



John Hackett

It is with great sadness that after the Evening Service of the Anniversary that we say a last goodbye to John Hackett. Twenty five years ago a young John first presided over our Anniversary, since then he has not missed a single service, so much so that he has become an institution at Two Gates, valued as a true friend whose simple but inspiring messages are remembered by a generation of children. On retirement John is moving to the North East to take up residence near his son and family, he goes with our grateful thanks and appreciation for the stirring service to our Chapel. John Hackett's a name that will live in the history of Two Gates Ragged School Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our final thoughts are that John and Jill will have a long and happy retirement.



Statistics to May 2002

Christenings 6

Weddings 3

Funerals 6

Future Events

June 22nd. Drayton Manor Park

June 26th Memory Evening

Sept 1st. Harvest Festival, Choir.
(Hurst Green Towns
Womens Guild)

Dec 8th Gift Day, Choir
(Greenfield Singers)

Dec 15th. Nativity

Dec 23rd. Candlelight Carol Service

Dec 25th. Christmas Morning
Service
9.00a.m.-9.30a.m.

Dec 31st. Watchnight Service
11.45p.m.-12.15a.m.

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WELCOME TO NEWS OF TWO GATES RAGGED SCHOOL

We are to celebrating our Jubilee Anniversary on the 2nd and 9th of June by welcoming you into the Chapel. Over the years congregations have dwindled and this Newsletter is aimed at you, who had, over many years, connections with Two Gates Ragged School. It is hoped that this Jubilee Year in particular you will make every effort to attend either the 2.30 p.m. or the 6.00 p.m. Service, it would be nice to see you at both

Up Date 2001

The Gift Day service was held on Sunday 9th. December and the congregation were entertained in music by the Pedmore and Wychbury W.I. Choir.

On December 16th. The Nativity was enacted by the Sunday School children, narrated by Natalie Portman. Sunday 23rd December was the date of the Candlelight Carol Service, music for the carols was provided by the brass ensemble of the Christmas Consort Players under the leadership of Jim Bennett. That haunting carol 'Silent Night' was sung by our own

Michelle Worton in the original German. This is the only service in the year that the Chapel is full to capacity, why ?

On Christmas Morning Barry Willetts conducted the 9.00 a.m. Service. The Watchnight Service was presided over by Hazel Clifton from 11.45 - 12.15 a.m.

The collections over the Christmas Services amounted to £850.00



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The Annual Party for the Sunday School members was held at Caslon School on January 12th. And after tea all the 'old fashioned' games were played, everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. Catering was in the hands of Joanne Greening.

The Children were taken on the 13th. February to Stourbridge Fire Station and were shown round 'Calamity Cottage' where the staff explained about fire hazards, having a wonderful and educational time, they all passed the 'fire examination' and were presented with their certificates.

This year the children had to forgo the Scripture Examination owing to the ill health of Hazel who has been having a series of tests in hospital. The Good Friday Service was conducted by Hazel and 'There is a Greenhill' was sung by Michelle who also gave a poetry reading of Wordsworths 'Daffodils' Rhoda provided the seasonal refreshments.

Easter Sunday celebrations were conducted by Barry.

May we pay tribute to Albert Slater who has again played a significant part in the musical life of Two Gates Ragged School. Over the years Albert has played the organ for the Chapel at all weddings and funerals and special services and has become a close friend to many at Two Gates, especially the children. Thank you Albert and your wife Pearl for your support