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Papers of the St Julian's Community, Coolham (West Sussex), including collections for the life of the founder, Florence Allshorn (1885-1950)

3 boxes, 1921-2013

Presented by Miss Alison Day on behalf of the Community after it closed, about Easter 2005 (Acc. 20/22), with supplementary papers (JUL 1/37, JUL 1/14A, JUL 1/36 (1 item) and 38) late September 2011, 27 January 2015 and 14 March 2019 (Acc.2011/08, Acc.2015/01 and Acc.2019/04 respectively)

With three associated items: JUL 3/19 purchased from *Abe Books* September 2014 (Acc.2014/11), JUL 5/10 presented by John M. Lines 13 March 2014 (Acc.2014/05) and JUL 1/39 downloaded from internet 18 March 2019 (Acc.2019/05)

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The community was founded in 1942 by Florence Allshorn (1885¹-1950) who between 1920 and 1924 had been a Church Missionary Society (C.M.S.) missionary in Uganda but who had been forced to return to England through ill health. After spending time in a sanatorium in Switzerland and in the utopian Storrington Sanctuary, she accepted an invitation in 1928 to become warden of St. Andrew's Hostel, Clissold Park, London, one of two training colleges for women missionaries run by C.M.S., subsequently amalgamated with the other at Kennaway Hall and afterwards at Foxbury, Chislehurst. She was briefly evacuated to Selly Oak, Birmingham, 1939-40, then back for term at Foxbury before evacuation again to Ridley Hall Cambridge. On her resignation in 1940, she determined to found a community where returning missionaries could find a 'place of quiet' to have a place to adjust, to contemplate and to consider. The community, initially of four, soon outgrew its first house (Oakenrough, Haslemere, Surrey) and in 1943 premises at Barns Green in Sussex were purchased, the community was registered as a charity and a small body of trustees was formed. Among the earliest supporters were J.H. Oldham and Max Warren, the former of

¹ Oldham's biography (JUL 1/1 & CCCW Library 920 ALL) and several secondary sources give 1887; the minute of appreciation of her own employer, C.M.S., and the order of her memorial service (below JUL 5/3,5) give 1890. But John Lines' Allshorn family history (JUL 5/10), tracks down the original registration of the birth on 19 December 1885, registered in Hackney in the following quarter (1886 March Quarter, 1b f.544).

whom would become her biographer (JUL 1/1) and the latter chairman of the St Julian's Trust for 20 years. In this house there was room for a resident community of eight, with 25 guests. Nearby was White Turrets where the children of missionaries could be looked after whilst their parents (often wives of missionaries on furlough) could get much-needed rest

In 1949 new premises were acquired at nearby Coolham by purchase of part of the Old House Estate, the community moving in on 25 January 1950. Sadly Florence Allshorn died in July of that year but the continuity of her vision was assured with the purchase of the Old House at Coolham. The house became a haven of rest not only for missionaries but also for others, of different denominations and nationalities². At the heart of Florence Allshorn's vision for St. Julian's lay her conviction that it was vital for missionaries to confront their own difficulties in relationships if the Christian witness was to be authentic. In 1956 it sent Dorothy Alton (d.1964), Mary Phillipson, Dinah Hart and Janet Clarke to open a sister community in East Africa. This was partly in response to requests from missionaries and others in the region who had known and appreciated the English house. Suitable premises were found at Limuru, 17 miles from Nairobi, where the establishment encountered fierce opposition from the white residents of the area against the multi-racial nature of the enterprise, regarding it as an African invasion of the White Highlands. The community were ridiculed as a naïve group of do-gooders and even as supporters of the Mau Mau. St. Julian's nevertheless gained the support of both Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary in London and Sir Evelyn Baring, the Governor of Kenya and in 1957 the property was purchased. The house at Limuru fulfilled the vision of its founders: it became a place for all nations and races to meet. Often visitors would arrive from Nairobi just for the day but others would come from 'up country' seeking rest, relaxation and convalescence in more 'civilised' conditions.

By 1968 both the community's houses in England and Kenya were flourishing. Most of the 16 members in England had worked abroad and the guests included missionaries who went there as part of their training. There was a regular interchange between the two houses with a core group of three or four members staying at Limuru at any given time. By the late 1970s however fewer indigenous missionaries were visiting the Limuru and it had transformed into a place of retreats and conferences by white ex-patriates. This was regarded by the trustees as contrary to the original intentions of the project and in 1979 they decided to close it. The property was sold to the Church of the Province of Kenya and a most of the proceeds distributed to Kenyan charities.

In 1986 Alison Day wrote a description of life in Coolham summarising the aims and aspirations of the community: 'At the very heart of our life together there still lies the commitment to learn more of the meaning and true cost of attempting to live in obedience to the two great Commandments (to love God with all one's heart, mind, soul and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself). It was this vision which drew each of us to St. Julian's initially and which holds us to it'. She commented that those of any religion, or none, were welcomed as guests, and that they came mostly to be quiet, to read and to reflect whilst others especially valued the chance to talk and share with members of the community.

