

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896)

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ANNUAL REPORT 1985

WHO ARE YOU WITH?



THE METHODIST CHURCH
WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by Rev Thomas Jackson, 1896)

WHO ARE YOU WITH?

Under normal circumstances — and normal circumstances are very rare at Whitechapel! — I would not dare to end a sentence with a preposition. It is, as they say, a grammatical sloppiness up with which we should not put. The TV advertisement asks the question, however, and gives an answer which is meaningful to many thousands of people. We're with the Woolwich. That Building Society and many others are helping to turn people's dreams into realities and enabling individuals, couples and families to buy houses and turn them into homes.

Who are you with? It might be the Woolwich, the Nationwide, the Halifax or the Abbey National or whatever.

A BUILDING SOCIETY

Some of the men and women who come to Whitechapel belong to a very different "Building Society". They'd say very proudly, "We're with the Whitechapel". The Whitechapel spends a lot of time building, repairing, helping, turning dreams into realities, helping individuals, couples and families to turn houses into homes.

Not only do we try to bring healing and wholeness to persons as individuals, we also try to restore individuals to families and society. Many of our Whitechapel friends are not homeless — they are lonely, solitary and socially isolated, craving for the company of friends they've known through the ups and downs of street life in the East End.

The Day Centres and Care Units of Whitechapel are not only communities where people are accepted just as they are, they become for our friends the family in which they feel most at home. Whitechapel is a building society.

"WHO YOU ARE WITH"

Who you are with on the streets is a matter of life or death. Friends are always important but when their faithfulness, makes the difference between hunger and fullness, between being clothed and being in need, between safety and threat to life — then friendship is about surviving. We are "with" those who depend on friendship for the basic necessities of life. Without our supporters who are "with the Whitechapel" and upon whom we depend we would not be able to help.

Our friends increase in number. Already, at the end of November, people are standing around the walls of our hall and corridors because there is no room to sit. Usually this happens only in January and February when the winter is at its worst. We are a true community made up of many diverse individuals, bound together in need and friendship. The thought that we may have to turn someone away is unbearable and impossible.



Somehow we have to make our premises and programme so elastic that all those who need to can say "We are with the Whitechapel". The recession is biting more deeply. Our age group ranges now from small children to teenagers, all the way up to veterans of 80 years old. Occasionally the terrible ingredients in someone's life make them erupt into frustration and fury, but we know both joy and sorrow in an environment which is, in the main, extraordinarily peaceful and accepting. The work in our Surgery progresses steadily week by week as does the work of the shower room. Those whose ministry is there are held in special warmth and honour by everyone . . . self respect depends on it when the work often begins with ". . . shifting". It is no rest cure when the job can involve helping 40 people or more to shower and clean up.

"Who you are with" in terms of dignity, inner resources and spiritual survival is also basic. We are with Christ and He with us. But without the practical expression of His Presence in showers, food, clothes and friendship, to make that statement would be a mockery of the Son of Man and the needs of our people.



OUR ANNIVERSARY:

In pride of place at our Anniversary Rally was a brass wall plaque. The Revd. Eric and Mrs. Margaret Murray who ministered at Whitechapel in the early sixties returned to be our guests of honour on October 30 1985. But the inscription on the plaque reminded us that our work here made its tentative beginnings exactly a hundred years ago.

THE WORKING LADS' INSTITUTE

This building was opened by
HRH the PRINCESS OF WALES
on Saturday October 31st 1985

Over the next couple of years we shall be planning towards a proper Centenary with the help of "The Friends of Whitechapel" — of whom more . . . anon.

THE JIGSAW CHRIST

Many of our supporters will receive with this Annual Report a copy of "The Jigsaw Christ". If you didn't and you'd like one, then please ask and we'll send you one. It tells the story of a partnership between a suburban Methodist Church and the Whitechapel Mission. It tells the story of how much Bishop's Stortford has given to Whitechapel, how much Whitechapel has given to Bishop's Stortford and how much has been shared. It is a classic example of "Mission alongside the Poor" because those who serve have found themselves doubly blessed. In serving God through loving their neighbour, they have discovered that their neighbour can love God too and can find reserves of dignity and skill and pride in serving the server. Putting all the pieces of service together, building the jigsaw has made us a 'Building Society' on another level – co-partners with God and the people of God building for the Kingdom.



