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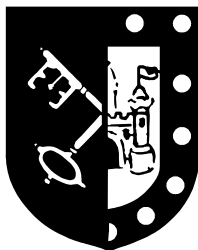
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Welcome to the February issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

It's interesting to reflect on the fact that, like so many things in life, the *Review* is the result of a lot of effort and teamwork on the part of many people. Our contributors; our advertisers; our loyal distributors (particularly this time of year when trudging through windswept streets delivering magazines is hardly appealing); the editorial team; the people who make sure we can pay our bills; our printers... everyone plays a vital part. The same is true of technology, though I speak somewhat wryly as this month this 'member' of our team is responsible for the magazine being a little late!

The amount of work everyone does, month in and month out, is truly amazing and is most certainly valued. A big thank you to everyone.

Building on this, the *Review* is one of the ways we can get our message across not just to our parish but to the wider community in Berkhamsted. This of course embraces all ages, and with our emphasis on youth in our parish (see Christina Billington's leader this month) we'd really like contributions from our young people for the magazine. You're out there - come on, how about it? *Chris Smalley*

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Christina

***Billington wants
us to value the
contribution young
people can make.***

I am writing this on New Years Day, an auspicious moment to look at the youth and children's work in the parish. It seems no time at all since I started, a matter of weeks instead of four months. The welcome I have received from people has been amazing. The amount and quality of co-operation in the youth ministry has exceeded all my hopes.

What has happened in these four months? I have met with all the leaders of the various youth groups and have attended the Sunday school leaders' meetings of all three churches. I have attended Pathfinder and Sunday school sessions. I am now on the planning committee for the family service at All Saints' Anglican. I have made a start with a youth music group, which had its first outing on the 21st December, with the All Saints' Anglican family Christmas service. We accompanied the Sunday school in their tableau of six lessons and carols.

With the aid of Emily Banks, Kate Greenfield and Ambrose White, and the occasional help of Sue and Mike Sismey, we have restarted the Wednesday night games club. We have from between 12 to 19 young people attending.

After some time I found three other people willing to be leaders with myself in the older young people's group - Carole Dell, Anne Acton and Carolyn Gunn. This new group will start on 11th January and will be every Sunday.

In this new year I am running training sessions for the Sunday school teachers and the Pathfinder leaders. For the YPF leaders the diocese is organising a Spectrum training course, probably

review leader

starting in May. Any other youth leaders are very welcome to join.

But New Years Day is an occasion to look forward in a more visionary sense. What do I hope to achieve in this new year and in the next few years?

I want to give a lot of time to the older group. It is very easy for someone like me to get involved with lots of different things which seem important at the time, yet are actually not as important as giving young people the things they really need in this day and age. They need time, they need someone to be their friend. Only then when they feel secure, loved and appreciated, can faith be fully shared.

I would like to see all the youth and children's groups to be a place where the members are committed and supportive of one another, where it is safe to explore the Christian faith, and understand how their faith works with the modern world, where these people can become full and committed members of their churches.

I would like to see our churches valuing the contributions the young people can make to the life of the community, and allowing them to explore worship valuing what they can give rather than being afraid of what they will change. In my experience young people may want alternative 'youth services', but where they are loved and feel part of what is going on they will feel that the normal worship on a Sunday belongs to them, as it belongs to the rest of us.

Nothing that we do is of any worth unless is what God wants. We can really labour in vain in this life unless we seek God's will. Much, much prayer is needed for all those working with young people. My hope and request is for the parish to support this work fervently in prayer. And when the going is tough, for us all to keep going. ❖

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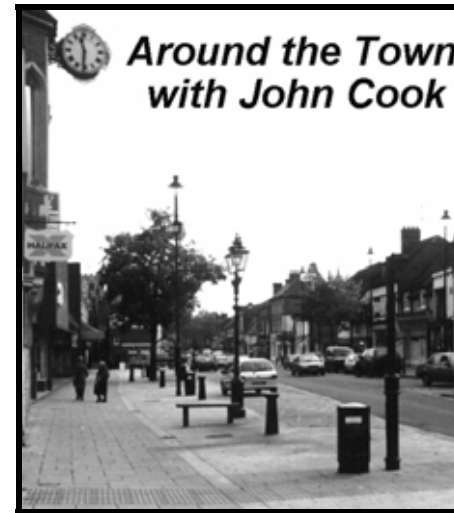
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Lytteltons, Spencers and Gladstone

