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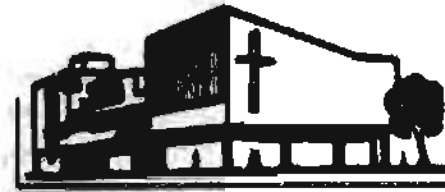
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ANNUAL REPORT 1995



(For nearly one hundred years - God's house!)

TRIUMPH

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WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by Revd Thomas Jackson, 1896)

TRIUMPH

Those readers who know me well will, I am sure, at once have realised why I have entitled our report 'Triumph'. Yes, I suppose that it is partly to do with my love of the make of motor cycle of that name. However, there is something a lot more important than that to be shared.



(Another Triumph!)

This report is really overshadowed by 1996 which is not just another year for Whitechapel. It is the year when we shall be celebrating 100 years of care, love and service to the street homeless and rootless folk. Mind you, some historians will, perhaps, argue when the Revd. and Mrs. Thomas Jackson first started their wonderful work here! Be that as it may, I have the great privilege of following the traditions that they started.

100 years is a very long time, my sadness is that, were the Jackson's to come back to life, they would find us doing virtually what they were all those years ago. Yes, the faces have changed, the building is different but the basic problems of the street homeless and rootless folk don't seem to have improved a great deal.

When the Methodist Conference moved me to the Mission, I was shocked to see the number of people who were coming into the Units and the state of the building. I soon realised that I had no control over the number of folk, but the building was a different matter. The Lord gave me a vision to establish a Unit area that really valued both those who work in it, and those who need to use it. Money was not in abundance in our account, so I hit the road, travelling the country to share my vision with all who were prepared to listen. I am thrilled to say that the way had been prepared, many folk did listen and then responded. Money, clothing, food and all the other items we need to be able to keep our Units open started to arrive from all directions. A really wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

I come from a large family and have always valued that, the family of Whitechapel is really rather special. In talking about family, I mean the extended family of people, all around the country, who work so hard to ensure that we have all we need to operate here. Many folk have long standing commitment, whilst others have been gathered in recent months. One main motivation is, I am often told, the chance to share Christ at such a deep level. That sense of sharing is something that I have always valued within the Church, it really does bind folk together.

However, we must not forget our friends of the street family. I guess that the fact that the work in nearly 100 years old means very little to them. Their plight seems to get worse as their numbers increase. I get more and more frustrated as I hear the names that people call them, 'dossers, down and outs, vagrants, tramps' to name but a few!

I really do find it hard to understand why folk use such terms about other people, do they realise, I wonder, the hurt that they cause. I believe that the street folk are just as valuable to God as any person, we really are the one family of man and woman. That thought is, I believe, the one main thing that has kept the Whitechapel vision going for 100 years. Week by week, our wonderful staff and volunteers perform miracles with our friends. We see lives changed in the most wonderful

of ways. To see someone come into a Unit dirty, cold and with terrible clothing is a horrible experience. but to see them leave, clean, well fed and clothed is most touching - tears are often flowing here! Yet, we cannot do that from our own resources, it is only because loving folk, all around the country, labour to provide us with clothing, food, money and all the other 'goodies' that we need to carry on God's work here. I really cannot thank you all enough, please know that I really do appreciate the way you have supported me since I have been at Whitechapel.



(A happy group at Haywards Heath on the Brighton Trip)

Now to the close family of Whitechapel, the staff and volunteers. We have seen some changes during the year, folk have moved on, new faces have arrived. Stuart Owen, our Deputy Warden, left us in the early months of the year to take up a position at the West London Mission, we still miss him. Then, due to her husband's ill health, Jean Painter, our long serving secretary, decided to retire. Jean really was the 'mum' of the Mission, everybody loved her and she knew just where everything was. I'm still looking for some of the things that I took for granted when Jean was around! I express a heartfelt thanks, on behalf of all the Whitechapel family, for all the care and love that Jean and Stuart shared with all whilst at the Mission.

To replace Stuart came Peter Watchorn from Hull. Peter has a vast experience of working with deprived and needy folk and has already made a name for himself amongst us. Tony Miller still manages to perform regular miracles, especially as the building ages and presents us with more problems. This in top of being busy with two lovely young sons, George and Charles. Our volunteers are really a very special band of most dedicated folk, without them we could do precious little. They are too numerous to name, but I hope that they will accept my grateful thanks for all their labours in the Lord's name.

This will be the last Whitechapel report that I shall share with you. I am due to return to a more normal Circuit position in 1996. I must admit that I have very mixed feelings, but feel that I have completed the vision that God gave me when I came. Subject to Conference approval, the Revd Richard and Mrs. Iris Chapple will be moving into Whitechapel. I hope that you will give them the same care and love that you have extended to Christine and me.



(A man of vision - Thomas Jackson and Friends!)

