

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896)

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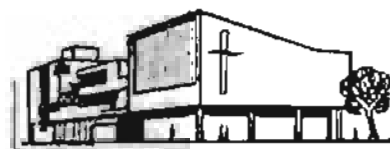
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ANNUAL REPORT

1986



WHITECHAPEL WORKSHOP

THE METHODIST CHURCH
WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by Rev Thomas Jackson, 1896)

BUILDING SOCIETY – OR BUILDING SITE?

The Theme of our Annual Report in 1985 talked about Whitechapel being a building society. There was a sense in which those words were malevolently prophetic. This last year has seen Whitechapel for months looking like a building site. Despite the dust, the muck, the bricks, the cement and the plumbing and piping, we only actually closed for three weeks in August. During the course of the year we have enlarged the Mission's kitchen to three times its previous size. That area has now taken into itself the old Mission office and what was originally, the clothing store but soon became a food store. And whilst all that building was being done we managed to continue serving meals and catering with every single cup, plate and sandwich travelling vertically on a dumb waiter from a first floor kitchen totally out of reach in any physical sense. Through that nightmare client and volunteer put up with appalling difficulties so that Whitechapel didn't have a closed door. The enlarged and refurbished kitchen made extra demands on the hot water supply, so we then had to renew the Mission water heating system. What a year! Two new kitchens, an enlarged food preparation area, extra plumbing and building costs running close to £15,000 for the work. We have to pay tribute to the generous help we received from the London Committee and The Rank Trust, but the work certainly did strain our already over-stretched finances.

VITAL STATISTICS

Somebody once said that there were lies, blank lies and statistics. I thought you might like to know what we have learnt this year by keeping very accurate figures. I don't know how to express the figures, except perhaps to use the expression "open mouths". The Tuesday and Thursday Day Centres have served over 1,250 meals each during the last eleven months. The Thursday Care Units have filled 4,500 open mouths. The Sunday Care Unit has filled 8,400 open mouths. The total number of open mouths for the year was nearly 15,500. Volunteers have given us a total of over 1,300 sessions. The doctor has seen nearly 650 patients. Remember that many of those visitors come many times, but the total throughput left our mind boggling. Credit where credit is due. Since our volunteers at Bishop's Stortford took over the running of the showers, there has been a 320% rise in the number of men availing themselves of this service. Over 35 people a week use the shower facilities; that doesn't include the number of men who use the wash-hand basins and other facilities.

WORKSHOP

Workshops are earthly places where creation happens in basic and practical terms. They tend to be places where tools and raw materials meet and purposeful and beautiful end products may well result – not to mention the messy floor with the evidence of the effort and paring away of "packaging".

Whitechapel is a "people workshop". The raw materials, and some of them are extremely raw, are the human spirit and life itself. People pass through Whitechapel in their hundreds, if not thousands every year. All of us, whether we come as "helper" or as "in need" bring the raw materials of ourselves, our lives and everything else that we need to help us grow, survive and evolve.

The work of our Care Units and Day Centres is growing faster, sometimes, than we are. At the beginning of last winter we thought we were overloaded and busy after 200 came for hospitality. We hit 300 by March 1986. Already, this winter 200 is commonplace and we wait to see how we are going to cope when the number, deprivation and desperation go up as the weather and conditions worsen. Communication, on the whole between us all, is good and we are trusted to do what we can. The raw materials and pain and despair, as well as genuine fellowship and joy, abound. Attempts to begin to solve problems are made in our surgery and in our counselling office. In the surgery we work with anything from 'flu (which is drastic when you are sleeping in doorways) to terminal cancer. In that surgery, partnered by the counselling office, we work to try to sort out hold-ups with benefit money and muggings when it has been received. We co-operate with a desperately over-worked DHSS. try to house vulnerable homeless elderly people and cope with many varieties of addiction. Slowly, that work grows as we share together as human beings some of life's most challenging threats and difficulties. Slowly, we grow in skill and knowledge and contacts. All these things enable us to achieve some sort of help for our many friends.

The work in the Shower Department, especially by our outstanding team of volunteers from Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church has reduced the problem of staying clean for many people. We rejoice in the visible results of their success. To date, this year we have served over 15,000 meals. At

the centre of it all, the chapel has earned the right to stay at the heart of the life of some of our society's most broken and desperate people. The broken bread and poured-out cup of Christ is touched and accepted.

The "people workshop" for our needy folk is the discovery of their worth and dignity. It is hard work sometimes to begin to realise personal value. Sometimes everything that surrounds our folk, even the life experience itself, denies that personal value. But God loves us so much, he can't take his eyes off us. God actually considers us worth dying for. Responding to that there is, within reach, the human spirit . . . priceless and beautiful. Hard work to accept. The courage of many who share with us is witness to that truth. We try to coax them to see it. The friendship and belonging is of the Kingdom.

