



Georgina with Joyce

The family would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped her during her time in India.



Children on the 'Globe' at Bowden Park.



Joyce in 2007

Thank you Malcolm and Ruth, Jeremy and Ros and everyone at Verwood Road Chapel for all you have done for Joyce.



Jennie Grace Prabhakar and Staff at Hebron Hostel 2009.

The staff also at Oakdene Nursing Home who took such good care of her in her final days, as well as Dr Devereux. Finally thank you to her sister Georgina and Frank, Dan and Lynne who helped faithfully when she needed it most.



Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Frances and Rob.



Joyce in November 2009

ELSIE JOYCE HARDING 3/2/1917 - 25/2/2010



Joyce was born on February 3rd 1917 at 'The Cedars' in Lyndhurst where her mother worked as a housekeeper while her father was serving as a gunner in WW1. Her younger sister, Georgina was also born at Lyndhurst in July 1920. The family moved to Pamphill near Wimborne, in 1920 where her father worked as a gardener, and Joyce began school here.



The Cedars in Lyndhurst



Mother and Dad



Joyce & Georgina

In February 1925 the family moved to Vine Cottage in Three Legged Cross. Her father took up market gardening and Joyce and Georgina attended the local school. Joyce studied at Parkstone Grammar School and after this completed a Teacher Training course at Portsmouth. She began teaching at Lytchett Matravers, later moving to the Trenchards School, a private school in Winton.

Crawford Tilsley



Her father gave some of his land so that Three Cross Gospel Hall could be built. (In 1977, the present building was officially opened).

George and Elsie Harding, her parents had a keen missionary interest and received letters from Mr and Mrs Tilsley



Joyce, Stan, Georgina, Mother & Ken

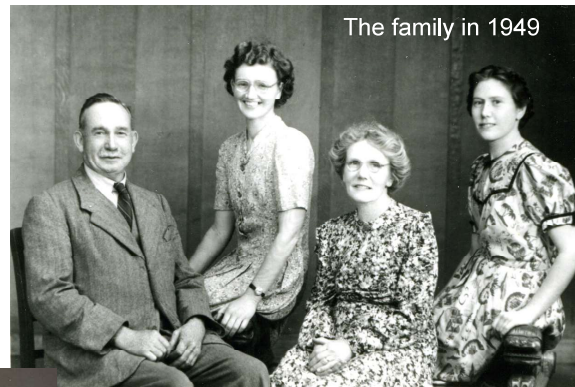


Joyce

Georgina

who were in South East India.

During a meeting at Drummond Hall in Boscombe, Joyce felt called to go to India as a missionary herself and in 1949, she and Olive Rogers sailed from Tilbury docks. The first six years were spent in a boarding school in Chettipetta, teaching English and Scripture, and learning the Telugu language and Indian customs.



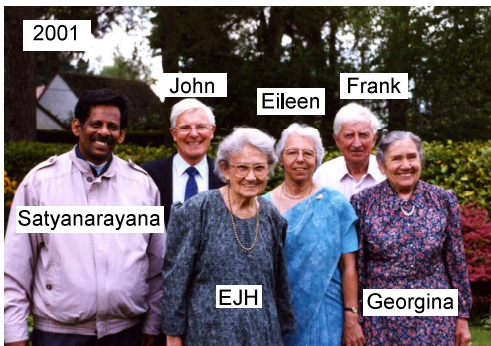
The family in 1949



On "Caledonia" leaving Liverpool.

Hostel, then a few months later a fire burned the thatched roof. The calamity proved a blessing in disguise as Tear Fund donated a large sum and others gave gifts so a new building of brick and cement could be built. Over the years other buildings have been added.

John and Eileen Cossins travelled to the hostel several times to help as needed and became involved in the work.



2001



Sylvia Wright Enid Wagland Dr. Dorothy Munce Joyce



Young Sower League rally in 1969

In 1954, the school moved to some fine buildings in the Nidadavol area, one building was a home for Mr. and Mrs. Tilsley and the other became known as Hebron Hostel. In 1969 a cyclone caused much damage to the



Joyce and Kamala in 1992



Joyce in 1988



Joyce with Esther in 1995

Gordon Loy also helped with some of the building work. The majority of staff in the hostel were 'old students' who returned to help.



Joy Tilsley with Joyce

open Hermon School in new buildings in the grounds of Hebron Hostel for infant and Junior children. Jennie Grace Prabhakar, an Indian teacher came to take over.

In 1994 Joyce reluctantly returned to England, but India was never far from her mind. From her home in England she kept in close contact with Hebron Hostel, sending out

newsletters and contacting sponsors of children in India.



Jennie Grace with Joyce

During her "retirement" Joyce was able to be involved in translation work for Compass Braille so that Christian literature could be made available for blind Telugu Christians.

As well as caring for girls in the Hostel, workshops and retreats were organised for Sunday school teachers. Each year a special mission was held and also a Holiday Bible school. Women's work was carried out in the villages and Outreach was done in jungle areas.

Just before retiring Joyce was able to



Joyce at a school in Verwood