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THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION  
(Limited by Guarantee)

Charity Registration No: 208434

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -

31 MARCH 1996



**MORISON STONEHAM**  
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**THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION**  
**(Limited by Guarantee)**

**COUNCIL MEMBER**

N R Wheatley (Chairman)  
D Jones (Vice Chairman)  
D J Vowles (Hon Treasurer)  
L A M Prime  
M E B Walters  
J Jack

**SECRETARY**

M B Nwanwene

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

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**THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION**  
**(Limited by Guarantee)**  
**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL**

The council present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1996.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Mission maintains a comprehensive spiritual social centre at its premises and further details can be obtained from the Annual Report of the Mission.

**FIXED ASSETS**

Full disclosure of all matters relating to fixed assets is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

It is the council's opinion that the value of the mission's properties at the date of the financial statements is not less than £500,000.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The council members at the balance sheet date were as follows:

N R Wheatley (Chairman)  
D Jones (Vice Chairman)  
D J Vowles (Hon Treasurer)  
L A M Prime  
M E B Walters  
J Jack

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Company law requires the council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the council members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate.

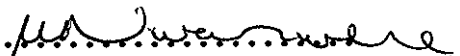
The council members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Morison Stoneham, are willing to be reappointed in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Council

Date: 22 July 1996

  
Secretary

**THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION**

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**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

**Respective responsibilities of the council and auditors**

As described in the Council's Report the council is responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

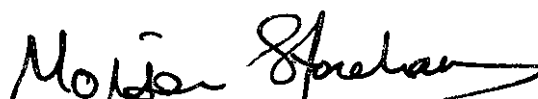
**Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the council in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Mission's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Mission as at 31 March 1996 and of its excess for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



**MORISON STONEHAM**  
Registered Auditors  
Chartered Accountants

805 Salisbury House  
31 Finsbury Circus  
London  
EC2M 5SQ

Date: *17th September 1996*

**THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996**

	Notes	£	1996	£	1995	£
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Church collections, covenants from members and income tax recoverable			10,293		12,067	
Supporters' donations, covenants and income tax recoverable			2,794		2,306	
Grants			1,368		2,197	
Investment income	3		60,287		56,176	
Rental Income			7,000		13,116	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>				81,742		85,862
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Staff costs	5		47,116		27,210	
Light & Heat			3,867		3,229	
Rates			1,769		1,502	
Insurance			2,034		1,861	
Repairs and maintenance			19,070		32,137	
Printing, postage and stationary			2,089		1,893	
Advertising			-		568	
Auditors' remuneration			2,996		1,645	
Travelling expenses			2,711		1,989	
Telephone			916		752	
Charitable expenditure			2,987		4,478	
Depreciation			2,012		2,089	
Miscellaneous			888		236	
				88,455		79,589
<b>NET OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>	4			(6,713)		6,273
Gains on investments	8			78,605		(40,724)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	15			71,892		(34,451)
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>				998,580		1,033,031
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>				1,070,472		998,580

None of the Mission's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 5 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION**  
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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1996**

	Notes	£	1996 £	1995 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9		123,547		125,559
Investments	10		918,698		841,928
			<u>1,042,245</u>		<u>967,487</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	11	2,291		1,632	
Debtors	12	16,407		15,036	
Cash at bank and in hand		13,714		23,225	
		<u>32,412</u>		<u>39,893</u>	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,185)		(8,800)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>28,227</u>		<u>31,093</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>1,070,472</u>		<u>998,580</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Accumulated Income Fund	15		<u>1,070,472</u>		<u>998,580</u>
			<u>1,070,472</u>		<u>998,580</u>

The financial statements were approved  
by the council on 22 July 1996 and  
signed on its behalf by

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N R WHEATLEY  
Council Members

D J VOWLES

The notes on pages 5 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION(Limited by Guarantee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

1. STATUS OF THE MISSION

The Mission is a company limited by guarantee. Under the Memorandum of Association of the Mission, the liability of individual members is restricted to a maximum of £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and The Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities.

