

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896.)

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ANNUAL REPORT 1994



(Brunswick Hall previous occupant of the Whitechapel site.)

MEMORIES

THE METHODIST CHURCH

WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by the Revd Thomas Jackson, 1896)

MEMORIES

Yes, it's that time again! How quickly the years roll by! I find myself once more trying to tell all our friends about the work here. Not an easy task!

Looming up, very fast, is the Centenary of Whitechapel. I have very mixed feelings about the matter, sadness that we are still doing exactly what the Revd Thomas Jackson started in 1896, perhaps with even more folk needing our love and care. Yet, there is some joy in that we are able to get alongside our friends from the street homeless and rootless community. Life is not very easy for them, Whitechapel needs to be a place where they can feel safe and valued. When we succeed, it is very, very special, a true outreach of the God given Gospel.



(Still smiling)

I hope this report will help you to understand how much we value your support. I am still amazed at the number of folk, all around the country, who care about the work we are trying to do, yet there are still points of sadness, this report must also cover the final closure and sale of Windyridge, our Approved Probation Hostel. The episode was not an easy one, but will be dealt with later.

Although our finances, in terms of donations, show a decrease, we have made a lot of new friends during the year. I have been fortunate in being able to travel the country talking to meetings and preaching in the Churches of all denominations. I really do believe that Whitechapel is not just a Methodist work. This is reinforced by the fact that I get called "Bishop, Father, Vicar, Priest, Padre, Chaplain" and other names that I cannot repeat here. Highlights, for me, has been the increase in the number of folk who have visited to have a look around and see what we are trying to do, that is very special. Amongst them have been a number of Youth Groups and uniformed youth organisations. Many of the younger folk have raised money for us, plus collecting all the items we need to keep going. Some, however, have come and spent time working around the Mission helping us with all the refurbishment work. A true labour of love!

My main emphasis here is to help all the folk who come through our doors realise that they are welcome, that they have a place in the Whitechapel family. We try not to pry, operating on the most basic of rules, thus allowing them the freedom to share as much as they want to. I guess that one must accept that some of them will abuse this privilege, as a result we do sustain some damage to the building and, thankfully a rare event, injury to staff members. This is a problem that we have to live with, when life seems to have handed out precious little, some people feel very hurt.

I have entitled this report "Memories" because they are very important here. Firstly, because of the Revd and Mrs Thomas Jackson and the work they started nearly one hundred years ago, truly they must have been a pair of God's saints. The conditions they had to operate in must have been pretty grim, yet they never lost faith in what the Lord was calling them to do. The wonderful foundations they laid down have truly stood the test of time.

In my early days here, I was searching through the broom cupboard and came across a box full of glass plate negatives, some of them are in this report. The memories of old Whitechapel, and the Working Lad's Institute, that they evoked were very special. I know that one should now dwell in the past, but it good to realise the dedication, prayer and love that have gone into making Whitechapel what it is today.



(The Revd and Mrs Thomas Jackson and family.)

Secondly, because memories are very precious to the folk we are trying to care for. When sharing with folk in the units, they often reflect on their childhood, or when life was a lot different. Although, all too often, they are written off as useless, our folk have a history, something to share. I am constantly amazed by their scholarship and knowledge, they teach me a great deal! One thing is without doubt, there are as many ways to arrive at Whitechapel as there are people who come.

The past year has seen us lose a number of our "characters." There is a sadness amongst the folk, especially as their friends ended up in a common grave. The table of remembrance in the Church is a place of prayer and pilgrimage to many of the folk. Many a time I find one of our friends sitting by the table in tears, just nursing emotive memories of a special person.

We are creating memories in the work that we are doing, especially at this time with regard to the building. Thanks to the support of so many folk, we are gradually refurbishing our unit area and other places in the building. There is still much to do, but I believe that we have made great inroads into what was a mammoth task. My hope is, that

when all the work is done, we shall have a first class facility to start into our second century. Really. I wish that we didn't have to think of yet more service, I would love to see no more street homelessness or rootlessness.

One only has to stand in our hall, especially when we are open, to see a stream of folk for whom we are a lifesaver. The clothes they wear today may be a little better than years ago, but their needs are just as great. Long may we be able to help them. One thing I'm ever sure about, we cannot do it without the support of so many folk like YOU. Please keep up all your work, love and prayer on our behalf.



Queueing for Soup - Have things changed very much?

Now to the staff family. Last year, I gave you the wonderful news about the arrival of our little GEM, Tony and Sue's son George Edward. I also intimated that there may be another little one on the way. Well, now we have Charles Anthony, a brother for George. Double trouble for the Miller's but double joy for the whole of the Whitechapel family. Their antics have us in fits, a relief from the harsher things of life.

