



serious operation in October, we understand that Jean has begun to recuperate but recovery is expected to take some time, best wishes to Jean for a return to full fitness and health.

Thanks to all members for attending Sunday Evening fellowship during 2002, particularly nice to see Mrs. Ivy Cooke return after her broken hip. Although our membership remains stable there are many of you who could join us on a Sunday evening to set yourself up for the week ahead, your presence would be welcome any Sunday between 6.00 pm - 7.00pm.

WE would like to say thank you again to Pearl and Albert for their continuing help and friendship, Albert has been rather poorly for the last few months and we would like to wish him a return to better health in the future.



Statistics to December 2002

Christenings	13
Weddings	6
Funerals	9

Future Events

7th December Christmas Market 11.00am-2.00pm

9th December Gift Day
Greenfield Singers 6.pm

15th December Nativity
6.00

22nd December Candlelight
Carol Service 6.00pm

25th December Christmas
Morning 9.00am-9.30am

31 December Watchnight
Sevice 11.45pm-12.15am

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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Seasonal greetings to all who have the interests of Two Gates Ragged School at heart. We cordially invite you to share fellowship with us at any of our special services to be held during the festive season.

The Nativity

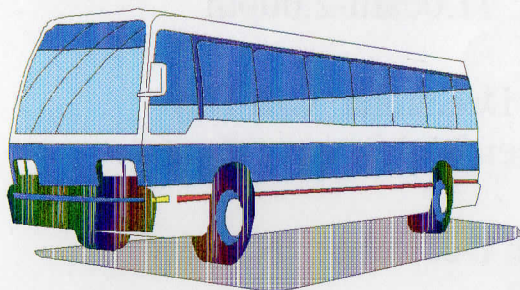
On the 7th December we shall be holding a Christmas Market open from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. We hope you will support us in this new venture. If anyone has any unwanted gifts, brick a brac etc. Would you let Hazel have them before 26 th November. Hope to see you there.

The Anniversary Services were held on the 3 rd and 10 th June, attendance were up, thank you, total collections were £1,812.00.

The children and young people performed excellently after being trained by Albert Slater, to whom we are greatly indebted, solos and poetry

readings were by Michelle and Natasha, exhibiting good talent and technique. For the first time in her life Hazel missed the first Sunday, being ill in hospital.

On the 26 th June a 'Memory Evening' was held in the Chapel, some 150 friends turned out to renew old friendships, reminisce and generally have an enjoyable get together, everyone had a pleasant evening.



Drayton Manor Park was the usual venue for the annual 'treat' this was held on 29 th June. Children, young people and friends had a wonderful day, returning to Two Gates at 8.30 pm, tired, but happy.

The Harvest Festival Service took place on Sunday 1st September when the congregation were entertained in song by the Hurst Green Townswomen Guild Singers on the



following evening the sale of goods was held. Collection and sale amounted to £229.00.

In May Mrs. Lily Kathke passed away, our condolences go out to her sons and daughters. Mrs. Mary Morton followed in November, our sympathy is with Jim and his family at this time. Both ladies have been regular members for many years and will be greatly missed. Another good friend of the Chapel who passed away was Mr. Rex Hall, although not a regular worshiper Rex always provided floral and financial support. Margaret and Sharon also have our sympathy. We would like to offer our heartfelt gratitude to the families for donations in lieu of flowers which were kindly presented to the Chapel funds. Gestures like this show the respect in which our Chapel is held.

Mrs. Jean Cowley who has strong links with our Chapel underwent a