2.2 DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:-

Fixtures and fittings	20% Straight line
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No depreciation is provided on freehold buildings as it is the Mission's policy to maintain these so as to extend their useful lives. The maintenance charge in this respect is shown as a utilisation of the building fund in note

Sundry equipment purchases are written off to the income and expenditure account in the year of purchase.

2.3 INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at market value.

2.4 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2.5 PENSIONS

Pension contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account so as to spread the cost of the pensions over the employees' working lives with the Mission. These contributions are invested separately from the Mission assets.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

3.	INVESTMENT INCOME	1996 £	1995 £
	This includes income tax recoverable and comprises		
	Income from listed investments on the London Stock Exchange	58,605	54,156
	The Charities Official Investment Fund	718	689
	Deposit account interest	964	1,331
		<u>60,287</u>	<u>56,176</u>

4.	NET OUTGOING RESOURCES	1996 £	1995 £
	The net outgoing resources are stated after charging:-		
	Depreciation	2,012	2,089
	Auditors' remuneration	2,996	1,645
		<u>2,996</u>	<u>1,645</u>

5.	COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES	1996 £	1995 £
	Staff costs:-		
	Wages and salaries	34,685	20,638
	Social security costs	2,256	894
	Other pension costs	10,175	4,000
	Recruitment costs	-	1,678
		<u>47,116</u>	<u>27,210</u>

The average weekly number of employees during  
the year was made up as follows:

	Number	Number
Mission work	5	3
Administration	1	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

The council members constitute directors under the provisions of The  
Companies Act and received no remuneration during the year.

THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION (Limited by Guarantee)

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6. PENSION COSTS

The Mission operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Mission in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable by the Mission amounted to £10,175 (1995: £4,000). All contributions were paid in the year.

7. TAX ON EXCESS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The Mission is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on its income under the provisions of section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

8. ADJUSTMENTS TO INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

	1996 £	1995 £
Realised gains on listed investments	14,215	13,928
Unrealised gains on listed investments	64,390	(54,652)
	<u>78,605</u>	<u>(40,724)</u>

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9. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<u>Cost</u>				
At 1 April 1995	130,309	29,895	11,285	171,489
Disposals	-	-	(11,285)	(11,285)
At 31 March 1996	<u>130,309</u>	<u>29,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,204</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1 April 1995	8,900	25,745	11,285	45,930
Charge for year	-	2,012	-	2,012
On disposals	-	-	(11,285)	(11,285)
At 31 March 1996	<u>8,900</u>	<u>27,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,657</u>
<u>Net book value at 31 March 1996</u>	<u>121,409</u>	<u>2,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,547</u>
<u>Net book value at 31 March 1995</u>	<u>121,409</u>	<u>4,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,559</u>

Analysis of net book value of Freehold land and buildings:

	1996 £	1995 £
69 Masons Rise	61,010	61,010
62 Bride Street	33,908	33,908
95 Chase Road	26,491	26,491
	<u>121,409</u>	<u>121,409</u>

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10. INVESTMENTS

	Listed Investments £	Freehold Property £	Total £
Market value at 1 April 1995	841,928	-	841,928
Additions	124,076	-	124,076
Disposals	(111,696)	-	(111,696)
Unrealised Gains in year	64,390	-	64,390
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Market value at 31 March 1996	918,698	-	918,698
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The historical cost of the investments included above is as follows:

	1996 £	1995 £
Listed investments	752,679	708,063
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996**

<b>11. STOCKS</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sundry consumables	2,239	1,573
Goods for resale	52	59
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	2,291	1,632
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 <b>12. DEBTORS</b>	 <b>1996</b>	 <b>1995</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	16,407	15,036
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	16,407	15,036
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 <b>13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	 <b>1996</b>	 <b>1995</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Taxes and social security costs	406	1,360
Accruals and deferred income	3,779	7,440
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	4,185	8,800
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**14. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This year the Mission has had to Adopt new accounting policies to adhere to the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting by Charities). The application of these new accounting policies has resulted in the following changes.

- Any freehold properties held for investment purposes would be reclassified as investments and included at Market value as estimated by the Council.
- Listed investments are shown at Market Value
- The Building Fund has been included as a Designated Fund within the general funds of the Charity.