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 AUGUST 1995

	1995		1994	
	£	£	£	£
ASSETS				
Investment		3,201		3,201
Short term deposits		<u>2,669</u>		<u>3,742</u>
		5,861		6,943
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors and prepayments	11,718		17,666	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>5,560</u>		<u>16,062</u>	
		<u>17,278</u>		<u>33,748</u>
		23,139		40,691
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses	3,605		11,689	
Due to Thrift Club	<u>1,741</u>		<u>1,685</u>	
		<u>5,346</u>		<u>13,374</u>
		17,793		27,317
ASSETS HELD IN RESPECT OF E M ROSE LEGACY		115,738		124,212
		<u>£133,531</u>		<u>£151,529</u>
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Represented by:				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Legacies Reserve		39,988		34,517
Manse Repair Reserve		6,299		5,299
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles		2,580		1,080
		<u>48,867</u>		<u>40,896</u>
General Fund		(31,074)		(13,579)
		<u>17,793</u>		<u>27,317</u>
E M ROSE LEGACY		115,738		124,212
		<u>£133,531</u>		<u>£151,529</u>
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B YELLAND				
E WARNER				
Hon. Treasurers				

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1995

	1995		1994	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and collections		80,460		69,927
Rents		31,775		35,320
Received for meals		3,327		3,306
Other income		5,876		3,360
		<u>121,438</u>		<u>111,913</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE				
Circuit assessments	21,000		22,800	
Salaries and National Insurance	24,759		23,558	
Office expenses and telephone	13,850		15,627	
Light, heat, insurance and rates	21,168		17,328	
Repairs and renewals	68,017		48,845	
Motor expenses and travel	6,230		4,535	
Provisions	6,549		5,074	
Social work	602		538	
Audit fee	1,350		1,325	
Legal and professional charges	2,474		532	
Time for God donations	2,576		2,570	
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve	1,000		1,000	
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	1,500		1,080	
Sundries	872		209	
		<u>171,947</u>		<u>145,021</u>
Less financed by grants and donations for special purposes	17,851		25,439	
		<u>154,096</u>		<u>119,587</u>
DEFICIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR		(32,658)		(7,669)
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		4,293		(3,188)
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE Legacies Reserve Account		10,870		11,708
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR		<u>£(17,495)</u>		<u>£ 851</u>
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THE TREASURER'S WORD

In spite of what is probably a record amount of Donations and Legacies of over £80,000 we still incurred a deficit on the year approaching £20,000. Compared with last year's accounts, one item stands out as having cost more and that is repairs and renewals, which more than accounts for the deficit. This figure includes the installation of a toilet for the disabled, a complete refurbishment of the main hall, the electrical alterations which had been necessary and several major items covering hygiene to comply with the Health and Safety Regulations.

Although this has been expensive in this year's figures, it is, nevertheless, an investment for the future. The main hall and facilities now compare favourably with any supplying a similar service, and is far superior to the vast majority. This seems to have been appreciated by our clients as we are now serving breakfast on several days of the week since we reopened in September. Unfortunately, of course, this means that the need for our work is increasing and not diminishing.

The middle shop has now been empty for close on two years and has cost us over £5,000 in lost revenue and expenses. It is now officially let, but whoever has taken the lease has made no effort to equip the premises and it appears that we may have to start negotiations all over again.

Two major items of expenditure this year are causing concern. The first has been completed at a cost of £7,000. This was the sealing of the base of the Warden's flat which is over the car park and where condensation has been rife. The other is in the rebuilding of the flats in Thomas Jackson House, where there is still asbestos lining and leaks in the plumbing which will necessitate the remodelling of the bathrooms and other parts of the building where dampness has appeared. This is expected to cost between £150,000 and £250,000. We are hoping that most of this can be procured from the proceeds of the sale of the Windyridge hostel.

We are hoping our finances will be improved next year, which is our Centenary year, and any extra gift that you, as regular donors, can make will be greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, thank you for your past and continued support and, if you can no longer help us financially, please remember us in your prayers.

Eric Warner

Treasurer



(Keeping in touch with reality - a baptism at Whitechapel.)

In this report, Eric our treasurer, gives you a good insight into the problems of keeping a work like Whitechapel in funds. Not an easy task at the best of times, but even worse when we are all feeling the pinch with money. Yet, I don't want folk to think that we are always thinking about money. Obviously we cannot operate without it, but the real concern is for our friends of the street homeless and rootless community. We have received a fair deal of national publicity in the past year, some people have appreciated it, others have felt it was

wrong. Firstly, the London evening newspaper, the 'Evening Standard' produced a hard hitting series called 'The Betrayed'. The series started with a picture of me taking the usual Friday morning funerals, something very much a part of the work here. In fact, if our folk see me wearing a clerical collar, they often say I am either burying or begging! The series caused a good deal of heart searching amongst folk, the letters and telephone calls I received gave good proof of that.

The second piece of publicity was an edition of 'Songs of Praise' screened on BBC television on 18th June 1995. The programme was to celebrate 90 years of the Rotary Club whose object is 'Service above Self'. Various members of the BBC staff for the programme came and spent time at the Mission, culminating with Pam Rhodes turning up early one morning to share in our Units. I thought she would just be asking questions and watching what was going on, how wrong I was! When she arrived, she rolled up her sleeves, donned an apron and started working alongside the staff as if we had always had her with us. I found it a great experience, her empathy for our work was really deep and put us at ease at once. Mind you, having seen how they put together the programme, we sang some hymns through many times, I shall never look at it the same way again!

These two items lead us, in closing this report, to think again about 1996. I understand that the actual month for celebration should be October and, with this in mind, I hope to try and arrange a celebration weekend. Hopefully folk can come to the Mission, have a look around, give thanks to God for the 100 years of care, love and service and look forward to the years to come. Plans are afoot for badges and mugs to be produced as a tangible reminder of the celebration and the ongoing work God has called us to.

Thanks for all your care and support.

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