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 1994

	1994	1993
ASSETS		
Investment	3,201	2,200
Short Term Deposits	3,742	15,047
	<u>6,943</u>	<u>17,247</u>
Other Current Assets		
Debtors and Prepayments	17,666	15,669
Cash at Bank and in Hand	16,082	2,444
	<u>33,748</u>	<u>18,113</u>
	<u>40,691</u>	<u>35,360</u>
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses	11,689	11,540
Due to Thrift Club	1,685	1,584
	<u>13,374</u>	<u>13,124</u>
	<u>27,317</u>	<u>22,236</u>
ASSETS HELD IN RESPECT OF E M ROSE LEGACY	124,212	119,224
	<u>£151,529</u>	<u>£141,460</u>
Represented By:		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Legacies Reserve	34,517	24,313
Manse Repair Reserve	5,299	4,298
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	1,080	8,054
	<u>40,896</u>	<u>36,666</u>
General Fund	(13,579)	(14,430)
	<u>27,317</u>	<u>22,236</u>
E M ROSE LEGACY	124,212	119,224
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THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1994

	1994	1993
INCOME		
Donations and Collections	69,927	86,638
Rents	35,320	35,811
Received for Meals	3,306	2,513
Other Income	3,360	4,017
	<u>111,913</u>	<u>128,979</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Circuit Assessments	22,800	22,500
Salaries & National Insurance	23,558	12,090
Office Expenses and Telephone	15,627	12,359
Light, Heat, Insurance and Rates	17,328	16,534
Repairs and Renewals	48,845	122,998
Motor Expenses and Travel	4,535	3,394
Provisions	5,074	4,881
Social Work	538	424
Audit Fee	1,325	1,297
Legal and Professional Charges	532	3,492
Time for God donations	2,570	5,655
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve	1,000	1,000
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	1,080	1,500
Sundries	209	109
	<u>145,021</u>	<u>208,233</u>
Less financed by grants and donations for special purposes	25,439	78,792
	<u>119,582</u>	<u>129,441</u>
(DEFICIT) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR	(7,669)	(462)
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS	(3,188)	(9,674)
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE		
Legacies Reserve Account	11,708	10,579
SURPLUS FOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£851</u>	<u>£443</u>

Tony, Stuart, Chris, Christine, Jean and Eric are still doing the impossible, I just cannot express enough thanks to them for all they do, not only in the units, but around the building. Then there are all our wonderful band of volunteers, too many to mention, but always there when they are needed. They come to work in units, to sort clothes, to paint and the thousand and one task that present themselves - a wonderful witness to God's love and power. Without them all Whitechapel would be a much poorer place. Thank you all. However, please don't think that all these lovely folk have the monopoly on the work, we pride ourselves on being an open ecumenical house of service - there is always something waiting to be done, something needing to be done! If you have the time, we have the task!

WINDYRIDGE REPORT

I find it quite strange writing this report, in previous years it has always been done by the Warden. However, as mentioned earlier, Windyridge closed at the end of March as a result of government cutbacks and the premises were sold to the Littlegarth School as from the 23rd September 1994.

The closure, and subsequent sale, were not easy times. Soon after the closure the building were quite badly vandalised - a great cause of heartache for all concerned. Added to this were problems over staff matters which took a good time to resolve. I am deeply sad at the closure, not least because of the wonderful work that Windyridge was able to do. I do not believe that folk who break the law are useless or rotten, many of them have a very special story to tell. They are all people, needing to be cared for and valued. I truly believe that the staff family at Windyridge did just that, they created a loving atmosphere and really cared for those they shared with. The break up of that family was a very sad time, as was the eventual sale of the estate. Whilst I am pleased that Windyridge will carry on working for young people, as a school, I am sad that our work has ceased. Yet life must go on, there are other challenges to be faced.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members of staff and then management committee for their labours over the years. Without them, we could not have achieved one small part of that which we did.

I am loathe to name too many individuals, but feel that I must especially thank Mr David Greenacre for the countless hours he spent on finalising closure matters, and Mr Lyndon Bowman for his work in keeping the property in trim whilst it was being sold.

I believe that many people have much to thank Windyridge for, may the memories be very special.

THE TREASURER'S WORD

This year has been more of a consolidating one than an expansionist one. Our income is down by about £8,000 but the expenses by some £70,000. This, however, does not give us a surplus of £62,000 as last year's expenditure was supplemented by nearly £79,000. We are still greatly indebted to the many friends, Churches and businesses that generously donate to help us provide some comfort for the homeless street people. The year's donations were nearly £8,000 less than last year's, but were still well above the amounts we were receiving two or three years ago.

The number of covenanters remains stable, with new members balancing the loss of older members who become unable to manage their affairs or pass on to higher service. We would welcome any others who would be willing to join the scheme, providing you pay Income tax, you can covenant any money you donate to us and we receive an extra one third from the government. We will be pleased to forward the necessary forms to anyone interested.

Our future projects include the provision of a toilet for the disabled, which is at present being constructed. Repairs to the roof have recently been completed at a cost of nearly £3,200. We also have to spend over £2,000 to have our water tanks treated to avoid possibility of Legionnaires Disease occurring and to conform to government legislation.

The Balance Sheet looks reasonably healthy and has been helped recently by several large legacies. To avoid a large surplus in any one year, we allocate the amount over seven years, so this year's receipts will improve our finances for the next six years.

We realise that many contributors are finding the cost of living greater these days and we appreciate there is not too much surplus cash available. At the same time we see a daily increase in the number of deprived members of our society using our facilities and we would urge you to remember them in your prayers and when you are considering sending us a donation.

Thank you for your past support and we pray you will be able to assist us in the future.

Eric Warner
Treasurer

So there we are friends, I hope that some of the words and pictures have evoked some memories as you have thumbed through this report. We are not living in easy times, yet the work here goes on. Day by day, working here makes one aware of the wonder of God's creation and the wonderful privilege of being part of His family. Yes, there are times when we feel depressed, but the love and care which people give us really lifts us up. We have precious little in terms of resources to face the future need with, but we know that God will ensure that we have the means to do His work in this place.

Thanks for everything you do for us.

I am yours because I am His.

John L. Lines

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