The comparative figures, for the year ended 31 March 1995 have been restated to reflect the changes in accounting policies. The effect on reserves is shown in note 15.

**THE ST GILES CHRISTIAN MISSION(Limited by Guarantee)**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996**

**15. ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

	1996 £	1995 £
Accumulated funds at 1 April 1995	879,129	818,390
Prior year adjustment	119,451	214,641
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Accumulated funds at 1 April 1995 as restated	998,580	1,033,031
Net movement in funds	71,892	(34,451)
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Accumulated funds at 31 March 1996	1,070,472	998,580
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The accumulated funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside by the council for specific purposes.

	1996 £	1995 £
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Balance as at 1 April 1995	28,705	40,192
New designations	10,738	10,227
Utilised for building work	-	(21,714)
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Balance as at 31 March 1996	39,443	28,705
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**16. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN MEMBERS' FUNDS**

	1996 £	1995 £
Members' funds at 1 April 1995	879,129	818,390
Prior year adjustment	119,451	214,641
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Members' funds at 31 March 1996 as restated	998,580	1,033,031
Net movement for the financial year	71,892	(34,451)
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Members' funds at 31 March 1996	1,070,472	998,580
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Represented by:-		
Equity interests (see note below)	1,070,472	998,580
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	1,070,472	998,580
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In the event of a winding up any remaining funds of the Charity would be revert to the Charity Commission.

# *St. Giles*

## *Christian Mission*



***Thank the Lord for all the glorious things he does  
proclaim them to the nations  
Psalm 105:1***

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# St.. Giles Christian Mission

62 Bride Street London N7 8AZ Tel: 0171-607 4370



Registered Charity No. 208434

Founded in 1860

Pioneers of Prison Gate work



# MINISTER'S

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*Emma, David, Alyson and Hanna*

It has been just over a year since I started ministering at the mission. St. Giles is situated in a very multi-cultural part of London and as a Church we

have sought to reflect that fact in our approach to mission. We do not see this as a problem but an important opportunity. Working with Youth with a mission in Nicosia which is also a very Multi-cultural and learning to communicate with people with little English was a very good training ground for ministry that the Lord has given us here.

We have seen at St. Giles a number of people from many nationalities join us for worship. In January St. Giles was used as a base for a team of Christians from Jordan, Jordan and Egypt working among the Arab Muslims living in this part of North London. We were ministered in a number of ways.

We see us as a church a taste for mission. These Eastern Christians, who live in countries which are mainly hostile to the gospel, encouraged us in our ministry of the gospel.

We have a desire to spend more time to pray for the future of the gospel. During their time with us we had several prayer meetings in which we invited members of Churches to join us. In these prayer meetings we collectively prayed for Middle East countries.

Muslims in the district. They have continued to worship with us and have started an Arab Family Club on a Saturday evening at St. Giles. This is a very difficult ministry that they have and progress is slow but through prayer and patience we have seen a few Muslims interested in the true way of Salvation.

We have also attending regularly a number of Korean students, mostly learning English. Not only has one student enhanced our worship with her music ministry but also we have been able to offer our facilities not only for worship but a place to share a meal, to talk and to relax. We have a Bible Study specifically for those whose English is a second (or third) language.

Our main concern as it should always be is the ministry to the local people in the area. In the future we hope to have teams going out and doing door to door work. This is a most difficult ministry especially in an area where people do not like to open their doors to anyone. At the moment I think it is only right and proper that as the Pastor I should make the first steps and go out to share the Good News. With me I take copies of the Good News paper. I am getting to be known and the Lord has blessed me with good

versations. But this ministry is long term concern-fruits. At our harvest time I personally gave or put up the door over 500 invitations to our service. Though that three people came to the service and regularly come and one lady popped into the church with a basket full of organically grown carrots. We were blessed by them being displayed behind the Communion Table and our luncheon club enjoyed eating them on the Wednesday. Our outreach also includes giving out tracts in the main streets of Brighton. These tracts have a gospel message and also invite the people to our meetings. We have put a particular emphasis on the Student population at our local University, the North London University. Though we have made little headway with students in general we see it as a long time ministry. We have made little progress with the Student Union and hope to invite speakers from St. Giles into their meetings.