However, in the 1990s numbers declined and it was no longer viable to run such a large house and estate. The community was wound up at the end of June 2000 and the house taken over by the local Roman Catholic Diocese as 'St Cuthman's Retreat Centre' (which itself closed in 2018). Alison Day, one of the last residents, collected together the papers of

² For reference to a surviving scrapbook of the community in private hands see Acc.2023/05 (Mungeam papers).

the community and stored them in the attic of her house at Midhurst. Through the intermediacy of Bishop Simon Phipps (whose wife had been a trustee) and Canon John Nurser they were offered to the Henry Martyn Centre, though they were not collected until Easter 2005. Records of the trust and of the domestic operation of the house and estate were subsequently deposited in the [West Sussex Record Office, Chichester](#).

This contextual note was written by Sue Sutton with the kind help of Alison Day and of the following:

Margaret I. Potts, *St. Julian's. An Experiment in Two Continents*, (London, S.C.M. Press, 1968) [JUL 1/2]

St. Julian's. The Story of our Kenya experience, 1956-1979'

Alison Day, '*St Julian's 1941-1986*' *A talk given at the invitation of the Guild of Pastoral Psychology, London, March 1986* [JUL 1/12]

For a fuller introduction to the papers see Ian Randall's online article, 'Florence Allshorn (1887-1950) and St Julian's) at <https://www.fulcrum-anglican.org.uk/articles/florence-allshorn-1887-1950-and-st-julians/> .

For Florence Allshorn besides publications already cited see also article by Jocelyn Murray in online Dictionary of African Christian Biography, derived from article in G. Anderson (ed), *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Mission* (1998) and works cited there, including Max Warren's *Crowded Canvas* (CCCW Library: 920 WAR) [esp. pp.222-3]

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JUL 1 Records and publications relating to The Community in England *See also JUL 4*

JUL 1/1 Oldham, J.H., *Florence Allshorn and the Story of St. Julian's* (SCM Press, 1951)
Inscribed 'Eleanor Brown. From the Community, May 6th 1955'

JUL 1/ 2 Potts, Margaret I., *St. Julian's. An Experiment in Two Continents* (SCM Press, 1968)

JUL 1/ 3 Potts, Margaret I., *An extract from St. Julian's. An Experiment in Two Continents*
Reprint of chapters on 'Reality, Unsureness in Belief and Commitment to the Present'
reprinted from JUL 1/2. [c.1980s]

JUL 1/ 4 'St Julian's Community' by 'one of the members', reprinted from *World Dominion*, January 1956

JUL 1/5 Mitchell, David, 'Hospitality, not texts' article extracted from *Time and Tide* (12 April 1962)

JUL 1/6 *The Friend*, (20 April 1962) containing at pp.468-9 article by Fawell, Ruth M., 'Peaceful but Never Static Life in a Christian Community'.

JUL 1/7 *Theology* Vol. LXV no 503 (May, 1962) with at pp. 177-80 article by Warren, Max, 'St. Julian's'.

JUL 1/8 *Frontier* II vol. 5 (Summer 1962) with article p.406 Fenn, J.E., 'St Julian's Comes of Age'.

JUL 1/9 Walton, Robert, 'A Refuge on the Way. The St. Julian's Community', *Student Movement* (Summer 1962) pp. 22-23

JUL 1/10 Ebert, Sister Anna, 'A Community for Renewal, *Lutheran Women*, (July – August 1964) pp. 12-13

JUL 1/11 Brown, Eleanor, 'The legacy of Florence Allshorn', *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* Vol. 8 no. I (January 1984) pp. 24-28

JUL 1/12 Day, Alison, R., *St. Julian's 1941-1986. Reflections upon an evolving religious community*.
Reprint of a talk given at the invitation of the Guild of Pastoral Psychology, London, March 1986 [c.1986]

JUL 1/13 *Quarterly Review of the community of the Resurrection* no. 391 (Michaelmas, 2000) containing at pp.20-24, Stubbs, Aelred, 'Farewell St. Julian's'

JUL 1/14 Newspaper articles:

Heshel, Thena, 'Community in Depth', *Guardian*, 28 March 1962

Allen, Richard, 'St. Julian's', *Church of England Newspaper*, 13 April 1962
Gunning, Hugh, 'St. Julian's Comes of Age', *Church Times*, 11 May 1962
Lloyd, Roger, 'The Churches', *Guardian*, 18 May 1962
Broadbent, Joan M., 'St. Julian's', *Shire and Spire*, March 1967

JUL 1/14A [supplementary item, Acc 2015/001]

Photocopy of feature article from the *Church Times* 31 May 2013 'Queen Elizabeth's little black book' about a book of devotions produced at instigation of Archbishop Fisher for Queen Elizabeth prior to her coronation. Also a photocopy from Letters page of subsequent issue of 7 June 2013 with letter identifying the authors as Mother Clare, DssCSA of St Andrew's [Hall] and Margaret Potts of St Julian's.

