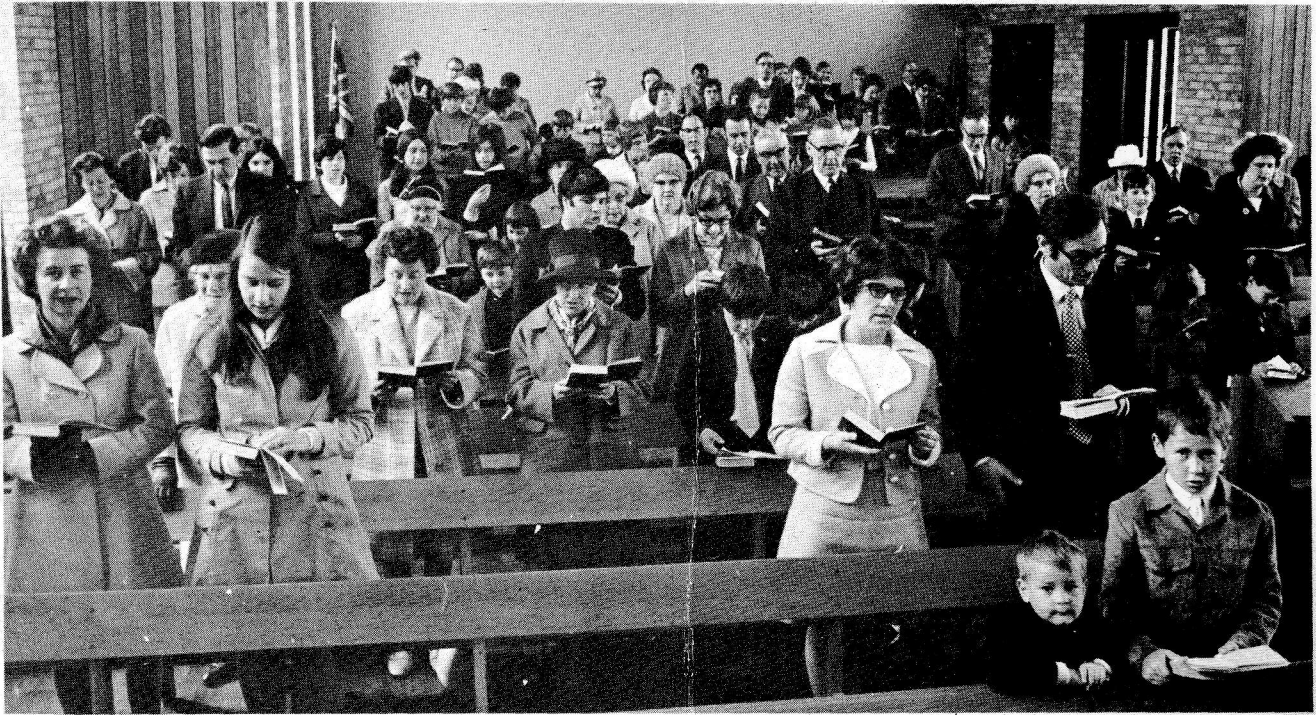


CATSHILL METHODIST CHURCH....



..... IS PEOPLE

PEOPLE WHO GIVE.....

OUR CHURCH IS NOT EXEMPT FROM THE EVER RISING SPIRAL OF COSTS, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP URGENTLY TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET AND PAY OUR WAY.

The total cost of maintaining our church work is as follows:—

IN 1970, INCOME EQUALLED EXPENDITURE AT £1,800 OR £36 PER WEEK.

**IN 1971, INCOME IS ALREADY FALLING BELOW EXPENDITURE BY ABOUT £100
or £2 PER WEEK.**

IN 1972, INCOME NEEDS TO GROW TO £2,200 or £44 PER WEEK.

**IN 1975, IF OUR WORK IS TO DEVELOP AND GROW, INCOME NEEDS TO BE £2,900,
or £58 PER WEEK.**

Ten years ago, our people were challenged to increase their giving when a second minister was invited to the circuit to reside at Catshill. They rose to that challenge, and since then income has increased by 250%, membership from 100 to 150, and in addition a new Church has been built and paid for.