THOMAS JACKSON HOUSE

The National Children's Home left Thomas Jackson House – the former Mission Hostel – at the beginning of summer and since that time we have had decorating and building teams working in the place. At one point a team of lads from Windyridge came in and helped with the cleaning and painting. The new building gives us space to expand the work of the Church. Nearly all our meetings have now outgrown the Clipson Room on the ground floor of the Mission.

On the top floor of Thomas Jackson House, we have the beginnings of a Community. David and Maria, Medical Students at the London Hospital, share in the life and work of the Mission and are looking to be joined presently by two more volunteers who will be offering "Time for God".

MEDICAL CARE

For many years now, the Mission has been able to offer emergency medical care to its friends. A 'Mission Alongside the Poor' Grant has made it possible for Dr. Chris Day to become our Visiting Medical Officer. Chris is a Circuit Steward of a neighbouring Circuit (Enfield) and former GP. He now helps us by running two very long surgeries each week and guides us in our work with the Chaplaincy team at the London Hospital. Chris has a team of volunteer nurses working with him in the Surgery, cleaning, bandaging and tending wounded heads, hands and feet.

LONDON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Our share in the work of the London Hospital is to offer cover on behalf of the Free Churches to patients, Medical Nursing and Ancillary staffs and patients' families and friends.

The task is enormous and our two ministers and Bert and Thalia, our two lay assistant chaplains, are hard pressed to meet the demands of an ailing, cut back NHS hospital with reputedly the busiest out-patients and emergency departments in Europe. We have recently been asked if we could undertake similar duties at London Hospital (Mile End). That would bring the total beds at the two hospitals to well over 1,000 – add to that the supporting staffs and the patients' families and you would appreciate the magnitude of the task.



THE TREASURER'S WORD

In spite of some very generous donations from our regular contributors, Churches and other organisations for which we are very grateful, our expenses during the year outstripped our income by over £5,000. The bulk of this was attributable to the need to renew a large part of the Mission roof and professional advice which was needed in order to obtain a realistic rent for our shop premises. Fortunately these will not recur. The exceptionally cold weather last winter also brought large number of our clients (who sleep rough) to the Mission for warmth and clothing which reduced our clothing store and put up the expenses for the provisions provided.

We look forward in faith and trust that we shall not have any exceptional expenses this year and also pray that all those who have helped us in the past continue to do so and, if possible, to increase their donations. May I remind you that a Deed of Covenant gives the Mission about 43p for every £1 donated and we will be delighted to send you the necessary forms if you will indicate that you are interested.

If you are unable to help us financially you can always pray for the work here. Thanks again for all you have done in the past.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC WARNER

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 1985

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1985

ASSETS (Note 1)	This Year		Last Year	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Loan</u>				
Methodist Chapel Aid Association Ltd.		2,200		2,200
<u>Short Term Deposits</u>				
Methodist Church Central Finance Board		8,973		11,467
<u>Other Current Assets</u>				
Debtors and Prepayments	3,187		2,216	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	2,596		2,590	
		<u>5,783</u>		<u>4,806</u>
		16,956		18,473
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses	3,972		2,316	
Due to Thrift Clubs	699		648	
	<u>4,671</u>		<u>2,964</u>	
Short Term Loan	-		2,000	
		<u>4,671</u>		<u>4,964</u>
		<u>£12,285</u>		<u>£13,509</u>
Represented By:		<u>Notes</u>		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Legacies Reserve	4	13,961	14,470	
Donations for Special Purposes	5	5,155	-	
Repairs Equalisation Account	3	-	2,274	
Manse Repair Reserve	3	419	-	
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	5	3,000	1,500	
		<u>22,535</u>	<u>18,244</u>	
<u>Less Deficit on General Fund</u>	6	<u>(10,250)</u>	<u>(4,735)</u>	
		<u>£12,285</u>	<u>£13,509</u>	

L.G. MOLE)
 E. WARNER) Joint Treasurers
 B.G. YELLAND)
 M. PENCELLY) Circuit Stewards

