

**THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION (Founded 1896)**

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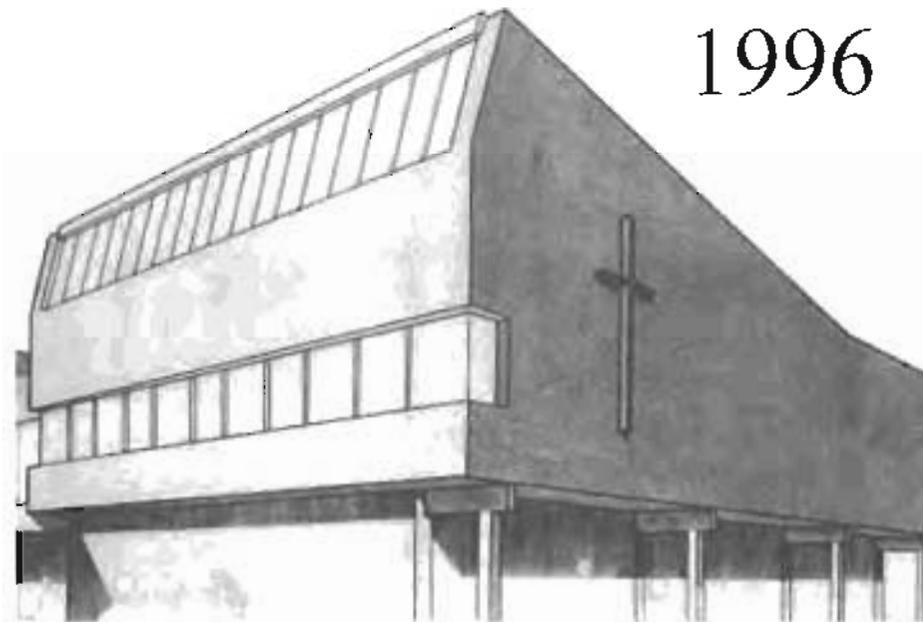
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# ANNUAL REPORT 1996



*"I haven't got a name...  
Call me Mister"*

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
**WHITECHAPEL MISSION**

(Founded by Revd. Thomas Jackson, 1896)



(Revd. Richard and Mrs Iris Chapple)

It was my first Sunday evening at Whitechapel Mission. I was the new minister, Richard Chapple, newly arrived from Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, and mingling for the first time, with the throng of people, who had come through the side doors of our dining hall as soon as they opened at 4.30pm. Some had come in search of food, and drink; some were looking for a few hours of shelter, some for friends, some for a doctor.

A frail little white-haired man turned in my direction. "It's the new minister" they said. Tentatively he stretched out his hand. "Hallo", I said, taking his hand, "my name's Richard. What's yours?" "No name", he said, looking slightly bewildered. "Aw, come on!" I said encouragingly. "No, no name. I haven't got a name. Call me Mister". "That's right", said the bystanders. "e ain't got no one. And no one knows his name".

Suddenly I caught a glimpse of the namelessness of poverty: no name... no fixed abode means no pension book, no National Insurance Number... no NHS number... no Benefit Giro... nothing..

But Mister comes to Whitechapel Mission. We are his friends. He trusts us, he knows he can get a bite to eat and a cuppa and a few hours free of hassle before he spends another night sleeping on the street some where.

Another Sunday evening a couple waited behind to speak to me after the service.

"Please, 'ave yer got some size 6 trainers? These are worn out an' me friend 'ere, 'e needs a pair of size 10s'. And 'ave yer got a warm sweater 'cos I've only got this thin cotton thing an' I'm cold?"

"I'll see what we've got", I said. "What size are you?"

She looked sheepish. "I'm a bit big", she giggled, "about 42 I think". Well, I found what she wanted, in our clothing store. I chose a sweater with a bright geometric design. It was made of hard wearing woollen material. She was very grateful. I didn't tell her, but it was made for a man with a 48 inch chest!

Several days later, I was walking along Whitechapel High Street, deep in thought, having just visited St. Botolph's Aldgate to see the work they do. I heard some one calling "Excuse me! Excuse me!" When, eventually, I turned round, there was my sweater girl looking as if she thought I might scold her for calling after me in the street.

"Oh thank you, father", she said, "thank you so much! Doesn't it look great?" And she held her arms out sideways, thrilled to be wearing something that looked smart. We parted after more profuse thanks, and I arrived back at the Mission half-a-mile away, unaware that my feet had touched the ground.

You see, our people are not all scroungers. Many of them are grateful though not all can manage to say so. Many of them wrestle with problems which you and I find hard to imagine let alone solve. They try to cope with far less resources than you and I can muster. Some have been brutalised by abuse when they were mere children and

alcohol is the only way they can, temporarily, kill the deeply buried hurt; some are sleeping on the street because relationships have broken down, or they have been made redundant.

Some, like Mister, the authorities don't even know about. They have no name, no address, no official numbers, the government doesn't even know of their existence. But God does, and with your help, your gifts and your prayers, we try to show them He cares; we try to show the Church cares; we try to show you care. May God bless you.