JUL 1/15 – 21 Miscellaneous Papers

JUL 1/15 Brochures relating to the houses in England:

JUL 1/15/1 *St Julians Barns Green, Horsham. An Experiment Established*
Appeal leaflet subscribed by the committee of trustees headed 'Training Leaders'.
[1945]

JUL 1/15 /2 Publicity leaflet for 'White Turret' (home for children of visitors to St Julian's) in form of a letter of recommendation from Cathie Deeks June 1947

JUL 1/15/3 Photocopy of publicity leaflet for 'Farleys' (home for children of visitors to St Julian's after removal of latter to Coolham) Early 1950s

JUL 1/15/4 Publicity leaflet for 'Farleys'. A revision (to judge by higher rates) of JUL 1/15/3 Early 1950s

JUL 1/15/5 Publicity leaflet for 'Farleys'. A revision of JUL 1/15/4
c.1960s

JUL 1/16 Photocopy of leaflet by the Bishop of Worcester, chairman of the trustees, referring to death of Florence Allshorn and announcing that gifts sent in her memory will be used for the chapel of the new premises. Appends Allshorn's letter of late 1949 announcing the imminent removal of the community and appealing for subscriptions 1950

JUL 1/17/1 Order of valedictory service for four members of the community going to Kenya (duplicated), with the Bishop of Chichester's address (typescript, with ms. additions) September 1956

JUL 1/17/2 Order of service of probationers (duplicated) c.1950s-1960s

JUL 1/17/2 Order of service of entry to the community (duplicated, with covers) c.1970s

JUL 1/18 Transcript of a sermon on 'The Divine Name' by Paul Tillich [existentialist German-American theologian, 1886-1965], February 1960

JUL 1/19 Rules and qualifications:

- JUL 1/19/1** ‘Rules of the Community’ and ‘Plan for those coming into Training’. In an unidentified hand (not that of Florence Allshorn). Manuscript [c.1940s-1950s]
- JUL 1/19/2** A list of requirements for becoming a full member of the community (duplicated) [c.1950s]
- JUL 1/19/3** ‘The Community Rule’, ‘framed from six year’s experience’ (typescript) [c.1950s-60s]
- JUL 1/19/4** ‘The Community Rule’, ‘framed from six year’s experience’ (typescript). A revision of JUL 1/19/3 [c.1960s-70s]
- JUL 1/19/5** A list of requirements for probationers (identical in format with JUL 1/19/4) [c.1960s-70s]
- JUL 1/20** Order of service of thanksgiving on Golden Jubilee, with text of address by Fr. Aelred Stubbs C.R., 18 May 1991
- JUL 1/21** Rough accounts with question noted whether to pay passages to Kenya out of the Kenya Account, written on back of newsletter to friends about annual bazaar of April 1955 [1956]
- JUL 1/22 – 26 Writings of Dorothy Alton (d.1964).** These appear to have been identified as Alton’s by Alison Day (see introduction)
- JUL 1/22** ‘Notes on St Julian’s itself’ and ‘Necessity of Community as a base for further training’. Carbon copy of typescript. [c.1950s]
- JUL 1/23** ‘The Future’. Written in the wake of Florence Allshorn’s death. Typescript. With address at memorial service three days after her death in red [Jul 1950]
- JUL 1/24** ‘High Leigh [Christian Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts.] Talk’. Carbon copy of typescript. June 1948
- JUL 1/25** ‘Toward Unity of Life. Truth-Beauty-Goodness-Holiness. Addresses given at St. Julian’s, Coolham, 19 and 20 November 1962
- JUL 1/26** ‘Jesus and Nicodemus’. Pp.7-[9] of a longer paper. Typescript with ms. additions. [c.1960]
- JUL 1/27 – 33 Writings of J.H. Oldham (1874-1969; secretary of International Missionary Council 1921-38, convenor of ‘The Moot’, opponent of racism)**
- JUL 1/27** ‘Notes of a talk given to the probationers’ group at St. Julian’s, 28 August 1958’. Written at end of a three-week stay at St Julian’s. Typescript
- JUL 1/28** Review of the first reading week, 10-26 May [?1959] . Duplicated.
- JUL 1/29** ‘The New Dimensions, A Talk given at St. Julian’s by Dr J.H. Oldham’. Commentary on writings of various philosophers, especially Michael Polanyi [1959]

JUL 1/30 ‘Christ’, the second of three talks given at St. Julian’s in 1959

JUL 1/31 ‘Concluding Pictures’, the last in a series of three talks at St. Julian’s, undated

JUL 1/32 ‘On Being Real. By Dr J.H. Oldham’. Duplicated, ‘probably to appear in
‘Forum’ produced by St Julian’s Limuru’ [c.1959-60]

JUL 1/33 ‘The contemporary Debate about God’. Duplicated. [c.1959-60]

JUL 1/34-35 Writings by members of the Community

JUL 1/34 Journal of personal reflections, in particular on Joanna Field’s *A Life of One’s Own* and *Experiment in Leisure*, written in an exercise book December 1962- April 1963
‘In the Hut’ Anon [written by Dinah Hart (?ex inf. Alison Day), former missionary in Nigeria]

JUL 1/35 Reflections on retirement from the Community.

