,063	
2,188	Legacies - Proportion brought in	1,971	
25,067			28,112
	<u>Deduct:</u>		
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
12,516	Salaries and National Insurance	14,160	
2,023	Office Expenses	2,428	
917	General and Water Rates	1,233	
467	Insurance	491	
1,250	Repairs	690	
1,118	Provisions	1,378	
3,251	Light and Heat	3,009	
1,575	Furniture and Household	1,139	
2,045	Travelling Expenses	1,939	
1,000	Reserve for new Car	1,000	
1,183	Social Agencies	695	
-	Less: Income from Sundry Sales, etc. 509		
525	Audit Fee	186	
71	Professional Charges	575	
1,823	Sundries	1,931	
29,759			30,159
(4,692)	(Deficit) for the year		<u>£(2,047)</u>

YOU CAN HELP OUR WORK BY

- Praying for our work and workers
- Sending a donation now
- Having a collecting box in your home
- Covenanting your gift (details on request)
- Undertaking a special project on behalf of the Mission
- Making a legacy in your Will
- Arranging a Gift Service or Carol Party from your church
- Sending clothing parcels
- Asking for a Mission speaker for one of your meetings
- Visiting the Mission

METHODS OF GIVING

Deeds of Covenant:

Since the Methodist Church is a registered charity, the Whitechapel Mission especially welcomes gifts by Deed of Covenant. As payments may be spread over a convenient period, as little now as four years, many donors can give more than would be possible by a single gift and, with income tax at the basic rate of 30%, the value of each covenanted gift is increased by almost half.

Gifts from Overseas:

People resident abroad can execute Deeds of Covenant provided that they pay enough United Kingdom Income Tax to cover the amount reclaimable on the covenant by the Charity. Where this does not apply, the Mission would particularly welcome recurrent gifts by Banker's Order.

Other Ways of Giving:

If you are not in a position to enter into a covenant we hope that you might be able to contribute in one of the following ways: by completing a Banker's Order for payments on a regular basis, or by pledging a regular contribution over a specified number of years.

FORM OF BEQUEST BY WILL

For the guidance of friends who may desire to make bequests for the general work of the Whitechapel Mission, we append the following form of bequest.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to the Superintendent for the time being of the Whitechapel Methodist Mission, 212, Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ, for the use of the said Mission the legacy or sum of £ (free of duty), and direct the said last mentioned legacy or sum to be paid within twelve months after my decease from the proceeds of my real and personal estate, but primarily out of my personal estate, and the receipt of the Superintendent shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

NOTE:

The Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1981, enables testators to give by Will for the benefit of any charitable use not only pecuniary Legacies, but also tenements and hereditaments of any tenure. The Will must be signed by the testator at the foot or end thereof in the presence of two independent witnesses, who must sign their names, and addresses, and occupations, at the same time, in his presence and the presence of each other.

If you have already made your Will, you might add a codicil directing a legacy to the Whitechapel Mission.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT WHITECHAPEL

MEN'S REPORT

Increasing unemployment and the general recession have combined to produce another very demanding year. We are nevertheless continuing to cater for the outcasts of present day society and the homeless. Our usual Sunday evening begins at about 5.00 when we open for tea and our visitors take the opportunity to wash, shave, have a haircut, shower, even wash clothes. The service takes place at 6.30 and supper, soup and bread, etc, is served at 7.30. A nurse is in attendance to see to the needs of both men and women. The evening ends at about 9.30 with mops and brushes.

Our Wednesday Fellowship meeting covers much the same area but on this evening a registered GP (Dr Michael St John) is able to be in attendance.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8.30 - 3.00, we run Day Centre activities for the elderly and disabled. Tea and Coffee is constantly on the go with Television and table games. Counselling and general help and advice is available.

We open our clothing shop on Thursdays and men can come and buy clothing for a small charge. By paying, some of the men give themselves a sense of signity and respectability. Some are genuinely pleased to be able to make a contribution to those who help. But where there is real need, it goes without saying, no charge is made.

We often need to find emergency accommodation for the men who come to us and during the past year we have found places as follows:

Tower House	16	Carrington House	14
Salvation Army	40	Church Army Hostel	4
Bruce House	28	GLC Housing	6
Parker St Hostel	9	Tower Hamlets Housing	11

I have made 36 prison visits during the past year keeping in touch with those men who have received help from the Mission - and, in addition, I have made 73 Hospital visits over the London area.

I should like to record my thanks to the following who have given valuable help to the Mission this year: Belper Methodist Church, Haywards Heath Methodist Church, Stowmarket Methodist Church and Hurlow Baptist Church.

We'd like to thank those local churches too and the NFA agencies - and our volunteers, of course, without whose help our work would surely have to be curtailed.

And while I'm on about our needs. We are desperately short of tools. Are you replacing or throwing out Hammers, Screwdrivers, pliers, pincers, saws etc? We are always trying to fix things - or somebody borrows - and they seem to walk!

BOB BLOUNT

OUR THANKS TO:

All those who help us in so many ways and so many places

- All who give so much
- Our various committees and officials
- All helpers from the local hospitals
- Our Sunday workers and all who assist us during the week
- Mrs Reynolds, Sister Vivien and others who provide a ministry of music
- Our solicitors, auditors, bankers and printers
- Our friends at the Home Office, in the Woolnoth Society, Crisis at Christmas, No Fixed Abode, and in many of our churches



CENTRES OF CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY

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LADY IN WAITING
(WINDYRIDGE)



GENTLEMEN IN WAITING
WHITECHAPEL