The "people workshop" has grown a new dimension in Whitechapel over the past few years, resulting this year in our group of young people who have chosen to come and live as part of the Whitechapel Community. Steve and Heather, Maria, Jane and Rachel have moved in to become an indispensable part of the resident team. Their workshop is about sharing darkness and hope, suffering and joy – and growing in insight, gifts and skills. Ways of looking at life and people change. The Gospel takes on new meanings and expressions. It's about "coming alive" in Christ in a new way that is not just appropriate in Whitechapel – but anywhere. This workshop has been going on before, shared by those of us in Whitechapel day-in and day-out. A team of lads from Windyridge regularly shares as part of their training and service to others, in the Whitechapel Care Units. Those Windyridge residents also work locally to the hostel in a hospital for the mentally handicapped and a nearby pre-school playgroup. The Bishop's Stortford team and many others from the Ilford Circuit, from Walthamstow and Chingford, from The Woolnoth Society and City banks, all share in this remarkable workshop.

Workshops need tools and we are about to print what we call "THE WHITECHAPEL TOOL BOX". A lot will be said about this in subsequent months. It is a very basic guide about the raw materials and conditions at Whitechapel, though it will obviously have great benefits for the Church at large when that Church works at the sharp end of human need. The Tool Box, under general headings, deals with the theory of needs, interview technique, the dealing with disturbed and intoxicated people, homelessness, rootlessness and then, in more specialised sections, deals with alcoholism, drug addiction, solvent abuse, suicide and para-suicide. Its first draft is 100 pages.

But we could do very little – it's probably true to say we couldn't do anything – without the tools you give us. We thank God for Whitechapel and all it is for us, but we praise and thank God for you, our unseen colleagues in this workshop for life.





WINDYRIDGE

Do you remember that poem which goes, "If you can keep your head whilst all about you are losing theirs – it is about time you got somebody to explain the situation to you". The situation at Windyridge over the last twelve months has been such that we could all have lost our heads. After years and years of negotiating by the Management Committee, the "ablutions block" (what a dreadful name that is) was partially demolished and the new "changing room" opened. For a period which was just that little bit too long, the main building in the hostel which caters for a household of twenty young men and women (the independence training unit houses the other 10), ran on three bathrooms only. It says a lot for the staff and the young people here that this experience was coped with sensibly and without too much hassle. It could have caused a lot of disruption, but actually a feeling of camaraderie was built up with residents sitting on the stairs waiting for their turn!

Unconnected with this upset, we went through a major overhaul of the staff group. In all six members left Windyridge – one to have a baby, one to go to university, two were offered more lucrative employment (but still thought long and hard before leaving), one to assist her husband in his new company, and Sandra my secretary left which, with respect to the others, caused me most anguish. However, God was looking after Windyridge again, for in the very same week that Sandra left, Lynne, a very experienced secretary from the Stowmarket probation office, moved her home and started work at Windyridge. With six members of staff leaving it could have been absolute chaos were it not for the other workers at the hostel who took it upon themselves to ensure that the

care and concern for our work with the residents did not suffer. I think it behoves me to blow their trumpets for them.

I would like to suggest that we at Windyridge continue to be one of the most effective probation hostels in the country. Not only do we keep a significantly high number of people out of custody, we give them the skills they need to stay out of prison. Have you ever thought about the skills you need to learn (or re-learn) once you have gained yourself a bad reputation with the courts, and with the police? The skill to survive in society without offending will require that you know how to budget, cook, clean, work with your probation officer, handle the DHSS, and perhaps the most difficult skill of all, that of negotiating yourself out of trouble. We have found that as we take more "difficult" clients, accommodation on discharge is becoming an increasingly demanding problem. Gone is the time when mother or father will bail us out. We have also found that this is affecting the holiday periods, and Christmas this year will see more than half of the Windyridge population having nowhere to go – a terribly sad reflection at eighteen or nineteen years of age. But, we have lots of old residents who return to boast of their successes, their employment and new friends and contacts. Lots of people have said it before, but the statement is still true – Windyridge does work. Many have kept their heads after leaving Windyridge, and because of that they now have a real chance of making a success of their lives.

