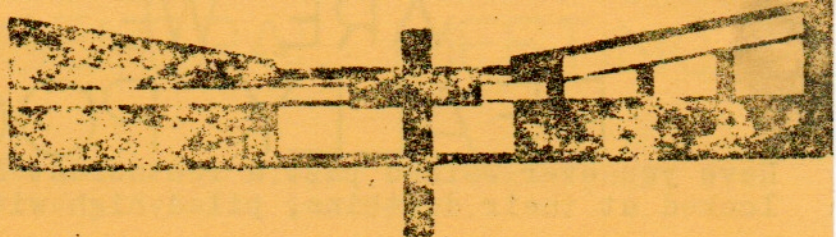


THE BRUNSWICK BROADSHEET



INNER CITY INITIATIVE

June
1982

There's a lot said about the problems of the inner-city - but when is anything ever done? In the past few weeks three new plans have come to our ears, which show some people actually trying to do something!

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER - has recently passed ten recommendations on ways to help the churches to be more effective in the city. These included such ideas as:

- developing plans to reach out beyond church buildings and into the city
- encouraging more imaginative use of old church buildings
- encouraging the richer, stronger, outer-city areas to help the poorer inner-city ones
- encouraging more clergy to take on inner-city churches.

The Bishop of Manchester spoke strongly in favour of these proposals and he is now responsible for getting the ball rolling. Let's hope something really does come of this.

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL - have started producing 'area information packs' for inner-city wards. The one for Ardwick Ward is one of the first to appear. It is hardly exciting reading for the average tenant but should be useful for organisations and others working in the area.

ARDWICK WARD INNER-CITY COMMITTEE - is a small group of local people set up under the government Inner-City Partnership Scheme. In the past year over £1000 in grants has been spent in the area - for example on last year's Festival for Brunswick and on the more recent 'Reflections Festival' at Nicholls Ardwick School.

/continued on back
page

ARE WE REALLY POOR?

Have you ever walked past a restaurant late at night? Ever looked at their dustbins, piled high with waste food?

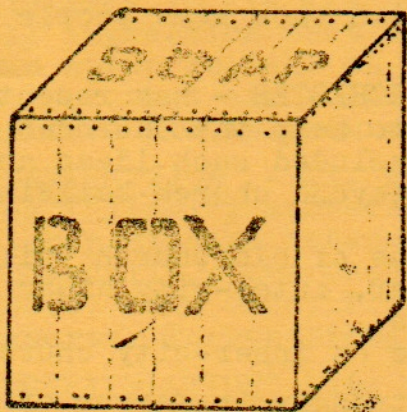
A quarter of the food we prepare in Britain, we throw away.

While you read those words, someone in the world died from lack of food. Today, 12,000 people will die because they do not have enough food - that's like the whole Brunswick estate disappearing every morning!

Are we really poor?

Been to the doctor lately?

He never seems able to see you when you want to see him, does he? And those prescription charges! £1.30 is a lot of money - you could buy more than two pints of beer for that!



ROSS HAYES

Ross works at UMIST, and in his spare time, represents 'TEAR Fund' - a christian relief organisation.

In Africa, one doctor looks after 24,000 people. That would mean about thirty doctors for the whole of Manchester! In the Philippines, you would not be able to afford to see him anyway - it would cost a week's wages. So if your children got ill, you would just have to watch them die.

Are we really poor?

We talk about unemployment, with a national total of three million out of work. That's bad - but at least Social Security means that none of them need starve. In many countries, millions are condemned to a life of unemployment - with no state benefits to keep them from hunger. So they have to beg - or steal - or die.

Are we really poor?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It seems a long time since our A.G.M. on 27th April, but now's the first chance we've had to report.

RECTOR'S REMARKS Martin Gooder spoke of a number of problems we need to face up to - finance, living through change in the church, new leadership and above all, the danger of being side-tracked from our main purpose of being concerned for outsiders. He warned of the dangers of complacency!

ELECTIONS The new Church Council was elected as follows: Mr. S. Acott, Mr. and Mrs. R. Beech, Mr. K. Blenkinsop, Mrs. G. Croasdaile, Mr. D. Donnelly, Mr. R. Hayes, Miss S. Jackson, Mr. P. Layzell, Mrs. L. Mechen, Dr. H. Reeve, Mr. A. Roberts, Mr. T. Steeg, Dr. J. Taylor, Mr. W. Watson, Mrs. S. Wordsworth. In addition, Deanery Synod reps. were: Mrs. C. Gooder, Mr. B. Letson and Mr. R. Worthington. Churchwardens are: Mr. J. Wilson and Dr. R. Aspden, with assistants: Messrs S. Lane, P. Layzell, G. Wardle and J. Wordsworth.

ACCOUNTS for year ended 1981 showed a total income of £34,957 (22% more than in 1980) and expenditure of £33,679. We gave £6,598 away in missionary support - that is nearly one quarter of our voluntary income. But for 1982 we estimate the church will need £500 per week in collections to keep up with all our commitments - and so far there are signs that we are not quite managing this!

S P O T L I G H T

This month, our sermons help us to understand the Holy Spirit

6th June	10.30 am	YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL
	6.30 pm	OPEN TO THE SPIRIT
13th June	10.30 am	LED BY THE SPIRIT
	6.30 pm	SENT BY THE SPIRIT (Communion Service)
20th June	10.30 am	HAVING GIFTS, USE THEM! (Communion)
	6.30 pm	SURPRISE GIFTS
27th June	10.30 am	SPIRIT OF LOVE
	6.30 pm	NEW FOR OLD

BACKPAGE

SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEKEND This was again a great success, with a happy atmosphere at the party on Saturday, 15th May and a good number coming again for the special service on Sunday morning. Two ladies in their seventies spoke very movingly of what Jesus meant to them, finding Him late in life, and one teenager followed their example and became a christian at that service! In the evening, in another special service, we were all helped to think about our own attitude to old age both in others and ourselves. The overall impression that remains of another weekend where it was shown as well as said, that God cares for us all, no matter what age - and that it's never too late (or too soon) to love Him in return.

CONFIRMATION - St. Edmund's, Whalley Range on 4th May. The following members of Brunswick Church were confirmed by Bishop Richard Hanson: Jane Briddon, Paul Clifford, Yvonne Croasdaile, Dave Godde, Peter Guest, Hilda Lloyd, Kathy Moore, June Owen, Florence Rawding, Hugh Reeve, Helen Roberts, Torben Steeg and Robert Worthington.

CONGRATULATIONS this month to another couple from Brunswick Church who have announced their engagement - Paul BENNY and Lyn CUMMINGS. ALSO - to our Curate and his wife, Peter and Sue HOBSON on the birth of their second son, Christopher Mark.

REGISTERS

Funerals: 12th May Mrs Leah HOOSON (74) - 50 Grosvenor St.
25th May Mr. Stanley CHAPMAN (57) 19 Bramwell Dr

cont. from front page:

Next month they'll be sponsoring an 'Operation Clean-Up' in part of Brunswick - on 10th JULY - more details later.

Sadly the problem all such groups have is often not a lack of things organised - but a lack of local people to get involved in what is already there. Maybe you could decide to try that bit harder to help out. After all, it's our area - it's up to us to help ourselves when we can.