

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896)

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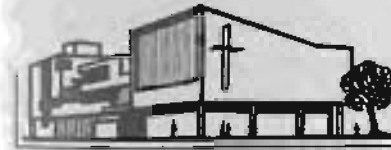
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ANNUAL REPORT 1987

A RARE BREED



THE METHODIST CHURCH
WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by Rev Thomas Jackson, 1896)

It's only fair that once in a while Windyridge should have the privilege of setting the theme for our Annual Report. As you read on, you will learn about the 'Norfolk Horns' that decorate our front cover.

RARE BREEDS OF PEOPLE

But Whitechapel is about a 'rare breed' of people.

Over the last three years we have begun a new venture which is called simply the Thomas Jackson House Project. A group of five young people undertake to spend at least a year living in TJH and being part of the Whitechapel Community. They come for a variety of reasons. Perhaps they aspire to enter one of the care professions (medicine, social work) and seek experience. Perhaps they are searching for themselves, their inner gifts, their calling as lay or ordained ministers. It is a time of standing at a crossroads in life, choosing to do it at Whitechapel.

SHARING THE SUFFERING

Whitechapel is a sort of wilderness — it challenges people to their depths; it draws out gifts and insights into life and the human soul; it is a place of growing up in the faith. We choose to share the suffering and isolation, the wounding and the dying of society's outcasts. It is tough. We strive to build and maintain the spiritual life and grow as a Christian community in the face of a tidal wave of human need. We seek to be the hands, feet, heart and mind of Christ. We find our weakness as well as our strengths and we meet the Lord of the Poor in those who come to us for help and comfort.

HELP NEEDED

If we are to be a training as well as a serving community, we need *financial*, in addition to practical and spiritual help, to maintain this venture and allow it to grow and mature. Participation is an investment in young people who at cost to themselves are offering a year of their life to God and the People of God in Whitechapel. It costs the Mission in excess of £2,500 for each full time person for that year. Could your church or Circuit sponsor one of our young people?

CENTRES AND UNITS

The numbers of men and women — young and old — who come into Whitechapel seeking the hospitality of God continue to grow. Can you bear statistics?

Tuesday Meals in 1985 were 960 : in 1987 are already 1900

Thursday Meals in 1985 were 1040 : in 1987 are already 2600

Thursday Visitors in 1985 were 2131 : in 1987 are already 6300

Sunday Showers in 1985 were 960 : in 1987 are already 1500

Mouths fed in 1985 were 17319 : in 1987 are already 24500

We are finding harder to book people into hostels because more have closed, including two in Tower Hamlets itself. We continue to strive to enable people to start again and move away from the street life. For those who have lost the ability to hope, or to change, we remain a lifeline of survival. We are simply friends willing to share 'how it is' and do whatever is possible to ease and comfort.

THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Sometimes we are overwhelmed. We are only too aware that we merely touch the tip of the iceberg of all this suffering and need. Sharing all this with one of our street friends, feeling very humbled and small in the face of what we knew was happening to him, we were sorry we could do so little. "Don't put yourselves down and under estimate what you do", he said. "You care and try to do something about it. We know that."

In the name of Christ, help us to go on doing that. Without your help, we would go on caring, but could do nothing to show it and make it real. In the unsentimental light of street reality, sympathy means nothing. **Help** means the difference between warmth and cold, cleanliness and infestation, food and hunger, care and indifference.

When I was hungry . . . cold . . . ill-clothed . . . in prison . . . Well, did you . . . ?



Pause for breath on the Bed-push

WINDYRIDGE

It seems a long time since there was an organised outing from Whitechapel to Windyridge. If there was a visit here, you would probably see the same old things — maybe a few less trees following what has now been called "the great storm". One thing which would be pointed out to you would be our new rare breed of sheep. Tim, the farmer, went over to the Cotswolds to bring back a ram and five ewes of the Norfolk Horn breed. In the nineteenth century, the Norfolk Horns were the commonest breed in East Anglia, but by the 1950's had reached near extinction. Even now they are counted in tens rather than thousands. The idea of having a rare breed is so that we can display the sheep at local agricultural shows. The young men and women at Windyridge will have to prepare the sheep for showing. This involves cleaning and brushing — a lengthy, but hopefully interesting task. You would also during your visit see Honey and Sugar — two donkeys on permanent loan from the Donkey Sanctuary. Caring for all our animals on the farm seems to have real meaning for our young people and we believe that there is a real benefit to be gained from this — giving, rather than taking.