JUL 1/35/1 Eleanor [Brown] – explanatory note and letter written from Ireland inviting former inmates to record their reflections on retiring from the community and returning to life in the outside world. 4 March 1993

JUL 1/35/2 Eleanor Brown - personal reflections. 17 June 1993

JUL 1/35/3 Ditto – 4 August 1994 (photocopy)

JUL 1/35/4 ‘MEG’ [?Carey] (left 1976) 1993

JUL 1/35/5 Joyce [Beare] (left 1978) April 1993

JUL 1/35/6 Peggy Williams (left 1985) [c.1993-4]

JUL 1/35/7 [Pat Kettle]

JUL 1/35/8 Joy [Du Pre]

JUL 1/35/9 Not certainly identified (left 1969)

JUL 1/35/10 Not certainly identified

c. 1993

JUL 1/36 Photographs

Includes:

Group photograph of community prior to departure of the four to Kenya 1956, of the four either (apparently later), and a later informal group photo

Group photo of the four who went to Kenya

photograph of Dorothy Alton

Several photos of the Old House, chapel and lake c.1950-c.1980s

The Farm House 1954

Photographs of jumble sales and of Dorothy Alton feeding swans 1961

Tending cattle on farm (6) 1960s

Postcard views including of Florence Allshorn feeding swans Spring 1950

Postcard view of chapel interior [Acc.2019/04]

About 30 items

1950-c.1990s

JUL 1/37 Papers about acquisition of the Old House Estate, Coolham
[presented by Alison Day September 2011 (Acc.2011/08)]

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| JUL 1/37/1 | Sale particulars of the Old House Estate, Coolham, for auction 16 November 1949 (plan wanting)
Ownership inscription inside for Joy Du Pré | 1949 |
| JUL 1/37/2 | Letter of British Mutual Bank Ltd. To Mr Du Pré [Joy Du Pré's father] confirming advance to the St Julian's Trust for purchase of the Old House Estate, with a letter of Isobel... from the Community to Joy Du Pre asking her to pass on the Community's thanks to her father | January 1950 |
| JUL 1/37/3 | Letter of Florence Allshorn to Joy Du Pré on news of 'her passage' [to Kenya], with news of sale of land, and further letter of same with good wishes on her departure | January-February
1950 |

JUL 1/38 Records of the St Julian's Community

[ironically these core records of the community were presented last, in 2019 (Acc.2019/04 – see also JUL 1/36)]

JUL 1/38/1 Log book of the Community mid-1948 – June 2000 (closure)
According to Alison Day, begun by Margaret Potts, an Oxford history graduate, with pages headed for retrospective entries from 1941 but never entered. The first entry is indeed for Potts' admission and absence of entries while she was in America in 1958 is striking. But entries look as if frequently retrospective. Pages for 1998 onward said to have contained personal notes inappropriate for public access and were removed prior to deposit and entries for this period to the end which were extracted from these pages entered by the donor.

JUL 1/38/2 List of members of the Community compiled by Joyce Smith with dates of departure and/or death (?incomplete before 1980s) [?2000]

JUL 1/39 Digital material relating to the Roman Catholic St Cuthman's Retreat Centre, occupying former St Julian's Community House, downloaded from the Internet 18 March 2019 (Acc.2019/05) saved on shared server within CCCW, from which papers copies made for user consultation:

JUL 1/39/1 Extracts of official notice by Diocese of Arundel and Brighton of closure of St Cuthman's Retreat Centre with articles from *The Independent Catholic News* and *The Tablet* about closure. [2018]

JUL 1/39/2 Sale particulars of St Cuthman's Retreat Centre by Knight Frank LLP. Includes ground plans of premises, interior and aerial views, site and lot plans. Printed reduced and greyscale but coloured pdf version available on request. Knight Frank's code implies January 2018 but this must be dating error as decision to close only made months' earlier. [2019]

JUL 2 The Community in Limuru, Kenya

JUL 2/1 *St Julian's. The Story of our Kenya Experience, 1956-1979*

Duplicated and spiral-bound. [Written by Eleanour Brown to p. 69, thereafter by Joyce Smith and Doreen Parks]

JUL 2/2 Frost, Richard, *Race Against Time Human Relations and Politics in Kenya before Independence* (London, 1978).

Chapter 10 describes the establishment of the St. Julian's Community at Limuru

JUL 2/3A 'Shoreham to Nairobi. Nov 1st 1954. Dorothy's Log'

A-B. Journal of Dorothy Alton, 1 November to 14 December 1954. A flight in a small plane (Auster Aiglet) piloted by Betty [Rowell] and navigated by Dorothy Alton, via France (Chartres, Perpignan), Spain, Morocco (Rabat), Nigeria, Sierra Leone (Freetown), Liberia (Monrovia), Belgian Congo (Leopoldville, Elizabethville), Rhodesia (Bulawayo, Salisbury). Typescript copy, presumably of a handwritten original, in five instalments (10+[10]+7+14+3pp.) with detached binder, typed both sides, and another on loose sheets, somewhat edited, single-sided (1+41pp.). Bound, with slight alterations at the beginning and end of the text.

