



**WHITECHAPEL
METHODIST
MISSION**

REPORT 1974

HIS WORSHIP





The Super writes . . .

His Worship

I begin as I ought in gladness and gratitude by saying thank-you to my wife and colleagues and all our staff for all their loyalty and service over another year. We could not carry on for one week except as a team and no one is more conscious of this than myself, who relies so much upon all who belong to Whitechapel Methodist Mission. My indebtedness is beyond words as indeed are my thanks.

The first thing anybody ever told me about London was about Dick Whittington – thrice Lord Mayor of our capital city. I don't know how many "His Worships" there have been since then, but it is a position of honour, dignity and a part of the best of our great traditions. My wife and I were pleased to meet His Worship the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Hugh Wontner, at Guildhall last year. (See front cover).

But the Whitechapel Methodist Mission is a place of HIS worship – God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords – sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up. But this King in regal splendour left his throne and kingly crown – He laid His glory by – He became what we are – WHY? So that we should become what He is.

So at our Mission we know we are engaged in HIS WORSHIP when we sing our hymns and say our prayers and preach the gospel. We believe too we are equally engaged in HIS WORSHIP when we give a shirt, some shoes, a skirt, a cup of tea, a bowl of soup, hot water and a razor – a warm room –

a somewhere to those who have nowhere and we, in His Worship become someone for the many who have no-one. Worship is not just a matter of bells and smells, gowns and glory, psalms and palms and choir and lyre. Jesus of Nazareth worshipped His father as He went about doing good, as He encountered folk by the wayside, as He washed dirty feet; this we try to follow with the help of so many good folk. To all of these we send our heartfelt "Thanks".

The calls for our help seem to grow every week. A regular feature now of our Sunday worship is 100 plus for tea, into the evening service and then remaining for a free hot supper, and there is every reason to believe it will go on growing as more and more of the homeless find their way to this borough in these increasingly expensive times in which we live and towards which we seem to be almost galloping. As I go about the country I find almost everywhere the mistaken idea that we are helped in our work by the Home Mission Department or some grant aid. This is just not true, we receive not a penny as grant nor do we ask it, nor shall we. In faith we go on, knowing that He whom we worship, He who called us, will also enable us.

We have plans and hopes, well on the way to being realised, for a totally new venture in the Thomas Jackson Memorial Hostel. A venture much nearer to the original ideas of our founder than we have been able to pursue for a long time.

At Windyridge Farm Home our premises are being increased for a bigger intake and new departmental buildings are in process of erection to make our training scheme even more worth while. Windyridge is almost unique in its work and witness and the whole Methodist Church needs to be proud of the way in which "His Worship" is conducted in Constable country.

Our strong link with the London Hospital continues and we join with them in "His Worship" at the weekly interdenominational service held every Sunday morning.

I am proud to be a beggar for beggars and I commend the Whitechapel Methodist Mission to all who read this. I do so with no doubts in my heart and mind that you will respond as He guides you. I do so knowing full well that in the coming year, in gladness we shall worship and we shall rejoice as we sing.

God bless you all. JOHN JACKSON.

Riches to Rags

I don't suppose there is anyone who has not heard of Dick Whittington. It's the story of the Pantomime that makes us happy – the story of "RAGS TO RICHES" – of the poor boy who became Lord Mayor of London. Here in East London today we try to enact the story in reverse. I'm writing to ask you who are comparatively rich to enable me to help the scores who come to us in RAGS.

Anything you can send to me by way of clothing – especially men's, footwear and underwear, food or money, we can use and use well in "HIS WORSHIP" whom we seek to serve here at Whitechapel Mission.

Thank you,

FLORENCE N. JACKSON

OUR THANKS TO :—

All our helpers in so many ways and so many places

- all who give so much
- our various committees and officials
- all helpers from the London Hospital and our Sunday workers
- Mr Leonard and Mrs Reynolds our organist and pianist
- our solicitors, auditors, bankers and printers
- our friends at the Home Office
- the hundreds who have helped us because of our Superintendent's Monday morning broadcasts at 6.40 a.m. Radio 4
- these still continue

Sister Nora writes . . .

Our work amongst the women and children continues despite some difficulties.

This year it has been a joy to bring a few ladies to the women's meeting because of the availability of a small car. It's a bit like getting sardines out of a tin because most of them are a bit arthritic. Oh for some form of transport that would be easier for this kind of service.

The Friends and Neighbours van helped us to bring our housebound for their yearly tea and chat. I think our 98 year old was still one of the liveliest !

The Christmas party too was a happy occasion. Everyone enjoyed the Martinettes who came to entertain us, and we are grateful to friends of other churches who prepared and served the dinner.

Many people have helped us to provide outings for our people. We had enjoyable days out to Felixstowe, Haywards Heath and the Zoo, and strangely enough we still had the same number at the beginning and end of the latter outing.

To all who help us in 101 ways to bring a bit more joy into the drabness of many a life. THANK YOU. You do it for the Lord.

