

# Deaconess baptized in 1918, evicted by Sunday worshipers

**By Jeff Zhorne**  
 FIUGGI, Italy — One might say Gladys Carnes, who will be 88 March 5, has known God's truth all her life, having been brought up by her father, a Bible-believing minister, and baptized in 1918 at age 21.  
 Mrs. Carnes, who attends the Brighton, England, church, and attended the Feast of Tabernacles here in 1984, was ordained a deaconess April 1, 1980.  
 Her father, Alfred Henry Wight, was a minister among a people that the world called "Christian Israelites," said Mrs. Carnes. Seven churches existed in London (Holborn, Finchley and Forest Gate),

Southend and Moorcombe, England, Wales and Scotland.  
 "A Mr. Sheffield baptized me in London in 1918; I don't remember his first name because when I was young, people didn't worry that much about Christian names," said Mrs. Carnes.  
 "In England the Church kept the Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread and the Sabbath," she recalled.  
 "But in 1919, the Church declared Sunday as the day of worship, and her family was thrown out because they believed in God's Sabbath. They literally threw stones at us," she said.

"You know, there is a building by my house [in Holborn] that was built in the 1600s, and it is inscribed with 'Church of God.' People were burned at the stake there for keeping the Sabbath."  
 After eviction by the "Christian Israelites," who continued to call themselves the Church of God, Mr. Wight still kept the Sabbath at home. The year "1919 was the end of churches for Father," she remarked.  
 Miss Wight, in 1920, married Thomas St. John Carnes, an Irish Roman Catholic.  
 "My father was against our marriage," said Mrs. Carnes, "but Tom and I agreed that we would never talk about religion and our children would choose [their religion] at the age of 16. They both chose the Church of England, but Tom kept his word — we never argued about religion."



**BOND OF FRIENDSHIP** — Gladys Carnes, 87, a deaconess in the Brighton, England, church, is pictured with Stephen Spykerman, a deacon in the Brighton church, at the 1984 Feast in Fiuggi, Italy. In 1982 the Spykermans moved near Mrs. Carnes' home in Sussex, England, and help her with household chores. [Photo by Jeff Zhorne]

# Painter splashes color on dull classroom walls

**By Eric Onstad**  
 NAPA, Calif. — For Cor Greive, the whole school district is his canvas.  
 It started innocently enough three years ago, when the 52-year-old Dutch immigrant accepted a part-time job as a painter with the Napa Valley Unified School District.

had so much appreciation," said Greive.  
 Since the mural painting, school vandalism has decreased, the painting crews have more fun and students take more pride in their schools, he said.  
 The idea for bright colors and murals came when a veteran school teacher at Phillips Elementary School refused to let him paint her room.  
 "She said last time they did a sloppy job, disrupted her class and it

In 1922 Mr. and Mrs. Carnes moved to Colombo, Sri Lanka, where they lived for 12 years. There Mr. Carnes was superintendent of prisons for the British Colonial Service. "Of course there was no church in Sri Lanka, so I gradually lost interest," she said.  
 "Then Mrs. Carnes' uncle Leonard Lilly from Seattle, Wash., sent her one of the first *Plain Truths* printed on a new style by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in 1934. Mr. Lilly told her to take note: "Here is the truth returned."

"I met Mr. Armstrong," said Mrs. Carnes, "and he said I didn't have to be baptized again."  
 In the 1950s God's Church was raised up at Denison House in London. Mrs. Carnes met Mr. Armstrong's wife, Loma, there.  
 "I'm telling you now — no joking — God has always looked after me. He jolly well has. Just like that snake in Sri Lanka."  
 A cobra was once coiled on the kitchen counter of her house. Just when Mrs. Carnes saw the snake, a

man walked in the doorway and said, "Don't move!" He shot the snake before it could strike her.  
 Mrs. Carnes told of how her father would anoint sick people with "a small bottle of olive oil."  
 Mrs. Carnes' husband died in 1976. Today Mrs. Carnes, at her home in Telscombe Cliffs, England, still weeds her garden, paints and washes her curtains twice a year.  
 During the Feast she walked two miles to the top of Fiuggi — and walked back down again.

*This article about Cornelis Greive, a deacon in the Fairview Church, is reprinted.*