INCOME	Note	This Year		Last Year	
		£	£	£	£
Donations and collections	1c		26,141		26,963
Income Tax recoverable re covenants	2		673		582
Rents	1b		10,760		9,377
Interest	1b		1,679		1,114
Legacies - proportion credited this year	4		2,327		2,412
			<u>41,580</u>		<u>40,448</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE					
Salaries and National Insurance		21,977		18,844	
Telephone and Office Expenses		4,042		3,471	
Light and Heat		4,008		4,090	
Insurance and Rates		2,096		2,030	
Repairs		5,704		726	
Repairs Equalisation Account	3	(2,274)		2,274	
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve	3	419		-	
Motor Expenses and Travel		3,154		2,745	
Provisions and Household Expenses		1,499		1,261	
Social Work		1,293		855	
Audit Fee		667		495	
Professional Charges re Rent reviews		1,179		-	
Interest Paid		82		138	
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	5	1,500		1,500	
Sundries		1,739		1,823	
			<u>47,095</u>		<u>40,252</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus on ordinary activities for the year			(5,515)		196
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS					
Donations for Special purposes 5b		7,000		937	
<u>Less transfer to Special Reserve 5c</u>		<u>7,000</u>		<u>-</u>	
				937	
Prior year adjustments				923	
				<u>1,860</u>	
(Deficit)/Surplus carried forward			<u>£(5,515)</u>		<u>£2,056</u>

WINDYRIDGE



Soon I hope to be the proud new owner of a very thick brown and white pullover. It will have been made from the fleece of a Windyridge Jacob sheep, looked after by Tim Stowers and his workers. The wool has been spun by my wife and this is being knitted by a friend. A lot of people have been involved in the making of that pullover. You could say when it is finished that it will be the product of a corporate team and that typifies the spirit and effort at Windyridge.

We have had some changes in the hostel over the last year. There have been new appointments, a marriage, an extended leave for Jane Lambert to go overland to Africa (not bad for some) and a farewell to Johnny Walker who has left to seek professional training at college. The most significant change however must be the marriage. Mr. Ranson who has been at Windyridge for some years now, has married Anita and they both continue to be with us working at the hostel. Incidentally, they married on our wedding anniversary so I was able to give them an extra special wish for future happiness. Other changes have involved Colin Coghlan who was appointed an Assistant Warden and Mike Gleave as a Probation Officer Deputy. Mike is an ex-actor which may bode well for our Christmas entertainment. Last year's effort was very good indeed with some extraordinary talent emerging from staff and residents alike. Talking about talent, you may have seen some of our lads and lasses on television (that is, if you did not blink). For a long time now Mr. Fordham has been arranging parties to assist at different horse shows. One group was helping out as the arena party, replacing knocked down jumps, when the horse show was televised. "Fame at last", said one lad who sported an enormous rosette claiming he had won first prize in the two year old filly class.

First prize must also go to the members of the local circuit who have continued to support us so much. The Revd. Robin Searles asked in the magazine for help with secondhand furniture. You can imagine the bashing our furniture was taking from the hands, or rather the bottoms, of thirty rather robust young people. Without the help of the friends of Windyridge we were faced with the prospect of hard chairs or sitting on the floor. I have already expressed my thanks in the local magazine but the help we have been given deserves a further thanks. The hostel is just that little more homely which must be good for the young people here, some of whom do see Windyridge as their home. This last year we have seen so many ex-residents come back to Windyridge for the cup of tea, meal or to stay the night. One young lady, Sharona, even went so far as to ask Mr. Bowman, the garden instructor, if she could do some work. It was an offer which was not refused.

1985 has been a very hectic year for the staff and residents at Windyridge. The group has been one which has required just that little extra in terms of staff input. I think it fair to say that the resident group has been much more sophisticated in its delinquency pattern whilst lacking in its ability to cope with the stresses of a fairly demanding society. I do believe, however, that we have kept quite a few people out of prison and of those some have broken the vicious circle to escape from the awful dilemma of offence after offence. Like the pullover it has taken a corporate and united effort but one which still continues to be stimulating and incredibly rewarding.

Derek Wolsten-Croft



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, Rob Mitchell 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, our patron saint St. Michael, and many of our churches.
- Gilbert Cox, Margaret Harding and others whose discreet photography decorates this report.

SOMEBODY ELSE VERY SPECIAL

Each year following the publication and circulation of our Annual Report, we receive a letter of greeting from Sister Margaret Redhead. She is the oldest Wesley Deaconess in the British Methodist Church and she was a Deaconess here when Thomas Jackson was Superintendent. She lives in Grange over Sands in an LPMA home. Her 96 years almost span our history. She still manages to pass on to us a little anecdote of 'life in the old days' at Whitechapel.

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

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 4BJ, 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.

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.