

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896)

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ANNUAL REPORT 1989

EASING THE BURDEN

THE METHODIST CHURCH
WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by Rev Thomas Jackson, 1896)

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

There was a Roman god called Janus — after whom January is named. He literally had eyes in the back of his head — he faced both ways. Our Annual Report always faces both ways. We look at the past year and prepare for the next. Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace; another year of progress and praise; another year of proving God's presence; another year of service and witness, another year of training . . . It has been a year in which we have felt our burden being eased. We have been joined by a Dutch minister whom we share with Stepney Meeting House, a local United Reformed Church. We have been supported magnificently by our young team of workers whose smiling faces you will discover further in the Report. We've taken a battering but have never been beaten. Two local agencies who work with the street people paused to reassess their financial positions. One sadly had to close down completely, the other re-opened on a much reduced scale. We have had no option but to take the strain of the additional need. At least twice during the last year, benefit rules from the Department of Social Security have changed and what seems times without number, the Post Office next door has been on strike either holding up deliveries or, with counters closed, preventing our friends from collecting pensions and benefits. Churches and local schools have magnificently supplies us with tinned foods for distribution to families and friends who have cooking facilities.



Revd Peter Jennings

REBUILDING LIVES AND LOOS

During the summer months of this year we have done major rebuilding in the clothing store by the showers to reduce a fire risk and we have rebuilt the men's toilets and washing area. It is a space which takes an unbelievable battering with sometimes as many as 200 men using the Care Unit on weekdays or Sundays. The floors have been tiled with the heaviest duty quarry tiles and the walls covered with floor tiles. The space can be hosed down to keep it clean. Decent facilities encourage decent behaviour — but they do not guarantee it! Lives need to be rebuilt too. Many of our street people need to rediscover their own worth and dignity. Everything which surrounds our folk, even the life experience itself, denies that personal value. We coax and persuade, cajole people into realising their worth. The friendship and the sense of belonging is of the Kingdom.

BURDENS EASED

It goes without saying that our every service and intention is to ease the burden our friends face day in and day out. We clean, polish and shampoo skin, we cover bodies with clean clothes, offer medical treatment and food, offer a listening ear and try to bring healing and wholeness to each individual personality. But others ease our burdens! People and churches bring clothes and supplies to us — food, towels, soap, razors. The fellows, you know, often used to share a razor and get three shaves off it. Not any more! To avoid infection we now use twice as many razors as we used to. Rotary Clubs in Battersea and Chelsea, in Golders Green and Barking have all joined in to help. The young people of Windyridge have come to help. Our burdens have been eased by wonderful caring people who have come to help us meet the increasing need.

And there was a special privilege for the minister and his wife this summer. We exchanged ministries with Jim and Jane Reid who held the fort in Whitechapel along with our staff, while we worked in the North Western suburbs of Chicago and enjoyed meeting old friends and colleagues in the Mid-west and even set about laying the foundations of a Windyridge style operation in Iowa. That exchange of ministry and lifestyle for just six weeks eased the burden and re-charged the batteries of a minister and minister's wife who have faced the dust of the arena in East London for a couple of decades. There is life beyond the inner city! But without your support, money, gifts and prayers we could not survive and burdens would not be eased.

NOT JUST SOCIAL WORK

Though much of the work of our Day Centre and Care Unit could be dismissed as "just" Social Work, in fact our words and our work and the questions we meet day by day leave no doubt about Christian presence in the Mission. The Sunday Evening Fellowship service at the heart of the Care Unit sees our friends offering as much of themselves as they dare to God. The festivals, the solemn days, Remembrance Sunday see men and women gathering round a table in the Upper Room. They find it hard sometimes to believe that they are as welcome at that table as they are to tea and sandwiches in the hall downstairs. When self esteem is low, it takes courage and daring to enter the presence of God which others find so welcoming.



Sacrament and Symbol

WINDYRIDGE



Windyridge enjoying the sun

A long time ago I applied to become an assistant warden at Windyridge. Being fresh out of the RAF I was not used to the skills of interviewing, so you can imagine how pleased I was to have what appeared to be a kind and understanding committee. On that interviewing panel was a certain Mrs Honor Dunnett. She can therefore take direct blame for appointing me in the first instance to Windyridge. Now, twenty years later, I am the warden and Honor has shocked everyone on the committee by retiring. Quite often in reports such as this people say how a certain individual will be missed, but believe you me Honor's departure will leave a hole which will take some time to fill. For years, Honor has worked quietly in the background selling Christmas cards, running coffee mornings, collecting money and the like, just so that her "lads" at Windyridge can have that little extra. She believes that they deserve the treats that they have missed out on during their youth. As I see it, there is only one redeeming factor in Honor leaving this hostel and that is she is going to Felixstowe where the church has done so much over a long period of time to help the work at this hostel.