A book published last year, *Victorian Girls*, written by a Berkhamsted resident, Sheila Fletcher, tells something of the lives of three aristocratic young ladies, daughters of the 4th Lord Lyttelton. When you pick up a book as well-written as this one, based on a careful distillation of gossip letters and frank diaries, it is difficult to put it down. No wonder there is a waiting list for it at the library.

Apart from the author's living here the book does have some local connections. In one place it tells of the girls' coming to Berkhamsted by train and being taken by carriage from the station to a lavish dance at Ashridge. They were also entertained by (and enraptured by the beauty of) the same hostess, Adelaide, Lady Brownlow, at the Brownlows' other country seat, Belton. Mention of a number of other names in the book is a reminder of some Berkhamsted residents and visitors a century and more ago.

Berkhamsted Place, the Elizabethan mansion that stood at the top of Castle Hill until it was demolished in 1967, had many owners and tenants over the centuries. In the later part of Victoria's reign it was occupied by Lady Sarah Spencer, and she frequently entertained Gladstone there

when he was prime minister. The Lytteltons were related not only to William Gladstone, but also to the Spencer family (and thus to the late Princess Diana), and there are many references to both in the book.

On one occasion Lord Lyttelton wrote to Gladstone asking him for an earldom. Gladstone's reply reproduced in the book is a model of how to say no to a relative whom you do not wish to offend who asks a favour which you are not prepared to grant. Was it while staying in Berkhamsted that Gladstone scratched his head and concocted the wording of his tactful reply?

Gladstone's Visits

We are likely to be hearing a lot about Gladstone this year, the centenary of his death. Paddy Ashdown described him the other day as unquestionably the greatest prime minister we have ever had.

While staying at Berkhamsted Place Gladstone would regularly walk down Castle Hill on Sundays to Morning Prayer at St Peter's. In those days his route would have been along the lime avenue through unspoiled parkland. There were no buildings then on that side of the railway except for a cluster round Berkhamsted Place and a few large houses on Whitehill and off Gravel Path.

At the church he would have seen a good deal of change between one visit and the next, because it was during and between his terms of office that much of the Victorian restoration of St Peter's was carried out. And he would have seen the beginning of the removal of the plain glass from the church windows, one by one, and its replacement by stained glass. I am not sure that with his evangelical brand of churchmanship he would have approved.

Pictures in Glass

To me, though, St Peter's windows have great richness and interest. The fact that the stained glass is nearly all Victorian and some of it a bit sentimental doesn't

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diminish their value. They are full of symbols of one sort or another.

The three persons of the Holy Trinity are there. Our Lord is shown in different windows in a variety of ways: as a babe in Mary's arms, as Christ the Light of the World, Christ the Good Shepherd and Christ the King; also as a child being carried by St Christopher over the water. In several places Jesus is portrayed as the Paschal Lamb.

The Holy Spirit is in some windows, always shown as a dove. How to represent the first person of the Trinity, God the Father, in their work presented a formidable challenge to the window designers. In a couple of places in St Peter's, rather feebly to my way of thinking, they chose to depict Him simply by a hand, pointing.

Saints abound. St Alban, the first English martyr, who lived and died only twelve miles from here, is shown in armour with a sword in his hand, and St Thomas à Becket (a Berkhamsted resident when he was Constable of the Castle) with a sword through his head.

Incidentally, Dr Eileen Roberts who is researching for a book on St Alban tells me that she thinks our St Alban's window gives one of the earliest representations of him as a Roman soldier, which in fact he wasn't. Then we have St Catherine (twice in glass and once in stone) with the wheel on which she was tortured and which gives its name to the firework.

And in a more homely vein, high up in the window behind the organ, there is Mrs Bartrum, wife of a headmaster of Berkhamsted School, embracing their three children. Other windows in that part



of the church are also memorials to schoolmasters and their families and a reminder that St John's Chantry, as it used to be called, was for centuries used by the boys of Berkhamsted School until their own chapel was built about 100 years ago.

