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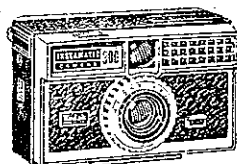
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Dear Friends,

"We are here to spread the Gospel. We fulfil that mission or slowly but inevitably we perish. It is as simple as that". With those words my last letter closed. As I contemplated the content of this letter I nearly decided that there I must leave that matter and write upon something quite different this quarter. Had I done that I would have fallen into the trap which we must all beware. You see I reasoned like this as I thought of my last letter and this — "If you go on from there then you must say something about the Gospel we are here to spread and of the consequences of spreading that Gospel. Yet you need not waste space on that subject—we all know about that". That precisely was the trap that nearly had me! The assumption that when it comes to the Gospel—we all know about that".

The details of "The Good News" we who are the Church may know. Take, for example, the two central affirmations of our faith with which this coming quarter is essentially concerned—Good Friday and Easter Day and Whit Sunday. The consequences of man's sinfulness upon others and upon himself. The cost and the promise of the Forgiveness of Sins. Victory over our common enemy death and all the assurance of The Life Everlasting. Above all, perhaps, that promise of resources of character now which will enable us to become all that in our best moments we long to be. The availability of graces which, if only they were sought and found by mankind, would transform the whole world picture of human relationships now. If that isn't good news I don't know what is! I nearly decided not to take up this theme because I assumed that we who are the Church know all about it! We ought to, certainly, for we have heard it taught and preached often enough. But do we know it? I suggest to you that if we knew it then the troubles which beset the Church internally would be gone! Troubles like inertia, indifference, petty squabbles, lack of vision.

Real knowledge of these facts of the faith has a personal and corporate transforming effect. To know these things is not simply an intellectual exercise—as when you "know" how to read music or mend a fuse. This knowledge effects all that it promises in the one who "knows". I ask myself and I put it to you—do our lives declare that such changes have and are taking place in ourselves? Is "Christ in me the hope of Glory" a theological proposition to which you give intellectual assent or a work of His Spirit manifest in you and me and apparent to all who know us?

Further, every detailed aspect of "The Good News" is so life transforming and the need of that kind of transformation so apparent in the world about us that we should have a driving sense of urgency to get this news to the people. Is such urgency apparent in the life and mission of the Church? We can best answer that question by facing up to the truth about how far we "count the cost" when it comes to what we are prepared to do and to give in order that the work of the Church of Christ may prosper. Often we bemoan poor congregations, rising costs, lack of workers to take office of leadership—if the heart of the people is right with Christ then such problems cease to be. We are all prone to lay the blame at the door of some other. In the light of the Gospel, in the light of words like—"Love so amazing, so divine, demands MY soul, MY life, MY all"—ask the question twelve disciples once asked when Jesus said that someone was going to betray Him—"Master, is it I?"

Yours very sincerely,

A. ALAN CLAYTON,
Superintendent Minister.

From:

"MANUAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE METHODIST CHURCH"

Two brothers, John and Charles Wesley (1703-1791 and 1707-1788), both Church of England clergymen, and sons of the Rector of Epworth in Lincolnshire where they were born, gathered round them at Oxford a group of students who, because they took their religion so seriously, were nicknamed Methodists. The name stuck and means that we should have as much method in our religion as in our business. But John Wesley was not satisfied by his strict rule of life. On May 24th, 1738, at a religious meeting in a house off Aldersgate Street in London, he felt his heart strangely warmed—"I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone" (to quote the journal he kept all his life)—and had the experience we call his conversion and still commemorate on Wesley Day. Now for the first time the love of Jesus for himself and every sinful man became the centre of the religion he put into his sermons, as his brother Charles did into his hymns. He was called by God to be an apostle to the whole nation, and for fifty years travelled all over England, Wales and Ireland "offering Christ" to all who would listen. When the Churches were closed to him he preached in the open air, organized converts in Class and Society and met in an annual Conference the few clergymen who supported him, together with, later on, the laymen he appointed to preach in the Circuits, until the Society of People called Methodists was well organized and full-grown, and ready to become a separate denomination. It found little sympathy for its "enthusiasm" in the Established Church, and after its founder's death became a separate Church.