## **Sunday Service**

Worship on Sunday is naturally the very centre of our mission. Our message of the good news does not change and can never change if we are true to Biblical truth, but we seek to make our worship service relevant as we endeavour to meet the needs of the people living around the mission. We have tried to make the service thematic and understood by the people when their language is limited. Visual aids and use of the overhead projector have been important where possible.



*Luncheon club - A harvest celebration*

## **The Luncheon Club**

The Luncheon club format has been changed a little with people spending more time at the mission. We have been encouraging people to come early and have a cup of tea or coffee before lunch. The council bus drops people off at about 11.30 and a number of people now arrive at this time and enjoy sitting and talking also some bring their knitting. As we get to know folk and sit and relax with them this is a good time to talk over any problems they may have, also to pray with individuals. One week we had the Metropolitan Police talk about security in the homes and from this came conversations and talk of experiences that had been had with intruders. Many of the elderly have deep fears and worry about the dangers that face them as they live alone. We are able to share that there is a God who cares and on whom they could call day and night. We are able to pray with them each week that they would be kept in safety. After lunch the programme is different each week. It varies from having a speaker, singing, games, word puzzles and videos. Although sometimes after eating everyone has been so well fed there is difficulty in staying awake. Jay, the cook, provides us with a rich assortment of foods. The most interesting being pumpkin pie which nobody realised what they were eating. Assisting in

the kitchen is Myrna and occasionally she provides for us an Arabic dish. So it could be said that we at St. Giles provide an international cuisine!!

## **Outings**

Eastbourne, Hampton Court and Worthing. These places were the

nations for the coach outings. Each of these days  
ght out the sun and in a summer of mixed weath-  
e were grateful that we could enjoy the beauty of  
rent places without getting wet. Each trip holds  
al memories.

bourne as it was our first trip with people we  
getting to know as friends. It was a very hot day  
once the coach had dropped us no one wanted to  
ire much further from the sea. Charity shops,  
cooked fish and chips with a hot cup of tea and  
leek chairs on the pier... what more could we ask

pton Court was our next venue. The date  
ged at the beginning of the school holidays so  
yone had the opportunity to come. Again a  
her. The coach dropped us all at Kingston Pier so  
ould join the boat for a trip up the river to the  
e. The elderly among us enjoyed sitting in the  
ant rose gardens while the younger were attracted  
e maze. Fortunately all found their way out and to  
ach for the ride home.

hing was the final destination and again we were  
ed with no rain. The Worthing council provided a  
band in the shopping precinct playing all after-  
. The day was rounded off well when the coach  
er put on a tape playing all the wartime  
urites. One lady sang all the way home and  
dy noticed when we hit a traffic Jam on the  
rway...

### **Lough Rd.**

ow hold a monthly service in the old peoples  
in Lough Rd. Just opposite the Mission. The  
e is for both Long stay and people just coming in  
couple of weeks. The staff have been most help-  
ring most of the folk to the meeting and

it has been a wonderful opportunity to share the  
gospel and sing the grand old hymns that they all  
love. The ministry is always appreciated and they  
look forward to the next time that we can come.

### **Youth Club**

At the other end of the scale our work among the  
youth continues. The Sunday School judging by the  
number of prizes we gave out at the anniversary has  
slightly increased. At the moment the children's work  
is going through a time of change. We see this work  
as an important part in the ministry of St. Giles. We  
want to serve the children in the best way we possibly  
can. Because of this we are talking and praying with  
parents and children to find the best way forward.  
Maybe to change days and times of meetings. There  
are many other activities in the area around and we  
believe we have something different to provide. A  
place where the youngsters can come and feel safe.  
These days at school our children are under pressure  
to conform. We need to pray constantly for these  
young minds that God would protect them. We pray  
that their faith in God will be strong and that they  
would grow to love Jesus more day by day. We want  
them to see the Mission as a place they can come to  
share the problems they have and to know that God  
has a very special purpose and plan for their lives.

