

## THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896)

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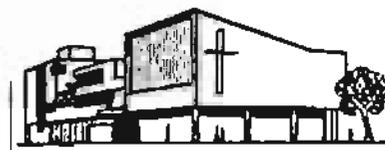
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# ANNUAL REPORT 1990



## POINTS EAST

THE METHODIST CHURCH

## WHITECHAPEL MISSION

(Founded by Rev Thomas Jackson, 1896)

## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Nine years ago, I sat at my desk faced with the ominous task of putting together my first Whitechapel Report. "Window on Whitechapel" was the result. Nine years later, the task of presenting the year's work in Whitechapel doesn't get any easier. There are still so many things to tell, so many stories to fit into a few short pages, so many triumphs and tragedies to share — and so much change and growth.

## WHEN THE LORD MAYOR CAME TO CALL

Taking pride of place in our Report this year are pictures of a very special visit. Sir Hugh Bidwell, the Lord Mayor of London, together with his wife, Lady Jenny, came to visit Crisis at Christmas and ourselves.

Sir Hugh is involved with a Bank in the City, the Riggs AP Bank, which has a very moving reputation for support of inner-city projects in the USA through its parent company — the Riggs National Corporation. Sir Hugh directed his special charitable efforts towards the homeless, towards the rehabilitation of drug abusers and to Age Concern. We honour Sir Hugh and Lady Jenny for choosing to support unfashionable charities — but charities nevertheless where the need is enormous. The men still talk about the beautiful cake they enjoyed on the day of the visit.

## IT'S NOT GETTING BETTER

When I came to Whitechapel those few years ago, we used to reckon that a quarter of our clients were sleeping rough, half were living in hostels and the final quarter were in bedsits or small flats. The situation is different now. Hostels have closed, Flats for the single homeless simply are not available. The statistics seem to indicate that more than half of our friends are sleeping rough. One in five (only) have hostel places and one in five have flats or bedsits. The situation is getting worse, not better. We distribute more and more blankets to help people to survive. We have also had two hot summers in succession. We have used more and more hot water because our friends needed to shower more often in order to freshen up and keep clean. We needed more and more towels and were glad of that endless supply of clean clothing.



*Peter and Cynthia Jennings*

## ARE YOU ONE OF THE POOR?

We have needed to distribute more and more food — not only to men but also to families who call at the door. By August our food store was completely bare, except for some packs of dried soup. But then came Harvest Festivals! God bless you all — your generosity enabled us to stock up again. A number of schools in our neighbourhood were aware of the work we do — and had heard something about the perils of sleeping rough. It was arranged that a group of handicapped children would call at the Mission to bring their school's harvest gifts. One little fellow, all of seven years old, looked at one of our staff who was looking a bit scruffy because he'd been doing a plumbing job, and asked, "Are you one of the poor?" The men in the day centre received those children with open arms and tears in their eyes. You might also have noticed in the picture on page two the minister wearing a chain of office. I have recently been President of Stepney Rotary Club and would like to put on record the enormous generosity of the Rotary movement in the London District and beyond. Tins of food and men's clothing come in regularly.

## DANGER — MEN AT WORK

The work of renewing the building never ceases. There is always some repair work going on. The ladies' toilets are being gutted and rebuilt to get rid of asbestos panels and to renew the fittings and facilities. We have replaced substantial numbers of electrical fittings and fixtures.

We have been forced, for safety's sake to build a wall across one of our external alcoves to stop people building cardboard shelters. One such shelter was set alight and did enormous fire damage to our boiler house and cycle shed. The whole Mission building had to be evacuated because the flames were licking round a two-inch gas pipe that carried the supply into the building. There are times when we pray for elastic walls — we are desperate for space to respond to the many needs that surround us! We've even done *another* refitting job on the main kitchen. We reckon, at last, to have got the system right. We can serve eighty or more lunches and still slip a few meals out on occasions to those who simply cannot afford to pay.