If you want to know what this Methodism is all about, read Charles Wesley's hymns in our hymn book, e.g. 270, 361, 363, 371, 548, 562, 578, 608. We believe the distinctive mark of Methodists should be a hunger for that holiness which Wesley called entire sanctification or perfect love, and the joyful assurance that Christians are "children of the Heavenly King". In the providence of God Methodism was raised up to spread Scriptural Holiness through the land by the proclamation of the Evangelical Faith.

In addition to the growth of Wesleyan Methodism (as it was called) there were other Methodist revivals in the early nineteenth century which led to separately organized Churches. The Primitive Methodists began with a great open air camp meeting on the top of a hill near the Potteries called Mow Cop (1807). Their leaders Hugh Bourne and William Clowes gathered together a Church composed largely of working men untouched by Wesleyanism and its members had a great influence on the early Trade Union and Labour Movements. The West Country had its own revival around Shebbear in North Devon, a part of the country Wesley himself never visited, and the little Bible Christian Church which sent missionaries as far as China eventually joined with some other small Methodist Churches to form the United Methodist Church in 1907. Finally, thank God, in 1932, all these Methodists united to form one Methodist Church in Great Britain. All over the world as a result of the original revival, and also of subsequent missionary activity on the part of the home Church, Methodist Churches came into existence. It all began with a class meeting of slaves in the West Indies in 1760. For many years there have been autonomous Methodist Churches in Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The grand total of our world-wide evangelism is a Methodist community of some 40,000,000 people, of whom over 19,000,000 are Church members (about 750,000 in the British Isles).



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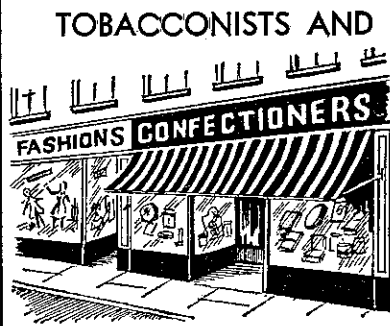
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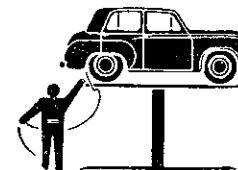
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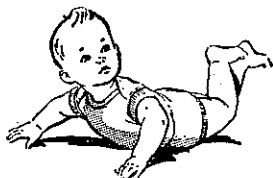


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	Morning	Evening
March 5th	Isaiah 45, 18-25 Col. 1, 24-29 Luke 9, 18-27	Micah 7, 1-7 Luke 22, 54-71
March 12th	1 Kings 19, 1-12 2 Peter 1, 16-19 Luke 9, 28-36	Jer. 30, 12-17 Luke 23, 1-25
March 19th	Jer. 31, 31-34 Heb. 9, 11-15 Mark 10, 32-45	Lam. 1, 1-14 Luke 23, 26-49
March 26th	Isaiah 52, 13-53, 12 Heb. 10, 1-10 Matt. 21, 1-11	Isaiah 5, 1-7 Mark 12, 1-12
April 2nd	Isaiah 12, 1-6 1 Cor. 5, 7b-8 Matt. 28, 1-10	Isaiah 42, 10-16 Luke 24, 13-35
April 9th	Exod. 16, 4-15 1 Cor. 15, 53-58 John 6, 35-40	2 Kings 7, 1-16 Acts 13, 26-39
April 16th	Ezek. 34, 7-15 1 Peter 5, 1-11 John 10, 7-18	Isaiah 43, 1-7 John 21, 1-14
April 23rd	1 Kings 17, 17-24 Col. 3, 1-11 John 11, 17-27	Isaiah 43, 18-21 John 21, 15-25
April 30th	Prov. 4, 10-18 2 Cor. 4, 11-18 John 14, 1-11	Heb. 3, 1-13 Rev. 1, 4-18
May 7th	Deut. 34, 1-12 Rom. 8, 28-39 John 16, 12-24	2 Sam. 18, 19-33 2 Cor. 5, 1-15
May 14th	2 Kings 2, 1-15 Eph. 4, 1-8, 11-13 Luke 24, 44-53	Ezek. 43, 1-7a Heb. 12, 18-29
May 21st	Joel 2, 28-32 Acts 2, 1-11 John 14, 15-27	Zech. 4, 1-10 1 Cor. 3, 16-23
May 28th	Deut. 6, 4-9 Acts 2, 22-4, 32-6 Matt. 11, 25-30	Jer. 18, 1-10 1 Tim. 6, 12-16