In the past we have had quite a lot of money from the Felixstowe church for our different projects. This year, quite out of the blue, came a big, big surprise. Through the efforts of the church they were able to offer us a cheque which enabled us to buy a video camera recorder. This is a tool which is used by many social workers to help young people learn directly about different skills. You can imagine when a person is attempting a job, sometimes they do it well and sometimes poorly. If you video a practice run the person can actually see if they

are going wrong. The camera recorder then should be a real tool to help us in our work. Although Felixstowe have made a mighty effort, that is not to diminish the work of the other churches. We have had a visit from Epping and I believe they are currently trying to amass a couple of boxes of books which will make our depleted library look a little more healthy. Anything to encourage the young people to extend themselves.

That brings me to the work done by our staff group. I am pleased to say that over the year there has only been one major change of staff. Steve Pryke has now left and is attending Suffolk College for professional social work training. His vacancy has been filled by Mrs Terry Morrison, an ex NACRO worker. NACRO stands for the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. The instructors, assistant wardens and other staff seem to go on as though they have been here for ever. The work they do with our residents continues to be at a very high level and this is confirmed by visiting probation officers and guests. I have given quite a few talks to different groups over this year and at all my visits, I have been able to say very positive things about Windyridge and the staff. The efforts that we make with our young people to help them break their criminal habits can and do work. We are very successful and this includes the staff and the young people themselves. In the main this is quite a happy hostel where people help each other. We do seem to have a lot of ex residents returning to Windyridge to "show off" the hostel to their family and friends. In the summer we had a man who was at Windyridge twenty-five years ago. He returned with his wife and a young family to show his son (in his own words) the place that changed his life.

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Windyridge staff taking a well-earned break

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 AUGUST 1989

	31 August 1989		31 March 1988	
	£	£	£	£
ASSETS (Note 1)				
<u>Investment (Note 7)</u>				
Central Finance Board Mixed Fund Units		2,200		2,200
<u>Short Term Deposits</u>				
Methodist Church Central Finance Board		56,129		30,598
<u>Other Current Assets</u>				
Debtors and Prepayments	4,821		4,898	
Cash at Bank and In Hand	7,089		2,227	
		<u>11,910</u>		<u>7,125</u>
		70,239		40,223
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses	2,044		5,740	
Due to Thrift Club	1,916		720	
		<u>3,960</u>		<u>6,460</u>
		<u>£66,279</u>		<u>£33,763</u>
 <u>Represented By.</u>				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>Notes</u>			
Legacies Reserve	4	35,395	29,528	
Donation for Special Purposes		2,000	-	
Manse Repair Reserve	5b	2,022	2,022	
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	5a	6,150	3,150	
		<u>45,567</u>	<u>34,500</u>	
General Fund (Deficit)	6	20,712	(737)	
		<u>£66,279</u>	<u>£33,763</u>	

L.G. MOLE)
) Joint Treasurers
 E. WARNER)

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 1988 TO 31 AUGUST 1989

	Note	17 months to 31 August 1989		Year to 31 March 1988	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Donations and Collections	(1c)	69,999		37,002	
Rents	(1b)	28,585		19,687	
Other Income	(2)	21,781		9,535	
			<u>120,365</u>		<u>66,224</u>
Less EXPENDITURE					
Salaries and National Insurance		31,749		27,046	
Telephone and Office Expenses		18,806		11,209	
Light, Heat, Insurance and Rates		20,228		11,602	
Repairs and Renewals		21,491		9,770	
Motor Expenses and Travel		3,816		2,937	
Provisions		1,131		839	
Social Work		8,024		2,294	
Audit Fee		943		736	
Professional Charges		749		222	
Time for God donations		6,912		4,531	
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve		-		414	
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles		3,000		1,500	
Sundries		2,502		1,170	
			<u>119,351</u>		<u>74,270</u>
less financed by grants and donations for special purposes		20,435		10,823	
			<u>98,916</u>		<u>63,447</u>
Surplus on ordinary activities for the year		21,449		2,777	
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS					
Donations for Special Purposes		2,000		-	
Less transfer to Special Reserve		(2,000)		-	
Net cost of vehicles purchased		-		3,200	
Less Transfer from Vehicle Reserve		-		3,200	
Surplus for year, carried forward	(6)	<u>£21,449</u>		<u>£ 2,777</u>	



Shampoo!