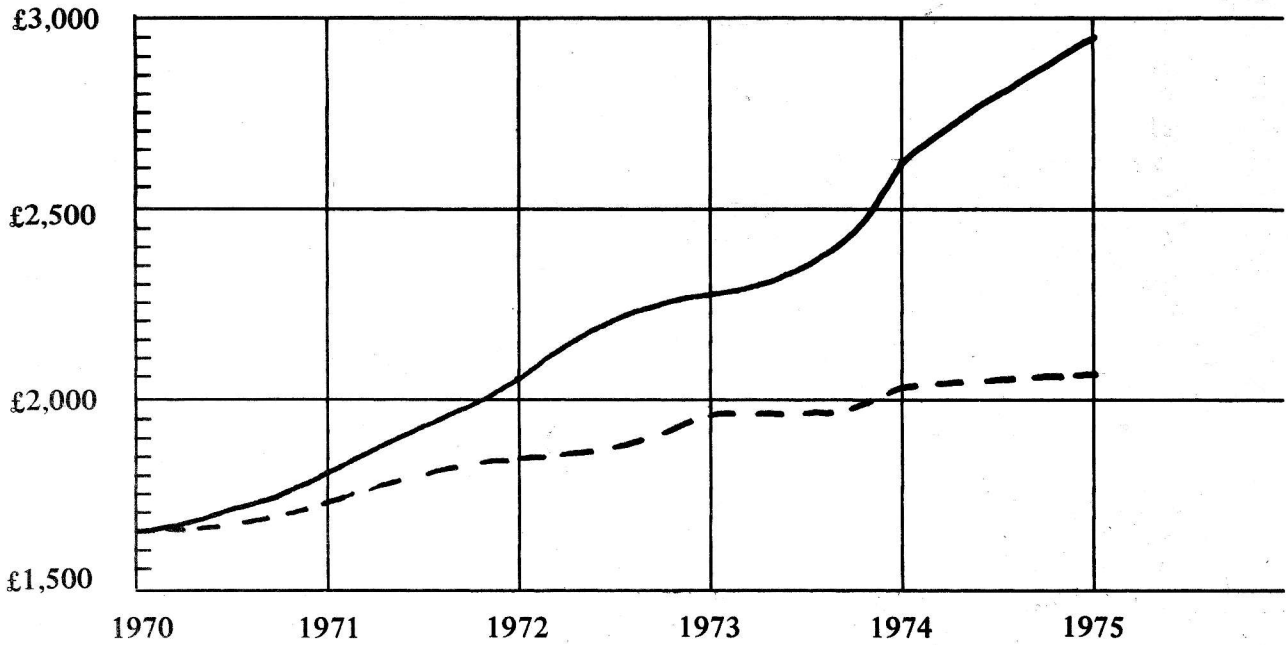
Now we ask you to rise to the challenge of increasing your giving by at least 60% over the next five years.

We know we can do it, especially if many more of our people covenant all or part of their giving for seven years. This means that for every £10 covenanted. The church can claim £6 from the Government.

FULL DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR VISITOR.

.....GENEROUSLY

YOUR GIFTS CAN.....



EXPENDITURE

Based on known commitments plus annual increases of 10%.