PREACHING APPOINTMENTS — 1972

(1529)	MARCH					APRIL					MAY			
	5 H.M.	12	19 Passion Sunday	26 Palm Sunday	2 Easter Day	9	16	23	30	7 Y.P.	14 I.P. Sunday	21 Whit Sunday	28 Trinity	
BROMER 11.00 6.30	Leveridge 9 Oakley	Oakley S S.G.Craske 2	Rogers-Smith Seville	Porter Oakley	Oakley S Temple	Hodgson Potter 12	Clayton Oakley	Oakley Wright	Stevens Oakley S	Oakley Gladwin		Loy ICA Oakley C.A.S	Oakley Thirtle 1	
OVERSTRAND 11.00 6.30	Clayton	Oakley S	Gladwin	Bane	Porter Leveridge	Wright 12	Howe	Oakley P.C.	Seville	R.T.Smith		S.G.Craske Clayton	Hodgson Oakley S	
SOUTHREPPS 2.30 6.30	Wright	Hodgson	Oakley S	Stevens	Felmingham	Perry Starling 16	Clayton Middleton	Oakley S Gladwin	Moore Howe	C.A. C.A.		Clayton Grief	Oakley Cast	
SUSTEAD 2.30	Pointin 5	Oakley S	Drury	Cast 18	Rogers-Smith 5	R.T.Smith	Oakley S	Seville	Temple 19	Stevens 25		Oakley 5	Bartram	
GRESHAM 2.30	Oakley S 5	Balls S	Seville	Potter 18	Oakley S 5	Clayton	Drury	R.T.Smith	Thirtle 19	Rogers-Smith 25		Daniels 5	Seville	
EAST RUNTON 11.00 6.30	High 9 Middleton	Cast Norton 2	Oakley S Howe	Pointin 5 R.T.Smith	Grief Oakley	Sawyer Clayton	Moore F.T.Craske	Stevens Stuffins	M.L.Morgan Bane	Leveridge 9 Oakley S		Oakley S Wright	Mrs.Hayes Boarder	
BODHAM 11.00	Oakley	Moore	High 9	Clayton 10	M.L.Morgan	High	Pointin 5	F.T.Craske 23	Oakley S	Morgan		Cast	C.A.	
SHERINGHAM 11.00 6.30	Clayton S Felmingham	Loy Gladwin	Leveridge 9 Clayton	Oakley 5 Clayton	Clayton S Thirtle	Clayton Howe	Seville Seville	Mrs.Hayes Clayton S	F.T.Craske Clayton	Clayton Clayton		Clayton S Seville	Clayton C.A Clayton	
WEST RUNTON 11.00	S.T.Craske	Stevens	Clayton	Balls	Loy S 16	Thirtle	Bartram	Clayton S	Pointin 7	High 9		Porter S	Loy	
WEYBOURNE 11.00	Clayton 10 am	Sawyer 5	Boarder	F.T.Craske 10	Clayton 10 am	Moore	Norton 1	Felmingham 23	Grief 7	Clayton 10 am		Temple	Morgan	
HOLT 11.00	Grief	Seville S	Stuffins	Seville	Boarder	Seville	Oakley 5	Seville	Clayton	Seville S		Seville	High	
BLAKENEY 2.30 6.30	Cast Temple	R.T.Smith Seville S	Clayton Oakley	Perry 16 Seville	Seville S S.G.Craske	Stuffins Seville	Seville Clayton	Sawyer Seville	Middleton Gladwin	Drury Sevilles		Seville Howe	Clayton Seville S	
BRISTON 11.00	Serpell	Morgan	Seville	S.G.Craske	Seville S 6.30 Clayton	Grief	M.L.Morgan	Hodgson	Seville	Stuffins		Sawyer	Seville S	
HINDOLVESTON 2.30	Morgan	Seville S	Wright	Hodgson	Morgan	Seville	Potter 16	Temple	Clayton	Seville S		Leveridge	Middleton	

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An Offertory is taken at each Service on Sundays for the Society Fund unless otherwise stated.