Orange Cars

It is a good few years since Outspan, the big importers of South African fruit, moved their main UK office out of Berkhamsted. There is now very little to remind us of the important presence the company once had in the town - with one exception. In Startrite's yard in the High Street three of their orange-shaped small cars are still to be seen.

Seven of these vehicles were built in the 1970s as a promotion gimmick. One of them has ended up in Lord Montagu's Motor Museum at Beaulieu. Like the biblical Holy City, these cars are as wide as they are long as they are high (obviously, if the orange is a true sphere), and Lord Montagu in a recent reference to them raised doubts about their stability at speed. The possibility envisaged is that if the brakes were suddenly to be applied when moving fast the back wheels would lift off the ground and the vehicle would roll forward like a ball, causing some alarm and discomfort to the driver and disbelief to other road users.

Anyway, I do hope that our specimens continue to stay on view where for years they have become accepted among Berkhamsted's oddities, like our totem pole. ❖

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Many have noted the fact that recent days have seen a complete change in the leadership of every church in Northchurch and Berkhamsted. There are new clergy in each church. (The recent Induction of David Abbott at Sunnyside and Bourne

End brings to two the number of committed Leicester City Football club supporters amongst the clergy). In fact the longest serving leader in primary charge of a church has been in the area for all of four years. This remarkable and, in my experience, unique occurrence has given fresh impetus and vision to our working together as churches. The recent well-attended carol service in the beautiful setting of St Peter's once again affirmed the good things that we share as followers of Jesus Christ. It was good to be together to sing familiar carols and hear the Gospel message that can unite us.

I'm delighted on behalf of the Association of Berkhamsted Churches to invite you to continue participating in this process of working together. Do share in the following events.

Sunday 15th February sees the visit of Robin, Bishop of Hertford, to St Peter's at 8:00pm. He'll be speaking on *A Passion for Unity*. On Sunday 15th March we host the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury's advisor on evangelism, Revd Stephen Cotterell. His subject is *A Passion for Growth*. Again this is at St Peter's at

BE THERE FOR LUIS PALAU

Revd Peter Swaffield invites us to come together to witness the evangelism of Luis Palau.



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described Luis Palau as 'second only to Billy Graham' in terms of Christian communication (if you've never heard of Billy Graham then we're really struggling!!).

George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, said this of Luis Palau: "I warmly commend Luis Palau as an evangelist of integrity, relevance and compassion. Luis preaches the biblical Gospel that not only makes people holy and good, but also has an impact on society and community care".

To date, Luis has shared the message of peace with God through Jesus Christ in over sixty countries, face to face with more than 12 million people. And he's coming to our town on Monday 9th March at 8:00pm at the Girls' Collegiate School Hall. The evening will be totally free - not even a collection plate in sight.

Plan now to listen to one of the leading Christian communicators in the world today. The *Wall Street Journal* describes how Luis Palau has set safeguards to deter financial and potential scandal describing him as 'Mr Clean'. Be there on March 9th. Hear Luis Palau. Hear truth. ❖



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In the summer of 1996 Helen Appleyard and her fellow travellers from Ashlyns School made an expedition to Venezuela. In this article she recounts their visit to Angel Falls, the tallest waterfall in the world.

The Tallest Falls

Have you fixed your holiday destination for 1998 yet? If not then **Helen Appleyard** has an idea for you.

Some of the group found out about a cheaper local canoe trip to see waterfalls and swim in them but nowhere near the Angel Falls. The only way of getting to the Angel Falls was to fly to Canaima, in the middle of the jungle.

A trip to Angel Falls, the tallest waterfalls in the world, had not initially formed part of our itinerary. However, finding ourselves days ahead of schedule the idea of Angel Falls was again being considered. It was decided that we would go to St Helena, the nearest town, to find a place to camp and find out about possible trips to the Falls.

In St Helena we were faced with several problems. There was nowhere to camp. We had little money and so opted for La Luz, the cheapest available hotel. We could afford only two of the grey rooms. Each had four beds. Plans to sleep on the floor were abandoned when it was discovered the ice-cold trickle shower flooded the bedroom. The concrete floor was covered in mud and toilets didn't flush. In each room, we pushed the foul smelling beds together so that eight of us could lie across them.

