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# ANNUAL REPORT 1993



*Our Tom — Beyond Value.*

## Values

THE METHODIST CHURCH

## WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by the Revd Thomas Jackson, 1896)

## VALUES

Well here we are again, one year older, but how much wiser? I am writing this report after a very difficult year here at the Mission. More street homeless folk to care for, more legislation to be complied with.

I wanted to head this year's report with the title 'Values' because the longer I have the privilege of being the minister here, the more I realise how important this place is to the street homeless community and to so many of the supporters who enable us to carry on with the work started by the Revd. Thomas Jackson almost one hundred years ago. For me, the Gospel message for this work is about value, about folk realising that they are precious in God's sight, children in His family. Sometimes, given the treatment they receive by some portions of the community, this is a hard concept for them to take on board.



*At the desk.*

Hopefully, this report will help you understand something of the value we attach to the work God has called us to here and, of course, at our Approved Probation Hostel at 'Windyridge.' This year has not been without its problems, but given the number of faithful supporters around the country, we have managed to make great strides towards the vision God gave me when the Methodist Conference sent Christine and I to Whitechapel.

The major task in the past year has been the rebuilding of our showers, toilets and food storage area. This was partly to comply with the various pieces of legislation, but mainly because they were in a very poor condition and really did not value the people who had to use them. Although the works cost a lot of money, given by countless individuals and organisations, the finished product really gives class facilities and makes our friends of the street homeless community realise that they are loved and cared for.

On top of this work, thanks to various donations, we have been able to spruce up the hall, replace our worn out telephone system, put new curtains and lighting in the church and replace some broken and defective windows. All of this work enables us to offer support to those who God sends to us.

When I first came to Whitechapel, my vision was for a five year plan, three years to get the building into a better state for the task it has to fulfill, the rest to build up the church family and congregation. The above work illustrates quite clearly that we are achieving the first part, but our Church congregations are growing and people are saying and feeling that they are part of the Whitechapel family. I very much feel that we are on the verge of great things, especially given the normal East End of London reluctance to attend Church!



*Ladies Day.*



*Our little GEM!*

But enough about the building, what about the real Whitechapel, the family of folk to whom it is, in some cases home, and to other a very precious lifeline? Undoubtedly the great news was Tony and Sue Miller having a little son, George Edward, all of us are very proud of our little GEM! He has brought a great deal of love and enjoyment to all of us, his trips to the Care Unit are looked forward to by everyone. The whisper on the street is that he has a brother or sister on the way - watch this space!

Sadly, for a number of reasons, all the community members left us early in the year. Our thanks to them for all they did during their time with us. In their place, we have welcomed Stuart Owen, as deputy warden, and Chris Nelson as a volunteer. They, plus Tony, Jean Painter, Christine, my wife, and myself make up the full time staff ably assisted by our wonderful collection of volunteers from near and far. I would like to express my sincere thanks, to each of them, for the wonderful care and love they so freely share with all at Whitechapel.

On top of these are the dedicated 'family' of Whitechapel supporters, folk who got something of the taste of the work God is doing here, and want to be part of it. Day by day, week by week, we receive gifts of clothing, food, money, toilet requisites and many other things. One thing is for sure, without them all we just could not offer all the care that we are able to at present. Please keep it up - we NEED YOU!

So what of the years to come? Sadly, I believe that we shall face more problems. At the present time central and local government departments are having great difficulties in making ends meet. Treasury directions to reduce spending inevitably affect us all. I have never been successful in attracting either central or local government funding to the work here, but I lived in hope! however, it now seems to me that this area of funding is closed to us for ever.

Yet things have to move on. We still have a great deal of work to do to complete the task of equipping the building for the years to come. The hall needs a total refurbishment, a disabled toilet facility is required and we still have roof and window areas that are leaking. I guess that, given the type of building and the work we do in it, this is only to be expected.

Please do not think that all is gloom, I am fired up about what is happening here. I feel God's presence and see His work in so many of the folk that we share with. I am looking forward to the Centenary celebrations in 1996 which, hopefully, will be supported by all Churches. In one way, it is sad that we have had to do this work for all those years but, in another, it is a wonderful witness to Christian love and values. Obviously 1996 is still a fair way ahead, but if we are to give the glory to God for the vision He has placed in the hearts and minds of countless thousand of people, we must lay our plans well. I had hoped to get a book written to bring together something of our history but, due to our inability to have access to all the relevant papers, this does not now look possible. I believe that we shall be shown other ways to celebrate and I will try to keep you all informed a time passes by.

Once again, I must return to the title of the report 'Values.' The longer I share the Gospel here, and around the Connexion, the more I realise how many people are crying out to be seen and heard. All too often, the street homeless folk tell me tales of being passed by, rather like some of the characters in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Each of us have needs, each of us need to feel that we are valuable. The Gospel tells us that we are, that God cares for each of us and challenges us to go and care for the poor, the unloved and the needy. For me, as I work in the units, talk to meetings about the work here, share the message in preaching services, the more I know that we are involved in a great and wonderful Mission. Yet, this is tinged with

## THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 1993

	1993	1992
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investment	2,200	2,200
Short Term Deposits	15,047	16,343
	<u>17,247</u>	<u>18,543</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
Debtors and Prepayments	15,669	9,207
Cash at Bank and in Hand	2,444	7,046
	<u>18,113</u>	<u>16,253</u>
	35,360	34,796
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accrued Expenses	11,540	4,580
Due to Thrift Club	1,584	1,005
	<u>13,124</u>	<u>5,585</u>
	22,236	29,211
<b>ASSETS HELD IN RESPECT OF E M ROSE LEGACY</b>	119,224	-
	<u>£141,460</u>	<u>£29,211</u>
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<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Legacies Reserve	24,313	34,231
Manse Repair Reserve	4,299	3,298
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	8,054	6,554
	<u>36,666</u>	<u>44,084</u>
General Fund	(14,430)	(14,873)
	<u>22,236</u>	<u>29,211</u>
<b>E M ROSE LEGACY</b>	119,224	-
	<u>£141,460</u>	<u>£29,211</u>
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NOTE A copy of the full accounts may be obtained on application to the Mission.

## THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1993

	1993	1992
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations and Collections	86,638	46,988
Rents	35,811	22,062
Received for Meals	2,513	-
Other Income	4,017	5,375
	<u>128,979</u>	<u>74,445</u>
<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>		
Circuit Assessments	22,500	21,000
Salaries & National Insurance	12,090	20,874
Office Expenses and Telephone	12,359	15,733
Light, Heat, Insurance and Rates	16,534	15,454
Repairs and Renewals	122,998	49,985
Motor Expenses and Travel	3,394	3,268
Provisions	4,881	476
Social Work	424	2,633
Audit Fee	1,297	1,216
Legal and Professional Charges	3,492	428
Time for God donations	5,655	4,525
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve	1,000	562
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	1,500	1,154
Sundries	109	406
	<u>208,233</u>	<u>137,715</u>
<b>Less financed by grants and donations for special purposes</b>	78,792	25,898
	<u>129,441</u>	<u>111,817</u>
<b>(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR</b>	(462)	(37,372)
<b>EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS</b>	(9,674)	(4,596)
<b>TRANSFER FROM RESERVE Legacies Reserve Account</b>	10,579	11,008
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>£443</u>	<u>£(30,959)</u>
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sadness when I reflect that in three years we shall celebrate one hundred years of the work of the Whitechapel Mission and the Working Lad' Institute, and were the Revd. Thomas Jackson to return, he would find us doing the same work as he did in 1896! Sadly, perhaps, in even greater numbers. My cry is that the year ahead will see the need reduced and people will return again to the Gospel message of loving one another. I pray that we shall all be able to share in that great day! Please keep praying for us, telling people about our needs and keep those gifts coming!

Thank you for your support and for reading this report.

I am yours because I am his,

John L. Lines



*Our new fridge and freezer is installed.*

## WINDYRIDGE REPORT

Like many of our established institutions, Windyridge is experiencing pressure for change. To survive it needs to become both more effective and less costly. This is no easy task when the young people we serve present ever more difficult and intractable problems. It seems to be a sign of the times that accountants are increasingly involved in welfare provision in both the statutory and voluntary sectors. Whilst this may at first sight be distasteful, it is difficult to argue with against a background of pressure on public spending and when a pound spent on one good cause is a pound less spent on another.

For staff and voluntary workers at the sharp end of change, uncertainty and the threat of redundancy, or loss of role, feature in their daily lives. This does much to undermine morale when the demands upon them remain constant and incessant. Despite this, they go on to provide an unselfish caring service. How? There is no simple answer to this question but any response must include reference to a strong shared value base. A commitment to working with disadvantaged people, a belief that each human being is entitled to dignity and self worth and is capable of achieving his or her potential as a useful citizen underpin all of our work. These values which give timely reminders of the religious roots of work with offenders at the turn of the century are the one constant feature in an area of work that is characterised by uncertainty. Whilst they remain so strongly evident, then we should view the future with vision and confidence.

P D Jones

### The Treasurer's Word

The past year has been a remarkable one in the life of the Mission. It is probably true to say that at no time in the past have we received so much in donations and spent so much getting the building to suit modern requirements - particularly those of the Health and Safety Committee and the Food Safety Act. Fortunately we have been able to satisfy both organisations with the work that has been carried out.

In spite of this heavy expenditure, we have shown a small surplus for the first time for a considerable number of years. However, a glance at the balance sheet shows that our overall deficit is still over £14,000, so we still need to increase our income so that we can gradually reduce this deficit.

During the year we had an unexpected substantial legacy which has helped to make these projects possible, but most of the money had been allocated before this arrived which means that it has mainly come as a result of very generous donations from individuals, Churches and Business Trusts, for which we are very grateful. Our solicitors have negotiated a rent review during the year which will bring in a considerable increase from the shops. Our flats are also being let out at a nominal cost which have latterly been occupied by volunteers.

In the summer we were saddened to hear of the death of Leslie Mole. He has served this Mission well over many years and had been co-Treasurer with me, looking after the Covenants. His health was failing - particularly after his unfortunate road accident - and he felt he could not face the lengthy journey to attend meetings and relinquished his post, with reluctance, a couple of years ago.

His family kindly decided that all donations in his memory should be sent to us and it is a sign of the esteem in which Leslie was held that these totalled £910. He was for many years, with his wife, one of our generous covenanters, and he will be sorely missed both here and in his local Circuit at Tring.

Looking to the future, there is still a great deal to do to modernise our building, so please keep up your generous gifts so that we can serve the local community of the best of our ability. With God's help, we will.

Eric Warner  
Treasurer

## 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 our 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