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One thing he mentioned had not changed was the friendly and concerned atmosphere throughout the hostel.

Actually, quite a lot has changed at Windyridge, I hope mainly for the better. You may have seen us on BBC Look East recently when the TV cameras came to record our residents training on the "off the road" driving course. This is a unique facility which tries with some success to encourage potential traffic offenders to see the sense of responsible, safe and legal driving. Actually, we have had good press coverage this last year on all our work with articles in two different local Essex newspapers, and snippets on BBC and independent radio. I don't mention all this press coverage merely to gain some reflected glory. What I want to emphasise is how unique Windyridge is and how much the work of the staff and residents is successful. When Mrs Dunnett came to the committee over twenty-five years ago, Windyridge was a successful going concern. The type of residents have changed but that reflects the changes in society over the years. However, the committee and the staff at Windyridge have cause to congratulate themselves on yet another successful year.

D. Wolsten-Croft

TOWER HAMLETS CHURCHES IN COMMUNITY

Because church life can be so vulnerable and fragile, but also because we are determined to meet the needs of London's "Near East" in as organised a way as possible, Whitechapel has joined with other Methodist churches and circuits and with United Reformed churches to form a grouping of Christians called Tower Hamlets Churches in Community. Bow Mission with its churches and projects, Poplar Mission with its churches and projects, St George's Methodist Church from the East End mission circuit and Whitechapel together with ministers and churches of the URC have thrown in their lot together to plan, co-operate and work for the Kingdom. We enclose with our report the first newsletter of THC in C.

HAIL AND FAREWELL

We've said some goodbyes this year — never goodbye, only au revoir — because after living and working in Whitechapel people keep on coming back to re-charge their batteries.

Isabel has left us to begin professional training for a qualification in Social Work — we miss her because she directed our music and singing. John has left to return to his University studies. Kevin has now entered theological college at Bristol because the Methodist Church has accepted his offer for the ordained ministry. We welcome Dave and Nick to work with us and we welcome in addition Paul, who is studying Theology at University in London. It's a powerful team and we still have space for one more young person who can offer a year for God.

A sad au revoir has been to our visiting Medical Officer, Dr Chris Day whose work has been recorded in earlier Reports and nationally in the London and Home Missions Reports. Chris's deteriorating health made it very difficult for him to continue but he has been replaced . . . by two General Practitioners working on a sessional basis and by a general nurse, a psychiatric nurse, an alcohol counsellor and a social worker. We are glad that after years of pioneering work by the Mission the local Health Authority has responded to the challenge.



Lesley, Kevin, Hugh, Isabel and John — The Community

THE TREASURER'S WORD

Probably for the first time ever we are able to go into the new Financial Year with a considerable balance that we can use to effect major refurbishing work that badly needs doing to the premises. Although these buildings were only erected in 1970, they were not built to the highest standard (we are sure the Prince of Wales would not have given them his recommendation). Already three of the roofs have had to be renewed and the fourth must be attended to soon, but the most urgent matter at present is the complete rewiring of the premises which will more than swallow the balance in hand.

With the reduction in Income Tax over the last few years the amount we receive back from the Inland Revenue from covenanted donations has dropped from 42p to 33p in the £1, which is a reduction of almost 20 per cent. Apart from this our friends who hold covenants are mainly elderly. Some have left the scheme because they are no longer able to subscribe and some have passed on. This has further reduced our income from this source. If you do not already Covenant and are willing to do so, we shall be happy to send you the necessary forms. It doesn't cost you anything and can be described as a classic example of 'painless extraction.'

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our work either with their money or through their prayers and we pray that you will continue to do so in either or both of these ways.

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
- Isabel, Leslie, Wyn and Hugh 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
- The Maggini Quartet who still make the rafters ring with music
- "Auntie Jean" who keeps us all in order.

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.