It was a blisteringly hot day. We drank copious amounts of water and sampled the delights of fresh mangoes from local stalls. Health was suffering. Many others had also discovered their legs were puffing up. It was decided this was probably a reaction to bites we had received when climbing. Other minor ailments were developing.

Groups of our party bought meals, purchased provisions and gathered information about going to Angel Falls. Most trips to the falls were in the region of three or four hundred dollars. This was far too expensive for our budget. It seemed it would be impossible for us to get there.

If we were to go we would simply have to fly out there and then see if we could find anything we could afford.

In the end we decided we wanted to do this and were prepared to take a chance. Perhaps if we were unable to make a trip to the Angel Falls we could go to other small falls or simply camp in Canaima for a couple of days.

A local man managed to find us 13 tickets on the one flight out the next day to Canaima on an old Dakota plane. That was no good as we had to all go. Then at the end of the day, by an amazing turn three more tickets came available. We *could* go!

That night we slept eight wide in our four beds and by an interesting feat of engineering suspended our food from the ceiling in a carrier bag, so it would not be eaten by the cockroaches in the night. The next day we arrived at the airport (a run of tarmac and a couple of huts) in pouring rain. Some in the group were amused by studying the condition of the old plane and commenting on the loose panelling, missing screws, dents in the body and damaged wings. I didn't want to know. Not until we had touched down safely.

Thankfully the flight was uneventful and we touched down in Canaima in the middle of dense Venezuelan jungle. Canaima was not as expected. Tours were

even more expensive, Canaima itself was costly and tourist-orientated. It had only one shop and several holiday huts, and simply to camp you had to pay vast park fees. We had given up the canoe trip and spent all our money getting a flight out here where we were stranded with nothing to do. We felt awful.

We sat down and contemplated what to do. Had we made the wrong decision? Should we have come?

Then a local man approached us and said he could do a tour for \$80. Things were looking up. We then managed to do a lot of bargaining and got a deal for \$60 after promising not to tell a soul in Canaima. We scraped the money together from cutting back other parts of the budget and adding some of our personal money.

We set off later that day for what many felt were the best three days of the expedition and we were so proud of having organised it ourselves, against the odds, whilst out there. We set off on a boat trip then walked through jungle to El Sapo, a huge waterfall. It was an awe inspiring sight and we were to walk under it. This was amazing. The force of the water was tremendous and battered against us. It was ice cold and in the centre of the 600m fall it was hard to breathe with the cold and force of the water. There was an element of fear at slipping or being



washed off the rocks but it was exciting too. When we made it to the other side and looked back, the feeling was amazing. There were squeals of delight as we saw the immense power of the huge natural force we had just walked under. It was magic and completely exhilarating. Then followed a

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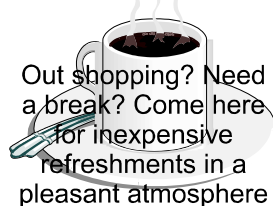
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The next day was another long boat trip up swirling rivers. We got soaked as water crashed over the sides of the long-boats. At times the small engines would cut out and a young boy would begin scooping out water with a bottle. It was a relief to arrive on dry land and walk through jungle to the base of the Angel Falls. It was an extraordinary sight, especially as the top of the falls kept disappearing into the clouds and it simply appeared as if a huge long line of cloud was failing down from the sky. We went swimming at the bottom of the tallest waterfall in the world. It was freezing, but worth it.

Our guide had said he would arrange transport out of Canaima by contacting local mining towns and getting anyone with a plane to come out and fetch us. We were very grateful but uncertain just what the transport would be like. Sure enough he did - and were we surprised!. ❖

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Ian McCalla reflects on
a year in the life of a
Northchurch parish
councillor.

Life in Northchurch has seemed placid - even dull compared with the melodramas of Berkhamsted council. Apart from a couple of minor arguments about planning applications submitted by horse owners we have not had any disagreements.