*A word in your ear, M<sup>r</sup> Lord Mayor*



*The Warden: Mr Derek Wolsten-Croft*

## WINDYRIDGE

This has been a funny year with a mild winter, an early spring and such a dry summer. I can remember just five years ago being snowed into Windyridge to such a depth that we had to dig our way out. Now, all I see is parched earth and an outlook bereft of many of the trees which once graced our skyline. But, what I also see is a staff group still working at an incredibly high level of effort to help our young people. Sometimes we begin to feel that the efforts we make at Windyridge are not appreciated, nor acted upon by our residents, but this is just not the case. Just days ago, an ex-resident of Windyridge came back for no other reason than he wanted to say hello to the staff. I think what I would like to do is to describe, in a little more detail, what this ex-resident had done.

I shall call him Simon. We were having afternoon tea break when Simon arrived

unannounced and unexpected. He walked into the staff room, a sheepish smile on his face, and I believe was pleasantly pleased to be asked to sit down and have a cup of tea. We all knew him by sight, but no-one could remember his name. Such are the ways of the assistant wardens that they quickly and honestly admitted their loss of memory and we were told Simon's name. He had left Windyridge some months ago in not too happy circumstances. Indeed, he had been with us for only 28 days and at the end of this time had opted to go to prison rather than to return to what he realised would be a difficult time at the hostel. In prison he faced familiar challenges (he had experienced prison before), but on this occasion he had a strength which he now admitted he had gained from Windyridge, and the care of the staff had given him in his relatively brief period with us. On his release his parents offered him a home. Further, his ex-employer was able to give him his old job back again. Now we cannot and should not take any credit for this but Simon was able to say that the care and help he was offered at Windyridge let him see that the world is not all bad. I can tell you this, it gave a powerful boost to my confidence to see Simon sitting in our staff room.

So why did Simon return? One of the things which you need to know is that we do have many ex residents return to the hostel. It is an unwritten rule that any visitor

is invited to stay for refreshments. Some stay for a sup of tea, others for a full meal. We believe in a philosophy that if a person wants to make the effort to visit Windyridge (which is not the easiest place to find), then we must treat that person as an honoured guest. I think that is why Simon returned — he realised that in the staff at Windyridge there is this wonderful capacity to care. Take Ray Fordham, for example. Ray has been the workshop instructor for the last 26 years. You would think he would be less than enthusiastic about his job. Yet Ray spends many weekends at horse shows with residents from Windyridge, helping in the arena. There's Tim Stowers — another instructor, who has found a new life for the farm in the management of rare breeds. We have black pigs, very rare sheep, pigmy goats, and Percy — our lonely peacock (he is without a wife — Percy, not Tim!). The one trouble in mentioning any staff is you feel you must mention them all just in case you forget their efforts. So I am going to mention them all here with my heartfelt thanks for making Windyridge a wonderful and exciting place to work. THANK YOU ALL. And that thanks goes to the many silent helpers who are not employed at Windyridge. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for collecting for us. Thank you for visiting us. There is, however, one group of people I must mention separately. This is our six assistant wardens. They are at the sharp end of the job. It is they who have to deal with the problems and tribulations of the many young men and women who pass through Windyridge. Their skills range from camping to music, art and craft, to personal hygiene instructions. Firmness and the ability to give clear guidelines to the shoulder we all need sometimes to cry upon. I have in my time been an assistant warden and believe you me it's a job and a half.

*Visitors to Windyridge are greeted by Sugar and Honey*



THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 1990

	<u>This Year</u>		<u>Last Year</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<u>Investment</u>				
Central Finance Board Mixed Fund Units		2,200		2,200
Short Term Deposits				
Methodist Church Central Finance Board		56,248		56,128
<u>Other Current Assets</u>				
Debtors and Prepayments	6,813		4,821	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	5,913		7,089	
		<u>12,526</u>		<u>11,910</u>
		70,974		70,238
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accrued Expenses	3,826		2,044	
Due to Thrift Club	2,011		1,916	
		<u>5,836</u>		<u>3,960</u>
	£65,138		£66,278	
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<u>Represented By:</u>				
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>				
Legacies Reserve		28,639		35,395
Donation for Special Purposes		-		2,000
Manse Repair Reserve		2,736		2,022
Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles		3,900		6,150
		<u>35,275</u>		<u>45,567</u>
General Fund		29,863		20,712
	£65,138		£66,279	
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THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1990