Richard Chapple

### One Hundred Years

The Whitechapel Mission marked its Centenary this year by inviting friends and supporters to an Open Day on Saturday 12th October 1996 and a Centenary Service the following day. They were quiet friendly, 'family' occasions at which old acquaintances were renewed and old memories recalled. Some of us learned a lot of Whitechapel History.

We did not celebrate. Rather we gave sober thanks for the vision and energy of the Revd. Thomas Jackson which set in motion a work that continues and is still needed today. In his time, no doubt, Thomas Jackson looked forward to the day when the scourge of poverty and homelessness would have disappeared from the land but 100 years later that day seems no nearer. However, our small and dedicated staff, assisted by an enthusiastic band of volunteers, work on to turn your prayers and your gifts of money, clothing and toiletries in to practical help for the poor and homeless people.

### Our Open Day Centre

"Open" is a word we use in our every day language and yet it takes two pages of the Oxford dictionary to explain its meaning. Whitechapel Mission runs "Open" Day Centres. We try to run the centre in such a way that people can feel welcome, at ease and free to come and go as they please. For the few short hours that we are open each day we are trying to offer a "home" to those that have nothing. To that end, 'belonging', 'friendship' and 'family' are words that describe the way we work. This is not without problems though. It means that we NEVER exclude anybody from the centre. We NEVER call the police to one of our 'fellas'. In a worse case scenario, we will ask somebody to leave today, but they are welcome back tomorrow, without another word being mentioned. This philosophy has been in place for over 12 years now and it has reduced any trouble to almost none. The 'fellas' appreciate the effort of the centre and they will discourage others from causing disruption.

On a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning, you will find our staff here at 6am preparing breakfast. Sleeping rough does not allow for the luxury of having a "lay-in". Lorries are on the roads, people are starting to move about and the cold begins to eat into the bones. Our users are up and about, so we respond.

When Whitechapel Mission started, 100 years ago, the Methodist Church saw a need in the East End of London that had to be met at all costs. Without any form of Unemployment benefit, Social Security or Health Service, people lived in poverty, went hungry and died on the Streets. Being out of work, or just sick for a week or two, meant that your family starved. With the average life expectancy of the men being far shorter than it is today, families had no means of support, no pensions and very quickly, no house or home.

Revd. Thomas Jackson saw this need and responded by starting the Mission. In his first annual report, he explained that they served breakfast each and every morning and had already supplied over

11,000 breakfasts in their first year. When I read this, I was shocked by the size of the problem, but then it occurred to me to check our current records for 1996. I discovered that we had served over 13,000 breakfasts. In addition to the breakfasts we had fed 11,000 mouths via our soup kitchen and this was before I even looked at our luncheon club.



In one hundred years, and with Social Security, Government aid, and more awareness than ever before, the problem is not getting better, but worse.

As winter approaches and the coldest of the weather still to come, the demand for our services continues to rise. Last Sunday we saw over 180 people come through our doors. Desperate for something to eat, a shower, dry clothing and somewhere to go off the streets. Ages vary from 16 to 70, with more and more young people asking

for our help. By the end of January, when the cold weather is at it's height, we expect to see over 250 people each Sunday evening. These

people will be cold, wet and miserable. Desperate for anything we can offer. Hostel accommodation will be almost impossible to find, although we will spend hours ringing from place to place trying to get one more in for the night. Many will leave us at 9pm with nowhere to go and only a couple of blankets for comfort. At 6am, when we start the following morning, they will be already at the door waiting for us to open. Grateful for a cooked breakfast, dry clothing and a toilet that is free. A daft comment? With more and more councils replacing public toilets with modern, clean, single person cubicles, they forget that some do not have the 10p to be able to use them.

The saddest part of this job is watching youngsters coming into the Mission and needing our help. They have become used to being on the streets and can see no other way of life open to them at the moment. They are becoming accustomed to this way of life and slowly give up their anger and determination to get off the streets and they just lay down and accept it. Is this just another life wasted? And before it even starts!

**Tony Miller - Warden**

# WHITECHAPEL METHODIST MISSION

## Summarised Accounts

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the Year Ended 31st August 1996

BALANCE SHEET  
as at 31 August 1996

	1996	1995		1996	1995
	£	£		£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Donations and collections	88,798	86,076	Investments	5,577	3,201
Investment income	38,657	41,412	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Legacies	23,136	16,341	Debtors	11,004	11,718
Other income	5,286	3,327	Investments	125,721	99,188
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>155,877</b>	<b>147,156</b>	Short term deposits	53,384	19,210
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			Cash at Bank and in hand	16,344	5,560
Circuit assessments	21,400	21,000		<b>206,453</b>	<b>135,676</b>
Staff costs	20,869	24,759	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Repairs and renewals	17,324	68,017	Short term creditors	6,118	5,346
Other premises costs	21,850	21,168	<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	200,335	130,330
Provisions	8,994	6,549			
Office expenses	12,512	13,850	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>205,912</b>	<b>133,531</b>
Other expenses	9,456	14,104			
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>112,405</b>	<b>169,447</b>	<b>FUNDS</b>		
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>43,472</b>	<b>(22,291)</b>	Unrestricted		
<u>Other Recognised Gains and Losses</u>			Designated Funds	14,080	8,879
Gains on investment - unrealised	10,612		General	22,348	5,713
Net Movement in Funds	54,084	(22,291)		36,428	14,592
Balances brought forward at 1 September 1995	133,531	151,529	Restricted	163,907	115,738
	187,615	129,238	Permanent Endowment	5,577	3,201
Add prior year adjustments	18,297	4,293		<b>205,912</b>	<b>133,531</b>
Balances carried forward at 31 August 1996	<b>205,912</b>	<b>133,531</b>			

