

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896)

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Solicitors: Messrs Butt and Bowyer

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Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC, Mile End Branch,
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WINDYRIDGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

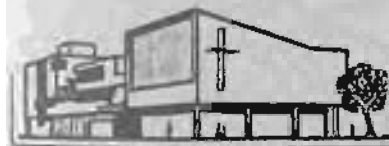
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THE METHODIST CHURCH
WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by the Revd Thomas Jackson, 1896)

ALL CHANGE!

A few years ago, as part of my training, I had the pleasure of spending four weeks at Whitechapel, weeks which have really precious memories for me. This was followed by some more happy times in the Thames Valley Circuit sharing with Churches at Eton Wick, Ledgers Road and Lent Rise.

Then, as from September 1991, the church stationed me to Whitechapel. Imagine my horror to arrive at the church to find so many of the street people I had shared with in my previous visit still attending the units. But, worse still, to see how many had died, often in very tragic circumstances. Add to this the number of younger folk who now are part of the street scene, often forced onto the streets by events which are clearly beyond their control, and you will see something of the sadness that I feel. You cannot share with these folk for very long without feeling their sense of anger and frustration at life and those people who devalue them.



ALL CHANGE

My second reaction was to wonder how and where I was going to raise the substantial sums of money that are required to keep Whitechapel operating. Then I started to see the donations of money and material

things, that poured in through our doors, from so many generous supporters and I praised the Lord for all of you. In thanking you for that support in the past, may I please challenge you to carry on into the future? We really do need you!

So things have changed, or have they? There are still challenges to be met, people to be cared for, loved and supported in the way that Whitechapel has for so many years. Yes, Peter and Cynthia Jennings have moved on, but Christine and I now have the privilege of sharing and working among the Whitechapel family. A family, which in itself, has changed with the joining of Simon Dixon, Myles Thomas and Robin Waugh. They come from different backgrounds and areas of the United Kingdom, so we know they will richly add to our gifts and talents.



Find the changes?

As you will read elsewhere in this report, Derek Wolsten-Croft has moved on from Windyridge. In wishing him and his family God's blessing in their new home, we also welcome Peter Jones, a Senior Probation Officer, as the new Warden.

MIND THE DOORS!

I hope that you will all have looked at the cover and noted the new doors we have had fitted to the Mission. These were really needed, because the old ones had rotted through years of being used for certain human needs amongst other things. I am sorry that they are pictured in the closed position, but I can assure you that they are always open for those who are in need.



The old doors - RIP!

WINDYRIDGE REPORT

Some eight years ago I was appointed as the warden of Windyridge and I came to the hostel feeling a little apprehensive but with a lot of enthusiasm. Now the time has come for me to leave, for I shall be working at an office or as people in the probation service have it, "In the field". A silly phrase that for I shall be moving from one of the most idyllic spots on the Essex Suffolk border with its 25 acres of open fields to an office in the middle of a small town. It is however not the physical place I shall miss but the people I have worked with. If you were to speak to the staff at Windyridge they could tell you a story or two about these last eight years. They would say that at times I have displayed anger, frustration, pleasure and on some occasions despair but whatever

the mood of the moment I have always bounced back with my original enthusiasm. One of the reasons for this is quite simply I have enjoyed working with the staff here at one of the most interesting jobs in my professional career. I don't want to sound condescending or insincere but the truth is, the staff at Windyridge comprise a bunch of dedicated and committed people who deeply care for the welfare of the residents.



Windyridge Staff

I was calculating what has happened to different members of staff who have worked at Windyridge over the last few years. Four have now obtained a professional qualification. Two others work for local social services. A further six, who were in post when I arrived, still remain at Windyridge and if they look after the new warden as well as they have looked after me then he will be well served indeed. They have seen the type of resident change over the eight years. Gone is the confused, inadequate, first time offender and in his place is a much more criminally sophisticated person who has experienced prison or other forms of custody. We have also seen a change in the work patterns of our residents. Some come to Windyridge at the age of 19 or 20 unable and unfitted to perform a day's work. It says much for the hostel and its programme that so many succeed and leave Windyridge not only capable of work but willing and able to stay out of trouble. Now that is a real change.

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 1991

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
ASSETS		
<u>Investment</u>		
Central Finance Board Mixed Fund Units	2,200	2,200
<u>Short Term Deposits</u>		
Methodist Church Central Finance Board	38,631	56,248
<u>Other Current Assets</u>		
Debtors and Prepayments	4,063	6,613
Cash at Bank and in Hand	11,187	5,913
	<u>15,230</u>	<u>12,526</u>
	56,061	70,974
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	3,686	3,825
Due to Thrift Club	1,720	2,011
	<u>5,406</u>	<u>5,836</u>
	£50,655	£65,138
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<u>Represented By:</u>		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Legacies Reserve	26,431	28,839
Manse Repair Reserve	2,736	2,736
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	5,400	3,900
	<u>34,567</u>	<u>35,475</u>
General Fund	16,088	29,863
	<u>£50,655</u>	<u>£65,138</u>
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NOTE: A copy of the full accounts may be obtained on application to the Mission.