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study is an important ministry. The Tuesday  
night group continues and the number attending this  
are steadily growing. Subjects this year have been  
studies of 1 John, James and Mark. In addition to this  
we have two other bible studies the first for people  
whose English is a second language and a Day time  
Bible Study for people who are unable to get out in  
the evening. Our future hope is to get as many mem-  
bers into a bible study group including a basic bible  
study for new converts.



## **d Finally**

in is getting more Pagan, the Church can stand  
error and do nothing about it. We can sit and  
in our Churches and  
sion Halls expecting  
people to come to us  
we can put our faith  
action.

as Matthew Henry  
said "When God  
gs revival he sets their  
ts a praying." We  
se that we cannot do  
hing in our own  
gth but by prayer and  
ne unction of the Holy  
it. As a Mission we  
urage times of prayer  
waiting upon the  
l. It is only He that  
bring conviction of sin  
a thirst for God, it is  
He who can bring  
conversion and rege-  
tion and it is only He  
can enable people to

grow in holiness and spiritual maturity. Our responsi-  
bility is to be obedient to God through his word and as  
we listen to God in prayer.

But also we need to get out into the streets with the  
gospel, presenting the good  
news of Salvation. Through  
door to door visiting, giv-  
ing out of "the GOOD  
NEWS PAPER" and scrip-  
ture tracting in the streets  
we are able to bring the  
Evangelical message to the  
people. But it is only God  
who will give the increase.

So this is why above all  
things we covet our sup-  
porters prayers for the  
Mission. Please pray that  
we might see more souls in  
the Kingdom of God. This  
is what St. Giles exists for.

*With best wishes*

***David Page***



*Luncheon club - A harvest celebration*

# GENERAL SECRETARY'S r e p o r t

THE first year of the Rev. David and Alyson Page's ministry has passed so quickly- a period they have been finding their feet tabling themselves firmly in the of the Mission with the Lord's help. has followed his calling of Pastor evangelist, while Alyson has adapted easily to le of Lady Church Worker. Their cheerfulness endliness to everyone without exception is very appreciated, especially by the ever increasing r of nationalities attending St. Giles, who are made to feel at home through their loving care pport. Let us therefore encourage them mighti- their work.

g the year, however, we have been sad to lose a erm member of staff, Mrs Maureen Bull, our r, who worked hard for the Mission for many and was almost 'part of the furniture'! May God her wherever her future lies and also her big . We would also thank Mrs Linda Petch for her service to the luncheon club until April this year.

acqueline Healey, meanwhile has taken over the of cleaner and caretaker of the Mission, while ferna Sahib has replaced Linda as assistant cook Luncheon club. We are grateful for the hard they put in. Mrs Healey has already made e contributions to her new job, including a thor-spring clean to the Missions premises, which has ed in the salvage of some precious items, such :tures, wall plaques etc., reminding us of the



Mission's rich heritage. She is also adept at keeping down the pigeon population!

As regards to the Mission's extensive premises, some work has been done on the Missions flats this year with the respect to the supply of new water heaters and gas fires. Thus we hope to make the flats more hospitable and enjoyable for our tenants, some of whom are involved in serving the Lord at St. Giles. The restoration of the Sunday School room is also planned with the view to the development of the Sunday School work.

The work of the Mission would not be possible without the unstinted service of the council of management behind the scenes. We would like to thank them once more for their constant advice and support, and the willing sacrifice of their time as busy businessmen, to run the Mission. We would be always happy also to see more Mission members attending our Annual General Meeting.

Finally, a brief word of sincere thanks to the Mission supporters for their very generous donations and for the regular annual and monthly covenanted subscriptions which are a great encouragement to the Lord's work here. They together with your faithful prayers, strengthen all of us to press on toward the goal in order to win the prize of the call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Maria Nwanwene*

# TESTIMONIES

**M**Y name is Jamal and I come from Jordan from a Moslem family. My uncles are very committed Muslims with high Islamic status in the government. As a child, I've been to the mosque but never turned back as I saw their hypocrisy. I started being a bad boy and led an ungodly life. In 1982 I went to work in marketing and used dishonest ways to make me rich. This was my life until 1991 when the civil war started. At this time I received trucks filled with marketing materials that were coming from Jordan to Iraq (as my work was between these two countries). The trucks were lost on their way because of the war and I was in big trouble.