D. Wolsten-Croft
Warden



ANITA, CHEF, MRS. CHARNOCK, SUZANNE AND . . .
THE NEW CHANGING ROOMS

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 1986

	<u>This Year</u>		<u>Last Year</u>	
	£	£	£	£
ASSETS (Note 1)				
<u>Loan</u>				
Methodist Chapel Aid Association Ltd		2,200		2,200
<u>Short Term Deposits</u>				
Methodist Church Central Finance Board		11,213		8,973
<u>Other Current Assets</u>				
Debtors and Prepayments	5,589		3,187	
Cash at Bank and in hand	4,079		2,596	
		<u>9,668</u>		<u>5,783</u>
		23,081		18,956
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses	5,568		3,972	
Due to Thrift Club	629		699	
		<u>6,197</u>		<u>4,671</u>
		16,884		12,285
LESS LOANS (Note 7)		2,250		-
		<u>£14,634</u>		<u>£12,285</u>
Represented By:				
	<u>Notes</u>			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Legacies Reserve	4	12,346		13,961
Donations for Special Purposes	5b	9,750		5,155
Manse Repair Reserve	5c	869		419
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	5a	4,500		3,000
		<u>27,465</u>		<u>22,535</u>
Less Deficit on General Fund	6	(12,831)		(10,250)
		<u>£14,634</u>		<u>£12,285</u>

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

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1986

	<u>Note</u>	<u>This Year</u>		<u>Last Year</u>	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Donations and Collections	(1c)		36,657		26,141
Rents	(1b)		14,540		10,760
Other Income	(2)		5,603		4,679
			<u>56,800</u>		<u>41,580</u>
Less EXPENDITURE					
Salaries and National Insurance		25,318		21,977	
Telephone and Office Expenses		10,218		5,541	
Light, Heat, Insurance and Rates		12,470		6,104	
Repairs and Renewals		12,481		5,704	
Repairs Equalisation Account		-		(2,274)	
Motor Expenses and Travel		3,812		3,164	
Social Work		1,416		1,293	
Audit Fee		885		667	
Professional Charges		-		1,179	
Interest Paid		-		82	
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve		450		419	
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles		1,500		1,500	
Sundries		1,683		1,739	
		<u>70,233</u>		<u>47,095</u>	
Less financed by grants and donations for special purposes		10,852		-	
			<u>59,381</u>		<u>47,095</u>
Deficit on ordinary activities for the year			(2,581)		(5,515)
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS					
Donations for Special Purposes		6,250		7,000	
Less transfer to Special Reserve		6,250		7,000	
			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Deficit for year, carried forward (Note 6)			<u>(£2,581)</u>		<u>(£5,515)</u>



THE WINDYRIDGE RESIDENTS SEND GREETINGS
AND SAY HI!



SACRAMENTS AND FESTIVALS

Despite the enormous amount of social work and outreach that goes on during the year, the life of the Church continues to grow. The festivals are always the high points and markers of the Christian year with perhaps Remembrance Day as one of the most solemn and important, especially when our men remember both comrades in arms and comrades of the street who have no other memorial. The sacraments, especially baptism and the other markers of the personal life like weddings and receptions into membership, also prove to be happy and important days in our church family. The life of our Church can be as traditional as sometimes it is innovative.

THE TREASURER'S WORD

We have had a better year than for some time due largely to an increase in the already generous donations which come in regularly from individuals, churches and outside organisations. The deficit on the year was still one of £2,500, but this represents an improvement of nearly £3,000. Another great source of income has been through covenanted giving, whereby we have increased our amount recovered from Income Tax from £673 to £2,055. If you do not already covenant your gift, please consider this method of giving whereby we are able to recover from the Inland Revenue about 42p in every £1 without it costing you a penny.

In another part of this report you will find details of the number of clients for which we cater. This appears to increase every year and obviously costs us more every year. Without very generous gifts of food from Marks & Spencer we would certainly not be able to cater for the majority of these people. Please remember this generosity from M & S when you are out shopping.

This year will see the first complete year of our work in the whole of these premises since the NCH left us. We are unable to estimate the effect this will have on our finances, but we trust we will be able to increase our income to cover this. If it is possible for you, do increase your giving to help us stave off our increased expenditure.

Please remember our work in your prayers and thanks again for all you have done in the past.

Eric Warner



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.

CHAPLAINCY FOR THE WHOLE HOSPITAL

The Whitechapel Mission and London Hospital have always enjoyed the closest relationship of help and co-operation. The hospital has its Annual Carol Service with us. This year we are hosting the Annual Service of the London Hospital League of Nurses and the Chaplaincy work grows beyond recognition. The Revd P. J. as Free Church Chaplain at London Hospital (Whitechapel), not only spends time on the wards, visiting patients and their families, but spends as much, if not more time in the School of Nursing helping student nurses to understand the sensitivities of nursing and health care for patients of many religious traditions. If Muslim and Hindu patients cannot understand, because of language or other difficulties, what is happening around them, the healing process takes much longer. Nurses are in the front line in caring for patients who sometimes live very threatened lives. The chaplains, nursing and medical staff need your prayers.

The Revd S. F. is Free Church Chaplain at London Hospital (Mile End) and her training work gives her special responsibility for the preparing of a training programme for accredited lay hospital chaplains. The high regard in which chaplaincy work is held, means that increasingly we are called into confidential work on behalf of the hospital administration. In your prayers, remember the inter-linking circles of Hospital, Care Unit, Church and Community.

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 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

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