Talk !

On a Sunday evening a hundred or more down-and-outs file into the Chapel for service.

On a Wednesday evening thirty or more down-and-outs file into a small room for the regular week night meeting.

At both these services they will hear the Gospel proclaimed in the hope that somewhere along the way a glimmer of light may penetrate their darkest corner and bring them some comfort.

On a Monday and Thursday morning men and women come to the clothing store in the hope of finding something warm for winter – which invariably they do.

On a Tuesday twenty-five of these people come to the “Somewhere Club” where, for a small fee, they are served with a substantial meal. But still more is offered to these people – we give them our time ! Time to sit and talk, to talk about – life, for there is nothing else to talk about.

Whilst in conversation with a young chap of 29, who had left his family and a responsible job with a publishing firm over a year ago, I was struck by something he said.

‘Thank you for talking to me and listening, I find very few people have the time nowadays to do either’.



A CORNER OF OUR TUESDAY “SOMEWHERE CLUB”

Not only are we involved in His work and His Worship in giving out clothes and soup, but we are involved by talking and listening, this too is His Worship. By talking to these people we are trying to convey that they are still important to God and to us – our fellowship is His Worship.

When I read the story in Matthew of Jesus saying —

‘I was hungry and you gave me food;

I was thirsty and you gave me drink – and so on, I think that somewhere should be found the words –

‘I wanted someone to talk to, and you found time to listen’.

MALCOLM.

Windyridge Farm Home

Nayland



The past year has certainly brought its fair share of trouble, anxieties and frustrations, but nevertheless great steps forward have been achieved.

Due to the effective working co-operation which exists between the Executive Council of Whitechapel, the Managing Committee and staff of Windyridge, and the excellent support afforded us by officials at the Home Office, we are now very proud to announce the addition of a new single bedroomed unit for residents during the last stage of their phase-planned treatment, where, it is hoped, they will be able to learn independence and confident decision making, thus enabling them to cope more ably on return to their homes at the end of their stay. The whole project has been beset with innumerable setbacks of one kind or another, but at last we can now actually see the results of all our labours.

Also now taking shape is a new Classroom/Workshop block which has been badly needed for a long time and it is hoped that we will be able to report on its success next year.

Another great asset to Windyridge as a whole has been the recent acquisition of two houses in the locality for the accommodation of married staff, which has resulted in our being almost fully staffed for the first time for far too long.

Although the task that confronts us at Windyridge seems to grow more challenging year by year, we feel pride in the fact that we still uphold the view that it is our responsibility to make every possible effort to maintain encouragement of Christian principles and moral standards aligned with the every day practice of self-discipline and are determined to continue to do so.

As the concept of residential care continues to change and expand, it is our hope that our own facilities do likewise, and in keeping with this policy we have now extended our age range up to 25 years on admission, at least for an experimental period and have instituted a more comprehensive training plan than heretofore by virtue of the added facility provided by our new unit.

J. E. STOWERS (Warden).



PART OF OUR
COMMUNITY COUNT!

NEW DORMITORY
BLOCK





"ALL WE LIKE SHEEP . . ."

WINDYRIDGE
— MAIN ENTRANCE

PASTORAL CARING





A Word from the Treasurer

Without the devoted work of the Superintendent and his wife, our much loved Deaconess and all the staff at White-chapel, any mention of money would be superfluous but equally we cannot do without it, and especially so in these days of sharply rising costs of all those things so essential for the Mission's needs.

We are grateful to all our subscribers and supporters. We need your prayers, your interest and your continued help to make our witness for Jesus Christ in this part of London. Why not covenant a gift for seven years and make every £1 worth nearly £1.50 by Tax concession? Many of our friends who covenant have done this faithfully for many years yet we urgently need new and younger ones to shoulder the burden. If you are thinking of deserving causes when making your will, a legacy to the Mission would greatly assist the work **BUT A GIFT NOW** would save Estate Duty too!!

This is my first report as Treasurer but I cannot close without recording my sincere thanks to my predecessor, Fred Yelland. His interest and work for the Mission have spanned many years – and still continue. Please let me know if I can help or advise in any way.

LESLIE MOLE.

GET IN OUR GOOD BOOKS

You may be interested that some forty-four of the Super's broadcasts are now in book form, "It was on a Monday Morning" published by Marshall Morgan and Scott (Lakeland) and may be obtained from local book-shops or from us here (40p plus 6p package and postage) — order and cheque/P.O. to Mrs F. L. Jackson please. A second book will be out early in 1975 entitled "Hello Again — Another Monday Morning".



HE HAS NOWHERE
— EXCEPT OUR “SOMEWHERE CLUB”



WAITING FOR OPENING TIME
— SUNDAY TEA, 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)**

Making a Legacy in your Will

Arranging a Gift Service or Carol Party in your church

Sending clothing parcels

Asking for a Mission speaker for one of your meetings



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, E.1., 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, 1891, 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, kindly add a Codicil directing a legacy to the Whitechapel Mission.

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