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1991

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
INCOME		
Donations and Collections	60,593	50,150
Rents	17,898	18,369
Other Income	8,726	10,298
	<u>87,217</u>	<u>78,817</u>
Less EXPENDITURE		
Circuit Assessments	14,700	12,730
Salaries and National Insurance	17,812	15,959
Telephone and Office Expenses	17,290	17,821
Light, Heat, Insurance and Rates	13,685	12,451
Repairs and Renewals	25,617	11,062
Motor Expenses and Travel	5,434	2,991
Provisions	710	621
Social Work	6,818	7,011
Audit Fee	1,104	1,049
Professional Charges	1,571	371
Time for God donations	2,400	3,968
Other Donations	-	1,000
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve	-	714
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	1,500	2,000
Sundries	476	219
	<u>109,117</u>	<u>89,987</u>
<u>Less financed by grants and donations for special purposes</u>	-	12,209
	109,117	77,778
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR		
	(21,900)	1,039
EXTRAORDINARY ITEM		
Net cost of vehicles purchased	-	4,250
Less Transfer from vehicle Reserve	-	(4,250)
	-	-
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE		
Legacies Reserve Account	8,123	8,112
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR, CARRIED FORWARD		
	£(13,777)	£9,151
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So what do I leave for the new Warden? A driving course which was unique in this part of the country and if we can get the finance (£2000 per year) then every resident at Windyridge will have the opportunity to learn how to drive legally and safely. A mini car racing club offering the fun element of the driving course for we know from experience that some residents have stopped stealing cars because they are beginning to enjoy themselves legally. There is a pool/snooker club teaching residents to socialise without getting drunk. There is the Windyridge/Whitechapel exchange where our residents help the staff at Whitechapel work with their men. There is the leisure time activities ranging from camping through weight training to a fairly good football team (OK it's not too good but it's fun). All these things I leave to the new warden but more importantly I leave a hostel with a proven track record and plenty of life left in it.

The change which is occurring with Peter leaving Whitechapel and me leaving Windyridge will cause some ripples, but ripples die down ever so quickly. I shall be sad to be changing my job but I go knowing the place will be in good hands. I leave you with a quotation, I believe from Samuel Johnson; *Change is not made without some inconvenience, even from good to better.*

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

For the past two years we have shown a surplus on our years' workings but we had said that we were building up for a considerable future expenditure. Part of this has come in this year's accounts where the deficit has reached nearly £14,000. It will be noticed that this is almost the same as the increase in repairs and renewals. We have now had all the toilets renovated to conform with Health and Safety Regulations and new outside doors to the Mission, both items of which have, together, almost accounted for the increase. The Mission vehicle is also wearing out and costing more to maintain, hence the increase in motor expenses. we are looking for a new van, but the type we require is not in production now, so we have had to wait for a secondhand one which suits our requirements.

The Mission was built on a 'shoestring budget' and we are now having

to replace and renovate, in some cases rebuild, various parts of the building so there is still a considerable amount to be spent before we can start to replenish our reserves.

During the year Mr Mole indicated that he wished to hand over the Covenant treasureship to someone else. Both he and his wife have suffered ill health in the last years since they were involved in a road accident. Mr Mole has served this Mission for many years and has given us sterling service and we wish him God's blessing on his retirement. We have been fortunate to find a replacement in Mr Bruce Yelland. Bruce was one of the Circuit Stewards before the Mission became part of the Tower Hamlets Circuit. His father was Mission Treasurer before Mr Mole and the Yelland family has given us considerable support over many years. We are confident Bruce will continue to serve us well.

Please continue your support as the 'gap' seems to widen with every deficit. We badly need younger supporters to make Covenants to replace many of the older folk who no longer support us for various reasons. If you are unable to help financially, please remember our work in your prayers.

Eric Warner.

MIND THE GAP!

Our Treasurer, God bless him, has already spoken to you about money. but I feel that I must also add my thoughts at this point!

As you will see from the accounts, we made a deficit last year. One of the problems is that some of our most faithful givers have died or had to give up for various reasons. I am sure that a great many more people would give if they only knew about Whitechapel! May I please ask all of you who read this page to pass the message on? Many thanks in advance.

Although money has not been easy in recent months, material things have! It moves one almost to tears to see the number of parcels of goodies that arrive at our doors. Many are beautifully wrapped and

contain lovely little notes offering encouragement for the work we are doing. And the good thing is that they are not all from within Methodism. We receive from Anglicans, Baptists, Roman Catholics, Jews, Methodists, Salvationists, URC's and many others. Add to this the parcels that come from Boys' Brigade Companies, Clubs, Girls' Brigade Companies, groups, Rotary Club, schools and other organisations, and you will see that we are richly blessed. Indeed, it would be fair to say that the gap would be enormous without all these lovely caring people. But there is still a GAP - could you be the one to fill it? Please give it some thought and prayer, and should you want to know more, I or other members of the Whitechapel family are always willing to come and speak to churches or groups. The same goes for our brothers and sisters at Windyridge.

So here we are at the end of yet another Annual Report from Whitechapel. A different author, but the same message. How good is the Lord! To share in the life of Whitechapel is to learn even more of the love of God for His Creation and to see its beauty. Yes, Whitechapel has its beauty - come and join us, see it, feel it, know it!

Thank you for reading this report, may God bless your sharing.

I am yours because I am His.
John L Lines

OUR THANKS TO:

All those who help in so many ways and so many places

- All who give so much
- Our various committees and officers
- Our Sunday volunteers and all who assist us during the week
- Leslie, who provides a ministry of music
- Our solicitors, bankers and printers
- Our friends at the Home Office, Woolnoth Society and Crisis
- Our patron saint St. Michael and his lieutenants at Marks & Spencers
- Our supporters from many churches and, not least Bishop's Stortford
- And those that carry us daily in their thoughts and prayers

YOU CAN HELP OUR WORK BY

- Praying for our work and our workers
- Sending a donation now
- Having a collecting-box in your home
- Covenanting your gift (explanatory leaflet available 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 or delivering men's clothing
- 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 Treasurers 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 Treasurers 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 Methodist 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 25%, the value of each covenanted gift is increased considerably.

Other Ways of Giving:

If you are not in a position to enter into a covenant we hope that you may be able to contribute in one of the following ways:

- by completing a Banker's Order for payments on a regular basis
- by pledging a regular contribution over a specified number of years