# **ISSUE 5**

# Newsletter

# SHARE THE CARE

Our need for carers is ongoing. People's circumstances change and carers have to move on for various reasons. Therefore the help of all the associates in encouraging brothers and sisters to have a share in the care of our elderly ones is much appreciated. It is our belief that we "owe" it to our elderly ones to share in their care.—Prov 3:27

# DONATIONS

Why do we need donations when the Government pays?

The Government is seriously under-funding residential care. Analysts estimate the shortfall to be about £80-£100 a week.

They are funding a husband or wife, but not the other mate. They seemingly expect them to be split up in their old age!

They are also increasing legislative requirements that have serious cost implications. In fact, the future of the care home provision is in serious jeopardy. Many homes have closed with more closing soon.

With the Government's refusal to fund, it means we have brothers and sisters in their 90's who are forced to stay in their homes under very difficult and often undignified circumstances.

So your willing hearted donations are gratefully accepted.

#### DONATING EQUIPMENT

We would like to thank all those who have donated equipment. Your generosity is much appreciated.

However, in most cases we are  $\underline{not}$  able to transport donated equipment.

We therefore recommend that it be sold and the proceeds sent to us. The equipment can be sold locally or on the internet.

For further information, please contact our coordinator, Brother Stephen Rouse, on 01375 851365.

## VIDEO

You will no doubt by now have seen the video and enjoyed seeing our elderly brothers and sisters going about their daily lives in the various Homes they live in. Please let us know of any upbuilding comments from those who have seen the video.

## **MEMORIAL**

As in previous years, the Memorial celebration was held in three of the Homes; Blackpool, Leyland and Wigan. The total attendance was 190 with 4 of the anointed from the Homes partaking of the emblems. Those attending were the elderly ones from the Homes, staff on duty and some from the local congregations who brought along interested ones.

# Special Feature

For Sister Auriel Davenport, who is in the Maryport Home, the Memorial celebration this year was her eightieth.

## Auriel was born in 1904



and came into the Truth in 1924. Soon after,

she gave up school

teaching to enter the full time ministry so that she could teach others about the Truth. Because of a shortage of brothers, Auriel took on many responsibilities in her local congregation, including Congregation Servant. During World War II Sister Davenport was imprisoned in Strangeways prison because of her stand on neutrality.

Now nearly 100 years old, Auriel daily thanks Jehovah for the care he has given her throughout her full and satisfying life.



Jah-Jireh Maryport

Jah-Jireh (Charity) Homes