REFERENCES

A.T.M. Annual Trustees' Meeting
C. Confirmation. (Church Membership)
C.A. Chapel Anniversary
C.C. Christian Citizenship
C.S. Covenant Service
F. Fellowship
F.S. Family Service
G.C.F. General Chapel Fund

G.D. Gift Day
H.F. Harvest Festival
H.M. Home Missions
J.C.F. Junior Church Festival
L. Ladies' Day
L.A. Local Arrangements
L.P. Local Preachers' Sunday
M.S. Musical Service

M. Men's Day
N. Preacher 'On Note'
O.A. Open-air Service
O.M. Overseas Missions
P. Parade Service
P.C. Parish Church
P.D. Promotion Day
R.S. Readers' Service

S. Sacrament of Holy Communion
S.S.A. Sunday School Anniversary
T.D. Teachers' Dedication
U. United Service
V. Visitation
W. Watchnight Service
Y. Youth Service

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. LOCAL PREACHERS' MEETING on Friday, May 19th, at West Runton, at 7.30 p.m. It will be appreciated if all requests from preachers and societies for the Quarter June-August be in the hands of the Superintendent IN WRITING not later than 20th March.
2. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, Thursday, 25th May, 7.30 p.m., at West Runton.
3. CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING, Thursday, 1st June, at Holt, at 7 p.m.
4. ASSESSMENTS—next assessments should be forwarded please, not later than May 25th to Mrs. S. G. Craske, Cross Street, Salthouse, Holt, Tel. Clay 279.
5. CIRCUIT HOME MISSIONS RALLY, Saturday, 25th March, at Sheringham, Tea, 5 p.m. Rally, 6 p.m. The theme of the Circuit Rally—“OUR HOME MISSION”. Three five minute addresses will be given—one by each member of the Circuit Staff. Each address will take a subject relevant to the advance of the work of the Church here on our Circuit. Following the addresses opportunity will be given for question and discussion. The meeting will close not later than 7.30 p.m.
6. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES (March 31st)—Cromer, 11 a.m., Rev. L. C. J. Oakley, G.M. East Runton, 7 p.m. Sheringham, 10.30 a.m., Rev. A. Clayton, Briston, 3.45 p.m., Worship and Holy Communion—Rev. W. A. Seville, 7.30 p.m., Musical Service. Other services by local arrangement.
7. CIRCUIT YOUTH DAY—APRIL 16th at Sheringham. Morning Worship at 11 a.m. and a special evening Youth Service will be conducted by the Rev. W. A. Seville. All young people are invited to make a day of it at Sheringham—lunch and tea will be served on the premises to all visiting members to the Circuit Youth Day.

DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING held at SHERINGHAM

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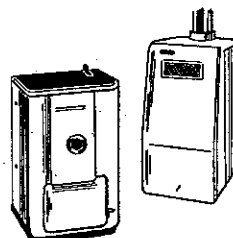
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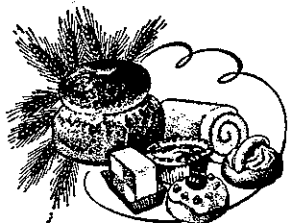
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LOCAL PREACHERS & THEIR APPOINTMENTS

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You cannot have Jesus all to yourself. He came to win the allegiance of everybody to the Kingdom of God, and His friends must be our friends. He takes away all loneliness and self-centredness by putting us in the fellowship we call the Church. In the New Testament there are no solitary Christians with a private religion of their own. From the word go, Jesus called twelve men together as His disciples or learners, in order that they might carry on His work, and share the Gospel, the Good News, with all the world. We need each other with all our different gifts in the Church.

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Scientists and their theories are respected because they get results, T.V. sets, antibiotics, interplanetary rockets and all. So our religious theory (doctrines or teachings, theology and talk about God) must lead to practical results in lives more and more filled with the spirit of Christ if it is really to mean anything to you and to the world. Christians do not blame their luck or other people for the mess they are in; they confess their sin and believe that God through the influence of Jesus (His Grace) will help them lead a better life, or, to use the words of the Bible that "He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1. 9). This learning how to live with Christ we call sanctification, which means being made holy — complete, whole persons. "Repentance is the porch of religion, faith is the door, and holiness is religion itself" is how John Wesley summed it up.

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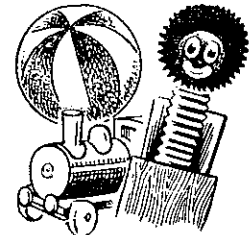
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Contractors to H.M. Office of Works and Air Ministry

Personal Supervision throughout

Head Office and Works

CENTRAL ROAD, CROMER