This flight, referred to in JUL 2/1, p.2 as a 'hair-raising journey', was the subject of a publication by the pilot, Betty Rowell (later Beatty), entitled *Just for the love of flying* (1997). She was a South African and was an experienced pilot who had done wartime service and is included in [South African Women in Aviation and Aerospace Industry. Aviatrix Profiles\(2012\)](#). According to this Dorothy Alton was a recently-qualified private pilot and missionary. Betty Rowell had purchased the plane and the destination was Ndola, Zambia, where the plane was sold.

JUL 2/3B

A further copy of the same on loose sheets, somewhat edited, single-sided (1 + 41pp.), without cover

JUL 2/3 C Two monochrome photographs of Dorothy Alton c.1950s

JUL 2/3 D. 13 coloured photographs of Dorothy Alton, of which five at least apparently in Kenya, others in European (apparently holiday) locations. 1964-7

JUL 2/4 Janet Clarke's journal of setting up the Community in Limuru, April 1956 – August 1957

Describes the struggle to set up the Community

The diary was used by Frost for his account of the Community in JUL 2/2, where referenced as 'Miss Clarke's Diary'.

JUL 2/5 Appeal leaflet, 'A House for All Races in Kenya'

Leaflet and Donation Form issued by St Julian's at Coolham to raise funds for the house in Kenya June 1956

JUL 2/6 'St Julian's In Kenya. Four Pioneers flying to Africa'

Carbon copy of a report on the project for four members of the Coolham community to fly to Kenya and acquisition of a house [1955]

JUL 2/7 Pages 767-8 torn from *The Friend 31 August 1956* containing Legh, Phyllis, 'A House for all Races in Kenya'

JUL 2/8 Letter of Mary Baring, [wife of Sir Evelyn Baring, Governor General of Kenya], to Margaret Potts, supporting the project and promising to visit.
Nairobi, 7 August 1956

JUL 2/9 'St Julian's in Kenya. Well-Known Community's New Venture'
CMS press release (duplicated) 8 October 1956

JUL 2/10 Papers relating to the purchase of the house at Limuru,
December 1955 – February 1957
Includes correspondence with Daly and Figgis, advocates in Nairobi, the establishment of a board of trustees and letters, certificate of incorporation (listing trustees), trust rules newspapers cuttings etc. reflecting the opposition to the establishment of the Community. Includes supporting letters from Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary and Max Warren, C.M.S. Secretary to Margaret Potts and correspondence between Max Warren, Margaret Potts and Dorothy Alton. Cf JUL 2/22

JUL 2/11 Broadcast Talk by Dorothy Alton (duplicated), c. 1956
Ideas and ideals behind the establishment of the Community

JUL 2/12 Publicity brochure for St Julian's Limuru c.1960

JUL 2/13 Order of Service, St Julian's, 28 September 1956

JUL 2/14 First report of the Community in Kenya for October 1956 - January 1957
Carbon copy January 1957

JUL 2/15 Diocese of Mombasa, Memorandum of Dedication of the Chapel of St. Julian's,
26 February 1957

JUL 2/16 Order of Service of Thanksgiving and Intercession for the Community of St. Julian's, Kenya, St Margaret's Church, Westminster, 4 February 1958

JUL 2/17 'The Story of the Church of the Province of Kenya', written, apparently for opening of new provincial offices 'Imani House' between 1972 and 1977 (duplicated)

JUL 2/18
Draft script of a 'fifteen minute insert by Miss Dorothy Alton, the St. Julian's Community, for Religion and Philosophy, 16 June 1959 (to be recorded in Nairobi)' (carbon copy of typescript).

JUL 2/19 Pages 9-10 of *Target* (Nairobi newspaper) with article by Joel Buku. 'Somewhere to rest'.
December 1964

JUL 2/20 Letters of appreciation for the work of the Community, including regrets at its imminent closure, 1971-1979. The first addressed to Miss Clarke, remainder mainly to Doreen Parks or generally:

JUL 2/20/1	Rt Revd Obadiah Kariuki, Bishop of Mount Kenya, thanking community for stay	1 Jan. 1971
JUL 2/20/2	Max and Mary [Warren], East Dean, thanking Community for visit and presentation of volume of photos	17 Dec. 1974