In summer there was another version of giving. Steve, who is one of our assistant wardens, is married and his wife works at a hostel for mentally handicapped people. They, like many other organisations, had very little funds to support their endeavours and our lads wanted to help. One lad entered into a local mini-marathon with sponsorship and earned £30. This sparked off many ideas and eventually led to the "Bed Push". The Windyridge lads planned to push a bed the 25 miles between Windyridge and the mentally handicapped hostel. Everyone at the hostel seemed to be involved with some of the staff building the bed, others driving the vehicle and then of course there was administration. The real effort however came from the lads themselves where three teams of five pushers covered the 25 miles. Over £300 was raised in cash and sponsorship. I think the best part of the day came at the end when a bucket containing pennies, 5ps, 20ps and the occasional pound, was handed over by the Windyridge lads themselves to the matron at the other hostel.

This example of giving is only one of many which now seems to go on at Windyridge. The lads are much more involved outside the hostel than in previous years. They help at the local village playgroup where they assist Mums with their children in the varying activities. We also helped at the church fete this year and I was told that had it not been for the Windyridge lads erecting fences and helping with stalls, the fete would not have been as successful as it was. All this did a lot to improve our reputation in the village of Nayland.

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We stood and . . . delivered!

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MARCH 1987

	This Year		Last Year	
	£	£	£	£
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		12,565		11,213
<u>Other Current Assets</u>				
Debtors and Prepayments	4,411		5,589	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	5,716		4,079	
		10,127		9,658
		24,892		23,081
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses	7,738		5,568	
Due to Thrift Club	649		629	
		8,387		6,197
		16,505		16,884
LESS LOANS (Note 7)		2,250		2,250
		£14,255		£14,634
<u>Represented By:</u>				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	Notes			
Legacies Reserve	4	14,954		12,346
Donations for Special Purposes	5b	2,615		9,750
Manse Repair Reserve	5c	1,608		865
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	5a	4,850		4,500
		24,027		27,465
<u>Less Deficit on General Fund</u>	6	(9,772)		(12,831)
		£14,255		£14,634

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

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1987

	Note	This Year	Last Year
		£	£
INCOME			
Donations and Collections	(1c)	33,150	36,657
Rents	(1b)	18,620	14,540
Other Income	(2)	6,327	5,603
		58,097	56,800
<u>Less EXPENDITURE</u>			
Salaries and National Insurance		25,508	25,318
Telephone and Office Expenses		10,339	8,912
Light, Heat, Insurance and Rates		12,572	12,470
Repairs and Renewals		22,959	12,481
Motor Expenses and Travel		3,750	3,812
Provisions		691	1,306
Social Work		2,018	1,416
Audit Fee		926	885
Professional Charges		467	-
Time for God donations		1,885	-
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve		739	450
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles		1,500	1,500
Sundries		1,154	1,683
		84,508	70,233
<u>Less financed by grants and donations for special purposes</u>		29,470	10,852
		55,038	59,381
Surplus/(Deficit) on ordinary activities for the year		3,059	(2,581)
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS			
Donations for Special Purposes		2,615	6,250
<u>Less transfer to Special Reserve</u>		(2,615)	(6,250)
		-	-
Net cost of vehicles purchased		7,150	-
<u>Less Special donations</u>		(6,000)	-
Transfer from Vehicle Reserve		(1,150)	-
		-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for year, carried forward (Note 6)		£ 3,059	£(2,581)

Mr Fordham continues to be the link person in arranging for our lads to be involved in horse shows. This entails part of a ring party replacing fallen jumps. If you watch your television very closely at the right time then you may, only just, see the Windyridge lads in their blue and gold sweat shirts. Mr Fordham also, with the help of the lads at Windyridge, erects our marquee at the many charity functions run in this area. So successful is this that the marquee booking stretches well into next year. The poor old thing (the marquee, not Mr Fordham!!) is beginning to come to the end of its life and will need a lot of repair.

Then there is the service our lads give to Whitechapel on a Thursday. I have left this to the last for I believe that we benefit much more from the giving of help than the men at Whitechapel do from the receiving. Indeed, there is giving from both sides. John, our deputy warden, has for a long time now been the mainstay of this activity taking lads from Windyridge down to help out at Whitechapel. Some of his involvement will have to be handed over to another person as his commitments in the New Year take over. Let us hope this Thursday run continues for some time, for it seems to be an increasingly important part of the Windyridge programme.