A Christian friend invited me to Church and after many trials I agreed to go with him. Church was not an unfamiliar place for me because I had visited non-churches on different formal occasions. I went in and asked my friend what to do and he told me just to close my eyes. While closing them, 'I saw' where the trucks were. I didn't believe that this was from God but thought I was imagining it. My friend insisted on going to the place but I told him it was very dangerous to go while the war is still going on. After putting in a condition, we went and saw the trucks exactly in the same way as I saw them near the prison. After that I went back to Jordan and tried to know more about



*Jahib & Merna*

Christianity until I was introduced to a believer who explained many questions about Islam and Christianity.

I started going to Church from that time until July 1992 when I gave my heart to the Lord in

response to the Pastors message. Then I got baptised in October 1992 and my life changed from that moment onwards. I stopped smoking and drinking, and my bad relationships ended and started ministry amongst the Muslims in my country until I heard of Youth with a Mission in 1994. I came to England in September 1994 to do my basic training called the Discipleship training school, (D.T.S.) and did my Outreach Phase in Norway where we worked among the Arabic speaking people in Oslo.

I got married to my lovely wife in August 1995 in England, then we did our next school which was the Basic Leadership School (B.L.S.) In the outreach phase we were led to work in London among the Arabic Speaking Muslims. We worked in a coffee bar for Evangelism and did intercession. After the school had finished God opened the door for us to stay here and felt right to do so.

*Jamal and Merna work among the Muslims in North London and are part of the congregation at St. Giles.*

# PIONEER

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*Christopher right on target!*

has been an encouraging year, since last camp, news of how a number of Campers had committed their lives to the Lord, by baptism. Pioneer Camp moved to Root Hill

Betchworth, in Surrey. The Lord has continued to answer our prayers with the number of Campers rising to 74. When you include the Workers and children, it meant the kitchen team, which included Jim & Elsie Jones and Alison Smith, were very busy as they were catering for over 100.

Christopher Petch, after many years of waiting, led the junior Camp, and David Mundee, the senior camp for the first time, where they especially enjoyed the games; while Mark Petch and Ronnie also enjoyed possibly their final camp.

Healey also took on the challenge of sharing his life as a Tent Leader and leading an activity team called "Jimbo & the Jetset".

The morning Bible Time theme this year was based on Old Testament characters who are mentioned in the New Testament. Some of the various characters were Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Solomon, David and Jonah.

The Lord intervened again by providing excellent

weather throughout the 10 days of camp, which allowed various tournaments, games and walks to be completed. There were outings arranged to Littlehampton and Worthing, where a "Hunt the Worker" activity took place on the sea front. Alison

was dressed as a Pirate and Nick as a Rasta.

During one of the activities on a local common, one of our activity team leaders was able to administer first aid to a woman who was injured as she attempted to release a horse from its box. We called the common wardens, who called for an ambulance. The horse was found later on the common, and the woman's injuries were not too serious.

It was encouraging to have David, Alyson, Yu Young, Yu Youn and Sing Bin visit us for the day, with news that friends from St. Giles were praying for us.

Yu Youn and Sing Bin also got involved in helping the Workers against the Campers in the Tug of War competition.

Once again the Lord has shown His grace by leading two campers into a saving faith in Him. We would trust that you might continue to pray that they may grow in faith. But pray even more for the young people who still have not recognised that they need the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.

*Windsor & Alison Smith*

# ANNIVERSARY

and photo album



*Ernest*



*Christopher*

Our speaker for the Anniversary was the Revd. Geoffrey Collins, Minister of Emmanuel church - Farnham.

Whilst Sunday school scholars receive their Prizes.



*George*



*Nicholas! What a mean B'day portion?  
Pioneer camp '96*



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Council members in 1996. Left to right: *Martin E. B. Walters, Derek Jones, Norman R. Wheatley, Leonard A. M. Prime, David J. Vowles, John W. Jack.*