JUL 2/20/3	Max and Mary [Warren]: Christmas letter, with additional family news	Dec.r 1974
JUL 2/20/4	Max and Mary [Warren], querying whether he should continue as a trustee of St Julian's Kenya	25 June 1975
JUL 2/20/5	J.H. Haines, Board of Global Ministries of United Methodist Church, New York, sending cheque for borehole	11 Sept. 1975
JUL 2/20/6	?Gladys Beecher, Nairobi, enclosing husband Leonard Beecher's resignation (dated '1901') as trustee on grounds of ill health	16 May 1977
JUL 2/20/7	Archbishop F.H. Olang', Nairobi, promising to raise the issue of St Julians at meeting of Bishops	26 Sept 1978
JUL 2/20/8	Ann Ellis, Africa Inland Mission, Siyapei, regretting news of intended closure and asking to stay	15 Oct 1978
JUL 2/20/9	Margaret Cantwell, Kisumu, regretting news of intended closure	18 Oct 1978
JUL 2/20/10	Rt Rev David Gitari, Bishop of Mount Kenya East, regretting news of intended closure	23 Oct 1978
JUL 2/20/11	Ken and Margaret Pattison, Epping U.K., regretting news of intended closure, with news of other missionaries	31 Oct 1978
JUL 2/20/12	Sister Gaby Gagnon, Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, Kisii, regretting news of closure	10 Nov 1978
JUL 2/20/13	(?) indecipherable, Frensham, Surrey, regretting news of closure	12 Nov. 1978
JUL 2/20/14	Sister Mary Francis Xavier, [R.C.] diocese of Machakos, regretting news of closure	13 Nov 1978
JUL 2/20/15	Jean Martin, Kiarithani High School, Karatina, thanking the Community for its work	17 Nov 1978
JUL 2/20/16	Mrs D.G. Kivuti, C.P.K. Guest House, regretting news of closure and thanking it for sale of vegetables and help with Christmas puddings	22 Nov 1978
JUL 2/20/17	Bob Burke, Belfast, regretting news of closure and offering financial assistance	29 Nov 1978
JUL 2/20/18	Ann [Burke], recalling value of visits	[29-30 Nov 1978]
JUL 2/20/19	Frances [(?) Elback (cf JUL 2/20/17), Ireland, with news and thanks	30 Nov 1978
JUL 2/20/20	Marian ... , Washington U.S.A., . A duplicated Christmas letter with news of global (missionary) travels, especially south Asia and East Africa, with manuscript addition regretting closure	Christmas 1978
JUL 2/20/21	Katie ... , Garba Tula School, Isiolo. A duplicated Christmas letter, offering copies of slides	Christmas 1978
JUL 2/20/22	Sister Claudette LaVerdiere, Maryknoll Sisters, respecting decision to close	29 Dec 1978
JUL 2/20/23	Sister Sheilagh, Medical Mission Sisters, Nangnia Hospital, empathizing with their position	14 Jan 1979
JUL 2/20/24	Sister Consolata O'Keefe, regretting closure	26 Jan 1979
JUL 2/20/25	Margaret [Cantwell; cf JUL 2/20/9], upon hearing news of purchase of St Julians by C.P.K.	6 Feb. [1979]
JUL 2/20/26	J.R. Duncalfe, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada,	13 Feb. 1979

- thanking Community for use of their facilities
- JUL 2/20/27** Joyce Hamilton, thanking community for work for all Kenyans 16 Feb. [1979]
- JUL 2/20/28** Rt Revd Sospeter Magua, Bishop of Mount Kenya South, sending apologies for Service of Thanksgiving to be held at Nairobi Cathedral 13 June 19779

JUL 2/21 Photographs of the premises and staff at St Julian's Limuru
12 items c.1960-78

JUL 2/22 St. Julian's, Kenya Trustees Governing Body. Minutes and Limuru, House Reports

Cf. JUL 2/10 for trust deed. Includes house reports. Matters include property (farm, vehicles, borehole, office equipment, etc.), and financial issues. Movements of staff regularly reported, and use of house by groups, honeymoon couples, etc.

17 September 1956 – 8 May 1980

JUL 3 Writings of Florence Allshorn

JUL 3/1 A foolscap hardback notebook with later label, '1932-1936. Nigeria – Florence's notes – back page'

Inscribed on reverse of front cover 'Dinah Hart', containing the following:

Journal of outgoing journey on M.V. Accra (?) from U.K. 21 Sept.1932 – 18 February 1933, anchoring 26 Sept in Madeira, 1-6 Oct in Freetown, Sierra Leone, accompanied inter alia by Mr Fraser, Mrs Drake, Miss Brown. Subsequently in Nigeria (Ibadan, Kudeti). Mainly personal reflections, presumably by Dinah Hart, with some local description.

Dated reflections [by Dinah Hart; cf JUL 1/34] 1933 -1936, September 1939 (re war; evidently still in Nigeria)

At back: further reflections in quotes in same hand and on reverse of back cover and previous page aphorisms and a poem in a different hand, apparently Florence Allshorn's and therefore the notes referred to in label (cf JUL 3/3)

JUL 3/2 *The Notebooks of Florence Allshorn. Selected and arranged by a member of St. Julian's Community* (SCM Press, London, 1957)

Ownership inscription of Dinah Hart inside

JUL 3/3 A notebook of poems and aphorisms, some written or typed by others and pasted in. Includes extracts from Ruskin, Swinburne, C.E. Raven, *Life and Letters of Janet Erskine Stuart*; also prayers