As you know, through this report I have spoken about Windyridge lads and have forgotten the lassies. There is an unfortunate but real reason for this in that we have not had women as residents for some time. We now have two, but have room for a further eight. It really angers me that the women prisons are full whilst Windyridge, and other hostels, have vacancies. It seems very silly to me not to make use of a hostel which has a long proven history of success. For instance, out of the last fourteen "lads" to leave the hostel, twelve are now in full time employment. One is at a catering college, two work with their families and one even has a job with a security firm. He got this job by being honest about his background and saying that he had worked at Windyridge on the farm. This brings us back to the farm and to our Norfolk Horn rare breed. I throw out an invitation to you to come and see us in the Spring time when the lambs are around and perhaps you will see that the Norfolk Horns are a little less rare!

D Wolsten-Croft



There is positively nothing like a refreshing shower!

TWO CAMEOS

Hank broke his leg in an accident in the summer. In spite of hospital care, it wouldn't heal. He'd been living rough for quite a long time, fighting a losing battle against alcohol addiction. His body was so run down and starved of essential supplies (alcohol so damages the stomach that in the end one *cannot* eat) that it did not heal itself properly, leaving him badly crippled and unable to move except with pain and difficulty. As the weather became bitter and the cold relentless, his suffering became unbearable. In sharing together it became clear that, though he knew what was happening to him, he found it impossible to stop drinking. One night, a few days before Christmas, he limped away from all of us — his street and Mission friends. Going away to unknown streets, he crawled under a park bench and died of hypothermia. He was 33 years old. God help us all.

Greg was larger than life. Six foot six in each direction, he was the kind of man who commanded respect and notice. It twisted one's heart to hear him ask for a blanket for the night. "How long have you been out?" "Three days" "D'you want to talk about it?" "If you've got the time, Ma'am". The Sunday night before Greg had watched on TV last winter's documentary about the homeless being sheltered in St James', Piccadilly. The following day he had gone to work to find his firm had gone bankrupt, gone into liquidation — and with it his salary. When he got home and his landlady found he couldn't pay the rent, he was asked to leave. He had enough money in his pocket to catch the train to London — his relatives would see him through until his pension came from the services. Then he could begin to sort himself out . . . but when he arrived in London his family had gone abroad on holiday. He found himself on the Embankment only 48 hours after seeing how it was for 'those poor homeless fellows' never dreaming how quickly and easily he was going to join them. With the help of the team, Greg was booked into a friendly hostel which let him sleep on a chair in the lounge — they had no beds left. In a few days, he'd applied for and got a very good job that included accommodation. He, and we, did a dance of joy together — and, after he had left, we found a note with his new phone number on it. "If you *ever* need a friend . . ." Greg made it through — and is still doing well today.

THE TREASURER'S WORD

It is gratifying to be able to report a tiny surplus on the year's work after several years when expenditure has significantly exceeded income. This has largely been attributed to some very generous grants and donations from various sources which have almost trebled compared with last year. Although our expenditure has been considerably higher this has been more than offset by special donations.

A new source of income this year is a regular donation from the Enfield circuit to help finance the cost of providing food for our clients which, together with the very generous allocation of food from Marks and Spencer, reduces our expenditure greatly. Without this help we would show a very substantial deficit every year. The financial help given by the Bishop's Stortford circuit towards our new showers and regular giving by several churches and many individuals has been invaluable over the years. Because of this generosity and by careful husbandry of our resources we are one of the few Missions which almost balances its books each year.

Our main cause for concern at the moment is the reduced income we are receiving from covenanted giving. With the reduction in the rate of Income Tax we now only receive 37p in the £ back from the Inland Revenue and, if, as is widely expected, the rate goes down to 25p, then we will receive only 33p back. Apart from this, many of our donors who have covenanted for many years are reaching the time when they cannot afford to continue to give at the same level. We have lost some treasured friends, sadly, through death. We urgently need some new covenanters and if anyone can help in this respect, we shall be only too pleased to supply them with the necessary forms.

We look forward to the future with confidence in the faith that those of you who sympathise with the nature of our work will continue to help us even more.

ERIC WARNER
LESLIE MOLE

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 officers
- Our student nurse helpers from the London Hospital
- Our Sunday volunteers and all who assist us during the week
- Jane, Isabel and Mrs. Reynolds who provide a ministry of music
- Our solicitors, auditors, bankers and printers
- Our friends at the Home Office
in the Woolnoth Society
from Crisis at Christmas
at No Fixed Abode
- Our patron saint St. Michael and his lieutenants at Marks & Spencers
- Our supporters from many churches and circuits not least Bishop's Stortford
- Those who carry us daily in their thoughts and prayers.

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