We have all agreed that the major problem affecting the village is the speed of traffic. We have been trying everything possible to get the county council and the police to do something about the excessive speed of traffic on the A4251 (formerly A41).

We might get an extra traffic island, but that's about all. The parish council would like to see the link between Springfield Road and Northchurch New Road completed so as to remove all that through traffic which comes along the B4506, from the centre of the village. But I can see the whole population of Berkhamsted north of the railway rising up against that idea, ably led by the Bridgwater Road campaign group! Perhaps I would then have more exciting things to report than Norman Cutting!

There has been a lot of fuss during the past year about tree felling and clearance on Berkhamsted Common. A large number of trees has been felled elsewhere but that's attracted no comment at all. But if you chop down trees on Berkhamsted Common, watch out! (*con't overleaf*)

There are in fact two separate though related operations. The main one is the clearance of all the south-west-facing slopes, away from the golf course. When we came to Berkhamsted in 1973 the area

was open land with some scrub and gorse. Subsequently it became covered with saplings, mainly birch, and bracken. Bracken has to be the nastiest and most invasive weed there is.

At the same time it has been found that the amount of heathland in Hertfordshire is dwindling at an alarming rate. The Countryside Management Service have a ten-year grant to clear the saplings and bracken, to convert the area into heathland, and to encourage the return of a wide range of appropriate flora and fauna, including gorse and heather. So far, they do seem to be winning. The other operation being carried out by the Golf Club is the thinning of trees alongside the fairways. This has been approved by all the appropriate experts and authorities for woodlands and forestry. Its purpose is partly to improve drainage and also to create heathland-type strips between the fairways and the wood. Heather, gorse and so on will then be able to grow.

As I walk round the Ashridge area I never cease to be amazed at the number and variety of trees we have. Mile after

we have to thin them sometimes. But I do wonder whether the Golf Club have gone a bit over the top.

Turning to the subject of footways and bridleways, I am sorry they are all so muddy right now. This however is the unavoidable price you pay for praying for rain to fill the Bulbourne! More seriously I am pleased to report that we have now completed our programme of reinstatement and repair of rights of way in Northchurch. We have re-opened a bridleway and two footpaths; others have been cleared to make them more pleasant for walks and rides. A large number of stiles has been repaired or replaced. Waymarking of all the paths is almost complete.

Our last and most expensive operation was to widen, re-grade, re-surface and improve the drainage of the steep downhill sections of bridleway 34 which crosses Northchurch New Road just north of the county council's fancy white gates. This was a joint operation between the Northchurch parish council, the National Trust, the borough council and the county

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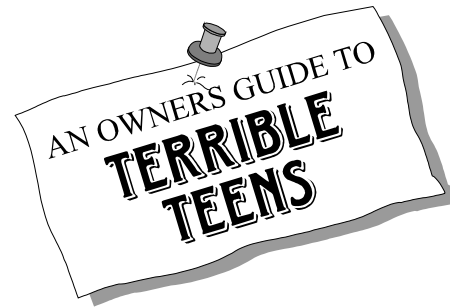
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How can I recognise an adolescent?

You can tell the adolescent not so much by the way he looks, as by the way he slams the door in your face after you have said something he has found incredibly offensive, such as 'hello'.

In what way has he or she gone awry?

Let me count the ways! For one thing, he eats twelve meals a day instead of three, having acquired the eating habits of a giant termite. If he continues to grow at the present rate, his body will one day be in proportion to his mouth.

For another thing, he no longer requires sleep: he can go to bed at 4am, get up at 7pm and be no more grumpy than usual.

Also his intelligence has grown to the point where he now knows everything including whatever you were about to say! But most importantly, he now talks to you as if you were no longer his parents but annoying creatures recently flown in from the planet 'Stress' and put on earth, solely to pester him.

Does he recognise us as his parents?

No one knows for sure. All that can be said with certainty is that we are a tremendous source of embarrassment to him. Also, threats of smacking him or cutting off his pocket money if he talks that way again only serve to make him more angry. He thinks we are stupid enough as it is.

In what other way has he changed?