At front Florence Allshorn's bookplate

c.1920s-1930s

JUL 3/ 4 Letters from Florence Allshorn, mainly to Bishop Herbert Gresford Jones (addressed 'My dear Bishop') and Lily, his wife (presumably presented to the Community by the addressees; item JUL 3/4/. is annotated 'An old letter from Florence A – for you to share'):

JUL 3/4/1-15	To Bishop H. Gresford Jones (Suffragan Bishop of Kampala 1920-23), from C.M.S. school at Iganga, Busoga, Uganda. On school matters, health etc of Revd Rogers and family (who appears to have run dispensary)	1920-21 & n.d.
JUL 3/16	A continuation sheet of a letter, but not readily identifiable with any in JUL 3/4/1-15	c.1921
JUL 3/4/17	To Lily Gresford Jones, from C.M.S. school at Iganga, Busoga, Uganda	7 May 1921
JUL 3/4/18	To Lily Gresford Jones, from St Andrew's [CMS Hostel] [c.1928-41]
JUL 3/4/19	To Lily Gresford Jones, from 'The Sanctuary'	[?c.1930s]
JUL 3/4/20	To Lily Gresford Jones, from Foxley, Chislehurst, Kent] (re dealing with incendiaries, etc.)	17 Sept. 1940
JUL 3/4/21	To Lily Gresford Jones, from Eltisley Avenue, Cambridge [whilst at Ridley]	13 January 1941
JUL 3/4/22	To Lily Gresford Jones, from St. Julian's at Barn's Green	1 January 1946 or 1947
JUL 3/4/23	To Lily Gresford Jones, from St Julian's Coolham	8 February ?1948
JUL 3/4/24	Letter in ?Swahili to Bishop Jones with translation (?by Allshorn) into English from Hamu, M.K. Mukasa	11 May 1925
JUL 3/4/25	Florence Allshorn, Jinja, to 'Mrs Hodgkin', staying with Bishop and Mrs Gresford Jones', referring to Mrs Jones and to fines she has imposed at school for dropping clothes on the ground. [presumably separately presented to the Community]	October 1921

JUL 3/5A Circular letter of Florence Allshorn to Friends of St Julians reporting on first eight months of the Community [at Oakenrough, Haslemere, Surrey] January 1942

JUL 3/5B Photocopy of circular letter of Florence Allshorn to Friends of St Julians, including reference to sending off a distressed Anton Bruckner back to Germany
Easter Saturday 1948
[The original presumably retained by donor in view of iconic character of the reference]

JUL 3/6 Carbon copy of letter of Florence Allshorn (perhaps typed so each member of the community could have a copy) annotated 'M.I.P.', from Uganda, of November 16 1948 referring to angry and resentful group of missionaries and 'too many odd women'.

JUL 3/7 'Corporate Life on a Mission Station' reprinted from the *International Review of Missions*, October 1934 (very worn copy)

JUL 3/8 'Community Journal'. Addressed to people in the mission field'to keep some sort of touch with you'

JUL 3/8A Reflections on early days of the community and different roles.
Originally catalogued as part of JUL 3/8 but probably always separate (different carbon and margins)

JUL 3/9A ‘The Need for Community in the World of To-day’

JUL 3/9B ‘The Need for Community (voiced by a group of younger Christians (*after* ‘missionaries’ *deleted*)). Edited version of JUL 3/9A

JUL 3/10 ‘The New Kind of Training College’. Duplicated appeal for support [c.1943]

JUL 3/11A-B Two papers on ‘Leadership’, one being a single sheet, the other annotated ‘DOROTHY’ and ‘?Florence Allshorn’

JUL 3/12. ‘Discipline’ (anecdotal, on experience in Uganda)

JUL 3/13. ‘Love’ (anecdotal, on experience in Uganda)

JUL 3/14 Notes from retreat at Turi, Kenya, led by Miss Allshorn, January 1949 (duplicated)

JUL 3/15 Talk at Ursula and Betty’s entrance into the Community (?) by Florence Allshorn’, March 1950

JUL 3/16 ‘The End Thereof’ A short story of 3080 words entitled “The end thereof”, written at Upways, Storrington, Sussex. c.1924-8

JUL 3/17 *Follow Me* Notes for Bible Study (YMCA 1945) – ‘almost certainly written by Florence Allshorn’ (Alison Day)

JUL 3/18A *Some of Florence Allshorn’s Poems* (duplicated).

Collected from various sources, February 1987, mainly her notebooks but also a tape recording but not all definitely by her

JUL 3/18B

Several hand-written poems

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| JUL 3/18B/1 | ‘Death’ | ?c.1920s-
1930s |
| JUL 3/18B/2 | A letter addressed from Oakenrough, Haslemere to ‘Darling’, to go in with one from Lily [?Gresford Jones] containing a poem ‘TheWood’ (not published in JUL 3/18A) | [1941-43] |
| JUL 3/18B/3 | Page of a notebook with verse draft, ‘They told me there were doors...’ | c.1940s |
| JUL 3/18B/4 | Copies by Allshorn of poems by Katherine Mansfield (2 pages all except ‘Sea’ published on Katherine Mansfield society website) | c.1930s-
40s |

JUL 3/19 *Some Kenya Birds* by Cynthia Harvey (London: Sheldon Press, 1938), Little Books for Africa Series no. 61;

[Acc 2014/11 a later non-archive addition not in printed version of original catalogue.

