

Many thanks to all members for faithfully attending the Sunday evening fellowship during 1996. A few new members have joined us during the year, welcome to you all. To any who do not attend, why not spend a pleasant hour on Sunday evenings in 1997 between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. by attending our fellowship.

Chapel Statistics for 1996

28 Christenings

9 Weddings

10 Funerals



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 30th November

Christmas Fayre

12.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.

Sunday 1st December

Christmas Gift Day Service

6.00 p.m.

Sunday 8th December

Nativity Service 6.00p.m.

Sunday 15th December

Carol Service 6.00p.m.

Sunday 22nd December

Candlelight Carol Service

6.00p.m.

Christmas Day

Morning Service 9.00a.m.

Sunday 29th December

Evening Worship 6.00p.m.

Tuesday 31st December

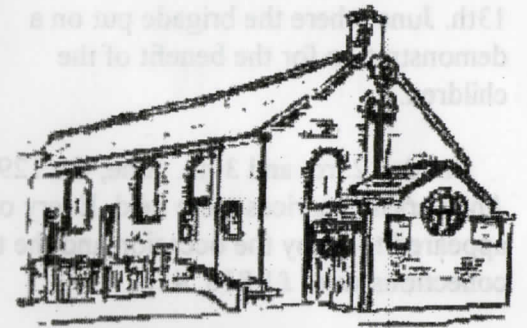
New Years Eve Service 11.45p.m.

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On Monday 12th November a further donation was received from the Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust of £1000.00.

Two Gates Ragged School

(Cradley)



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May we open our 3rd. News Letter by offering you a warm invitation to our Annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th. November. Come along between 12.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m and enjoy hot food, Santa Claus in his grotto, plenty of bargains and entertaining stalls. We look forward to your company.

The Sunday School children were entertained at Halesowen Fire Station on 13th. June where the brigade put on a demonstration for the benefit of the children.

Sunday 23rd. and 30th. June, the 129th. Anniversary services were held. Every one appeared to enjoy the occasion and the total collections were £1,818. 41p.

The Anniversary "treat" was held on the 17th. August when the children were taken



to Drayton Manor Park where on a hot sunny day the children had an enjoyable time.

A visit to Dudley Ambulance Headquarters was arranged for the 21st. August, the visit proved very enjoyable and informative for the children.

Early in June it was decided to obtain quotations with a view to replacing the windows in the Chapel and having the entire building re-pointed, followed by painting. The cost of this refurbishment will be in the region of £15,000-£20,000. The Chapel has not the funds to meet this expense so various charities were approached and quotations were sent. We await the outcome.

On Sunday 13th. October the Harvest Festival was held, the congregation were entertained by the choir "Singing for Pleasure". A very enjoyable evening. On Monday evening the 14th. October the Harvest Sale was held and a total over the two evenings was £208.00

Following our appeal to various Charities for the refurbishment, the first response was received from the Seth Somers Trust who granted the Chapel the sum of £5,000.00, a magnificent and generous gesture.



On Sunday 20th. October, with much regret the resignation of Neal Clarke was accepted, due to increasing family and business commitments. Neal has been Sunday School Secretary for 25 years and has been a loyal and dedicated worker at all functions. Both the Sunday School and the Chapel are in a much healthier position than when he took office. Neal will not be lost to the Chapel, he will still be attending and helping at all events. Thank you Neal from all members.

On Sunday 3rd. November, Tracey Attwood was appointed to the position of Sunday School Secretary, to take effect from 1st. January 1997. Tracey has been a stalwart in the Sunday School for many years. Congratulations and best wishes to Tracey in her new position.