		£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations and Collections		50,150
Rents		18,369
Other Income		10,298
		<u>78,817</u>
<b>Less EXPENDITURE</b>		
Circuit Assessments	12,730	
Salaries and National Insurance	15,959	
Telephone and Office Expenses	17,821	
Light, Heat, Insurance and Rates	12,451	
Repairs and Renewals	11,062	
Motor Expenses and Travel	2,991	
Provisions	621	
Social Work	7,011	
Audit Fee	1,048	
Professional Charges	371	
Time for God donations	3,988	
Other Donation	1,000	
Transfer to Manse Repair Reserve	714	
Transfer to Reserve for Replacement of Vehicles	2,000	
Sundries	219	
	<u>89,987</u>	
Less financed by grants and donations for special purposes	12,209	
		<u>77,778</u>
<b>SURPLUS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR</b>		
		1,039
<b>EXTRAORDINARY ITEM</b>		
Net cost of vehicles purchased	4,250	
Less Transfer from vehicle Reserve	(4,250)	
		<u>-</u>
<b>TRANSFER FROM RESERVE</b>		
Legacies Reserve Account		8,112
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR, CARRIED FORWARD</b>		
		<u>£9,151</u>
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*Six of the best — Windyridge at camp*

*Food is on the way — but how long, Oh Lord, how long?*



## SIGNING OFF

And now . . . . what can I say? After nine years here in Whitechapel — and over twenty years in the heart of London's East End — my wife and I are going to move. At the moment we are expecting to move to a neighbouring Circuit a little further east but already we're feeling inevitable pangs of regret. We have been borne on eagles' wings while we have been here. The support and the prayers, the responses to special needs when we have suddenly run into a crisis, the hospitality as we have travelled the country to tell the Whitechapel story, have all been truly humbling. We shall never forget all that you have been to us. August 1991 — a long way off yet — will see us on the road to Ilford. But as we move out, moving in will be John and Christine Lines. They know Whitechapel well and are looking forward to the challenge and the opportunities to take the Whitechapel Mission into a new phase of its work.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and for ever. He is the beginning and the goal of our pilgrimage. But the work needs to grow and change; it needs to be pruned and trimmed as new needs find their way to our doors. I know you will support John and Christine as they prepare for their coming here by your thoughts, concerns and prayers.

And a final word to squeeze in! Lesley Wright left us this summer after three years as our Social Worker doyenne. We miss her but wish her well in the next part of her life. We've welcomed into the community Sarah, who is spending a year with us in preparation for a vocation in medicine. She has left behind the green fields of Durham for the harshnesses of inner-city London. We're enjoying having her with us as Nick, Dave, Paul and John — and Ursula — keep us all going too.

## TOWER HAMLETS CHURCHES IN COMMUNITY — SPARKS OF HOPE

We are glad to enclose with our Annual Report the newsletter of Tower Hamlets Churches in Community. During the last year, churches, projects and lay and ordained staff have worked together ever more closely as a team and in a network of support. A great deal of highly specialist work goes on to serve neighbourhoods which are fragmented. Whitechapel is proud to be part of the wider organisation and is glad to contribute its skills and expertise within the Circuit. After a year together, we're beginning to wonder how we ever survived separately.

## THE TREASURER'S WORD

The past financial year has been one in which we have reaped the benefit of generous donations made in previous years. The interest on our investments, which comes mainly from this source, totalled nearly £9,000. On top of this, one of our lay pastoral assistants, Dave Gallimore, cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats and was sponsored by a number of acquaintances for Mission funds. This has raised over £2,500 for which we are very grateful. However, without these two items we would have shown a deficit on our normal activities.

Looking to the future, the main item of expenditure over our normal is that asbestos has been found in the ladies toilets and these are currently being completely stripped and will be refurbished.

As the years go by so those who covenant their giving gradually withdraw from the scheme, either because of death or infirmity or changed financial circumstances. In the past four years the number of our covenanters has almost halved with a corresponding loss in income. Most of the remaining ones are also in the later years of their lives and we urgently need younger sympathisers to keep this source of income viable. We shall be pleased to forward forms on application.

Having had several years when our finances have been badly in the red, it is gratifying to record a surplus. However, a heavy unexpected expenditure could easily reverse the present reasonably healthy state, so please continue your contributions and, if you are unable to do this, your prayers for the continuation of our work.

## 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, and Wyn 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.