Acquired because Allshorn wrote the first book in the series, *King Khama of Bechaunaland* (1927). The extent of her involvement with the series as a whole remains to be investigated, but it is known that Sheldon Press was an imprint of SPCK]

JUL 4 *St. Julian's Bible Notes*

These notes on the New Testament were duplicated and sent out in the 1940s-1950s to subscribers who were predominately missionaries serving overseas. Judging by date of the first they appear to have been a core function of the Community in Florence Allshorn's vision. 'These notes will be sent to you every eight weeks. Each one should be used for a week. The purpose of them is that we should try to become more dedicated followers of Jesus Christ' (JUL 4/12). The items that are presumably the earlier ones, JUL 4/1-9, have no title and begin abruptly with 'Notes', plus a series number in the case of JUL 4/7-9. JUL 4/10-16 all have serial numbers and have the additional title *St Julian's Bible Notes* and are presumed to be later. JUL 4/1-14 have been placed into coloured card covers, probably by the depositor.

Except the first they are duplicated on small sheets, settling down after JUL 4/4 at 5 x 8 ins.

JUL 4/1	For St Mark's Gospel ch.2-3: 2 quarto sheets, for 'period 4', 30 Nov – 6 Dec. and for Wed. 30 Dec – Wed. 6 Jan Typescript	[1942]
JUL 4/2	For St Mark's Gospel ch.4-16: small sheets, for Wed. 3 Feb [1943] –Wed. 12 Jan [1944] Typescript	[1943]– [1944]
JUL 4/3	Thessalonian (7 small sheets) and Philemon, the latter for 20-27 Nov 1946	n.d. and 1946
JUL 4/4	Romans February –December 1947, numbered 1-41 in pencil. That for Romans 2:1-16 suggests exercise to paraphrase and appears to have Janet Clarke's attempt in response to this on the back. Very uneven sheet sizes	1947
JUL 4/5	Philippians. An unnumbered series of 9 notes, with a note referring to their previous circulation in 1950	1950s
JUL 4/6	St Luke's Gospel. A series numbered 1-64 with a Foreword	c.1950
JUL 4/7	Colossians a series numbered 1-13	c.1950
JUL 4/8	Corinthians. A series numbered 1-60,	c.1950
JUL 4/9	Ephesians. A series numbered 1-20,	c.1950
JUL 4/10	Acts of the Apostles. A series numbered 1-61	1950s
JUL 4/11	Hebrews. A series numbered 1-25	1950s
JUL 4/12	Letters of James (a series of 17 notes) and Peter (a series of 30 notes, with an introductory sheet). The notes refer to Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer and Tillich.	1950s
JUL 4/13	Letters of John. A series numbered 1-16	1950s

JUL 4/14	Revelation. A series of 8 notes, with a circular about completion of the series except Revelation, and intention not to do similar series on the Old Testament but to circulate on topics of interest etc. instead and asking what subscribers wish to do.	1950s
JUL 4/15	St John's Gospel. A series of 82 notes, with at the front, 'Notes 16' on the Grace. In a homemade binder with treasury tags	1950s
JUL 4/16	Galatians. A series of 20 notes In a homemade binder with treasury tags	1950s

JUL 5 Biographical Material for Florence Allshorn

JUL 5/1	Obituary reprinted from <i>The Times</i> 5 July 1950	1950
JUL 5/2	Order of memorial service at St. Julian's 6 July 1950	1950
JUL 5/3	Order of memorial service at St Botolph's Bishopgate, London,- 12 July 1950	1950
JUL 5/4	Letter of Canon M.A.C. (Max) Warren, CMS Secretary, attaching tribute to Florence Allshorn that he has circulated to all missionaries that he was told belonged to St Julian's group.	July 1950
JUL 5/5	A minute of committee of the Church Missionary Society 18 July 1950 recording the death of Florence Allshorn, summarising her life.	July 1950
JUL 5/6	Carbon copy typescript of a Westminster Abbey Lent lecture by Max Warren on Florence Allshorn, 17 March 1965	1965
JUL 5/7	Newscutting of review of J.H. Oldham's <i>Florence Allshorn and the Story of St Julian's</i> by Roger Lloyd	[1951]
JUL 5/8	Photocopy (pp.5-8) of an article from newsletter or similar publication of a 'Club' on Florence Allshorn and the St Julian's Community printed in Rochester, Kent	[1957]
JUL 5/9A-D	Four portrait photographs of Florence Allshorn	[c.1920-late 1940s]
JUL 5/10	Book of Allshorn family history, with family tree, produced by John Lines in 2012 (Acc. 2014/5) and sent to the Centre as a CD-R <i>A CD made specially for Henry Martyn Centre (now CCCW). Data copied to the server October 2018 so that this CD may be safely used as surrogate within reading room. -PS</i>	2012