Approved by the Managing Trustees on 5 December 1996 and signed by:

E WARNER  
B YELLAND     Hon. Treasurers

Note: These summarised accounts do not provide all the information required by law to be included in the accounts of the charity. The full accounts (which have been examined by an independent examiner) will be submitted to the Charity Commission. A copy of the full accounts may be obtained by writing to the Mission Treasurer at Whitechapel.

## THE TREASURER'S WORD

If you have managed to look at the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure account before reaching this report you will have noticed that there are some differences from the layout in previous years. The Charity Commissioners have altered their regulations and one must conform to these in common with all charities. You will notice that our finances show a considerable balance this year against a fairly heavy deficit in 1995. This is partly accounted for by the reduction in the major rebuilding projects this year. The major difference, however, is that we have had to show all the funds we have kept in reserve in this year's accounts instead of being spread over a number of years. In future, any large scale income will be shown in the year it is received, whereas, in other years there will only be normal income which will make comparison very difficult.

Under the circuit reorganisation we now have to share our minister with Old Ford church and the manse here is not now used by a minister. Tony is moving in and there will be a fair amount of expenditure on the refurbishment there. His flat is at present in the Thomas Jackson House complex & will be incorporated in the new arrangements for that area when it is decided which scheme will be accepted. Whichever it is should provide us with a steady income for the years ahead.

Thank you for all your donations and help over the years. We are in a reasonable financial state thanks to many churches & individuals so please keep up the good work & pray for those homeless and rootless who frequent our premises in large numbers.

**Eric Warner**

# Whitechapel Newsletter

The bi-monthly newsletter for Whitechapel Supporters

Issue 1

Many of our supporters have been looking after our needs for many a year. On a regular basis we will receive a phone call informing us that they are about to embark on another campaign or fund raising venture to benefit our people of the streets. Most are ringing to ask if we have any current publicity we can offer to support this venture, or just up to date information they can pass on to other church members or friends.

To this end we are considering putting together a bimonthly newsletter letting people know what we are currently up to. What we are short of in the way of food stuffs and toiletries. What is happening on the streets at the moment and what you can do to help. What happens to all the 'goodies' you send us.

So, if you feel your efforts on our behalf could benefit from such a newsletter, please let us know. We will add you to our mailing list and make sure you are kept informed of what is happening on a regular basis.

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At this time of year the cold weather can be the most dangerous enemy of the street sleeper. But just add water and it can be deadly. Once wet it is impossible to get dry on the streets and this opens the door to the cold.

We are desperate for warm winter coats and shoes. These items get wet and need replacing constantly to give these "fellas" a change of surviving.

If you received a new coat for Christmas, how about letting a homeless person have your old one?

The Chaplain  
 The Whitechapel  
 Mission  
 London  
 E.C.



20<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 Dear Sir  
 The Government gave  
 us old people £10 for Christmas  
 so I'm sending you £5 -  
 £5 to our church here.  
 I'm sorry it's not more but  
 at 91 I now don't have  
 much money to spend -  
 Christmas greetings  
 to you all  
 M. H.  
 This may buy a loaf or two  
 & a few vegetables

Some deeds shine like a diamond. Even in the midst of mucky  
 murky Whitechapel. Yep!

This morning a letter arrived in the post. Inside was a  
 crumpled £5 note with a handwritten note. We don't know who it was  
 from, but if the writer reads this, please accept our thanks and  
 admiration. It made us feel on top of the world. Here's what it said.

'Dear Sir,  
 The Government gave us old people £10 for Christmas so I'm  
 sending you £5 - and £5 to our church here.  
 I'm sorry it's not more but, at 91, I now don't have much money  
 to spend.  
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 This may buy a loaf or two and a few vegetables.'

Indeed it is worth a great deal more than that. It's an  
 inspiration.

Perhaps this affords me an opportunity to say a word of thanks  
 to all our anonymous donors. We are grateful to all those whose  
 names we don't know, who from time to time, and in various ways  
 send us gifts to help us in our work. May God bless you all.

## YOU CAN HELP OUR WORK BY ....

Praying for our work and our workers  
Sending a donation now  
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 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 Treasurer 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 of my decease from the proceeds of my real and personal estate, but primarily out of my personal estate, and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

**NOTE:** The Mortmain and Charitable Users 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 their 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:

The Whitechapel Mission is a registered charity and especially welcomes gifts by Deed of Covenant. As payments may be spread over a convenient period, as little 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 specific number of years