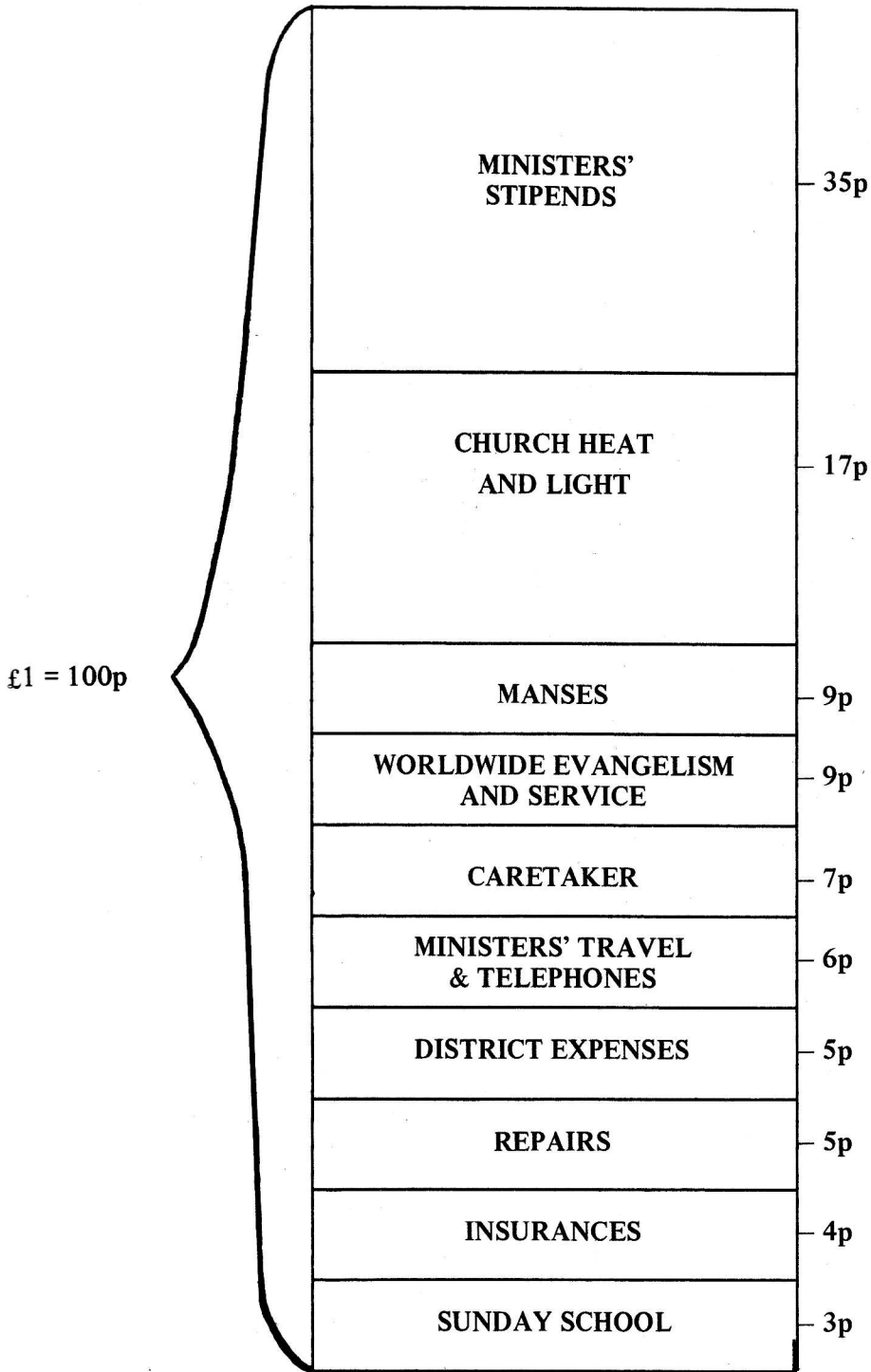
INCOME

Based on increases similar to those achieved from 1968-1970.

We invite you to acknowledge the many Blessings of belonging to God's Church by making your pledge now.

.....BRIDGE THIS GAP

WHERE THE MONEY.....



..... GOES

PEOPLE WHO SERVE

WITH

TIME To visit the sick, the housebound, or strangers to the district, or to help in any church activities.

To baby sit on occasions, or to provide transport from time to time.

TALENTS To type, wield a hammer or paintbrush, or teach, sing or play the piano.

Can you offer any other skill that can be put to good use in the service of the church or community?

IDEAS On how our church activities or worship can be improved or extended.

Please put your suggestions in the box in the church porch, each one will be carefully considered.

PRAYERS For those who can more actively work, witness, preach, or teach, the support of those who pray regularly is the source of our inspiration and strength.

(You are kindly requested to fill in the enclosed questionnaire, so that we may know how YOU can serve the CHURCH, and how the CHURCH can serve YOU).

. **GLADLY**

GOD'S PEOPLE



DEAR FRIENDS,

NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AS ONE OF THOSE WHO DELIGHT IN DECLARING THAT THEY BELONG TO GOD, AND THAT GOD BELONGS TO THEM.

THE FOREGOING PAGES HAVE INDICATED HOW BEING "GOD'S PEOPLE", INVOLVES BEING COMMITTED TO SACRIFICIAL GIVING, RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE CAUSE OF GOD'S ADVANCING KINGDOM.

WHAT THESE PAGES LEAVE OUT IS THAT BEING "GOD'S PEOPLE" EQUALLY MEANS THAT GOD BELONGS TO US, FOR GOD HAS ALREADY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO US IN JESUS CHRIST. WHAT IS MORE GOD CONTINUALLY OFFERS PURPOSE, LIFE, MEANING, STRENGTH, AND PEACE TO US AND THROUGH US TO THE WORLD.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, GOD'S PEOPLE KNEW THAT THEY BELONGED TO GOD, AND HE TO THEM, BECAUSE GOD HAD MADE HIS COVENANT WITH THEM.

NOW IS OUR CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE TOO ARE "GOD'S PEOPLE" BY THE PRACTICAL COVENANTING OF OUR GIFTS, AND THE SPIRITUAL COVENANTING OF OUR LIVES.

YOURS SINCERELY,

Tony Bullock.

..... GOING FORWARD