Where once he was polite and well-mannered he now belches in public. He

responds to all questions with terse phrases such as 'Leave me alone' and 'Chill out'. He rarely receives homework from school, and when he does is able to dispatch it in under 30 seconds when you are not looking. He also has 225 free periods scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Where does the adolescent live?

Male adolescents still tend to live in their rooms, sometimes described as lairs or sties. Females live in their bedrooms, the bathroom, or anywhere with a phone or hairdryer. They may also live at friends' houses. Most seek privacy to the point of reclusion.

What does the adolescent do in his room?

It is believed that he tries to communicate with aliens in other galaxies by turning the stereo loud enough for them to hear it. No-one knows if he is successful but if not, it's because aliens are deaf.

What does the adolescent want?

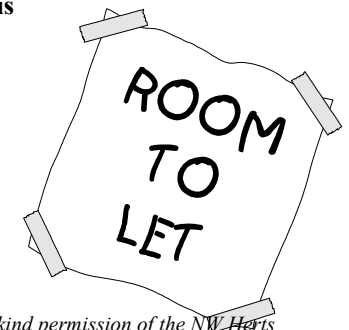
The adolescent desperately wants to grow a third ear so that he does not have to remove his walkman when talking on the phone.

How is the adolescent's health?

He suffers from a hideous form of body blight (called spots), which he tries to treat by eating dozens of Mars bars and drinking gallons of Coke.

Is there anything I can say or do to guide him through this difficult period, to be his friend?

No.



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CHERNOBYL CHILDREN

This month sees the launch
of an important appeal.
Chris Smalley tells us about
this new initiative in the
parish.

It seems a long time since the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl was on the front page of every newspaper. In a way, it is: the nuclear reactor meltdown happened in 1986, twelve years ago. However, the terrible legacy of a nuclear accident lasts for many generations.

In Belarus, the area most affected by the radiation fallout, a whole generation of children is growing up with terrible illnesses as a direct result of radiation.

You may remember that the Petertide Fair raised some £3,000 last year to fund a recuperative visit for a group of children to the UK, a month-long escape from the heavily polluted environment they've grown up in. Now we want to continue our involvement with the Chernobyl Children Life Line, the charity at the centre of this initiative, by hosting such a visit in our community here in Berkhamsted in the coming spring. The PCC has given its full backing to the initiative. The value of these visits cannot be underestimated: while not a miracle cure, just the chance to breath clear air and enjoy healthy food gives these kids a real boost in both health and morale.

We hope to host a group of ten or twelve children in the age range 10-14 years. This means we need a similar number of families willing to provide a home for each child for a month. We also need volunteers to arrange and help with group activities and to

organise the all-important 'behind the scenes' support. Ideally host families will have children of school age; this isn't crucial but it makes it easier for the visiting children. Don't worry about language: while few of the visiting children speak English it tends not to be a problem with children of that age, and a 'minder' accompanying the group helps with translation when needed.

We're particularly keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to lead a small group to manage the organisation of the visit.

Several of our neighbouring parishes have already welcomed groups of children - often organising repeat visits as the experience proves so rewarding.

If you're interested in helping with this initiative then do please have a word with me. More details will be in future issues of

the *Review*. On February 20th at 8:00pm you will be very welcome at an open meeting in the Court House to hear more about our plans and how you can help. Do come if you can. Let's help make a real difference to these children's lives. ❖

Chris Smalley can be contacted on 826821. More details of the work of the Chernobyl Children Life Line can be found in both churches.

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Many readers will remember Geoffrey Allen, for a time of St Peter's choir and latterly at All Saints', who 25 years ago went to work with evangelical Christians in Italy. Readers from St Mary's North-church will know his wife Judith and her family. Geoffrey now oversees a number of evangelical groups in northern Italy, travelling to them in turn to preach, advise and support them.

Here are some extracts from his Christmas letter on the theme of collaboration between evangelical and Catholic charismatic Christians.

The national work with which we collaborate is multiplying, fast (now numbering some twenty churches), and so are the opportunities for service. After years of being vaguely known as a 'Restoration-type movement', we have now settled on an official name, for use on legal documents and so on which translates as 'Evangelical Church of Reconciliation'. We have just returned from our national conference where we were able to renew fellowship with many people from the south of the country whom we now rarely see, as Geoff's ministry this last year has been almost exclusively in the North. We were encouraged by the teaching and worship from the leadership team, including Geoff, and to see how the Holy Spirit is maturing leaders and bringing people together for His purposes.

The emphasis on reconciliation is not new, but has become more explicit in our movement as we spearhead involvement with the Catholic charismatics and endeavour to be present wherever Christians of different denominations seek to come together as God's children. These

NEWS FROM ITALY

Geoffrey Allen writes with news of his work with evangelical Christians in northern Italy.

two elements are not always compatible, as most Italian evangelicals are still hostile to the Catholic church and expect any Catholic who has a real personal relationship with Jesus to leave and join them. We keep praying Jesus' prayer in John 17 and look to

God to bring about the unity He desires. In practice this means we continue sharing the Gospel whenever and wherever possible, as reconciliation between God and man is our primary concern, and then move towards other Christians at various levels as opportunity offers.

We were recently at a charismatic dialogue held in Frascati, Rome, where the aim was for evangelical and Catholic charismatics to get together, listen to speakers (often theologians) from both sides on a particular subject and talk round it, while building up relationships over meals and praying and worshipping together and ministering to one another. This was the sixth such conference and for us the best yet, with about 150 resident participants plus local visitors.

For our future it seems God is asking us to move to Brescia, 1½ hours drive east. We will start house-hunting in the new year. Please, those of you who pray for us, remember Brescia in your prayers. It is a large town, very industrial with a growing immigrant population and consequent racial problems. It is also near to Verona and has easy access to Bergamo, Trento and other towns, and therefore could be the gateway to a large sphere of work in an area we haven't yet touched as a movement but where there are people we know who would like more contact. It is an exciting prospect but the situation with our small group in Brescia is by no means easy. ❖

As you all know by now, I like to bring you little snippets of information that you would be hard pressed to find elsewhere. The town council has been complaining that we do not have enough room whenever the public wishes to attend committee meetings and has been considering various options. Now I think our problems are over. The borough planning department has sent a letter to the town council addressed to the Market House, Berkhamsted. I am sure the Market House was part of the Town Hall, but the letter did manage to find us in the Civic Centre. It may have been wishful thinking on the part of the borough, but I can reassure both them and you that we are still lodging in the borough-owned Civic Centre.

Whilst on the subject of the planning department, the planning process leaves many members of the public frustrated and wondering about the logic leading to some decisions. Recently, we had the case of an application being refused under officers' delegated powers, only to have an identical one (same location and details, so I do mean identical) recommended for

CUTTING COMMENTS

Eagle eyed local independent councillor **Norman Cutting** on recent council matters.

by the inspector following refusal by the planning authority (Dacorum Borough Council) and yet *recommended* for approval by the planning department officers. Indeed, one did not quite meet the borough council's newly-adopted parking standards. These accepted that the motor car is here to stay and applications should be refused unless either the site is near to public parking (such as in the town centre) or has adequate public transport nearby. So who defines 'nearby'? We are often told that planning decisions are governed by the law and often find it difficult to refuse a perfectly proper application provided it meets the guidelines as set out in the local plan and other planning guidance notes. I have to keep reminding myself that the planning process is an enabling process which favours the developer, rather than the needs or wishes of the local population.

approval just five months later. This particular application was not in Berkhamsted, but similar things have happened here to. We have recently had two applications that have been similar to previous ones, both rejected

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I have no objection to granting or refusing planning approval when all the agreed guidelines are met, but the officers appear to be bending over backwards to recommend approval for developments that are questionable, to say the least. The difficulty is that once permission is granted that is often the end of the matter. If permission is refused, then the applicant can appeal against the decision. Very one sided, in my view, but that is the way the law is set at the moment and we have to uphold the law even if we do not agree with it. It therefore seems to me that your local planning authority along with your local elected representatives should err on the side of caution even if it means setting aside monies in the budget to support decisions *your* representatives make on *your* behalf.

The town council contacted the local electricity board (all right, regional electricity company, but I am getting on in years) to find out just what is going on with our supplies. They offered to come to speak to the council, but the planning meeting held on 5th January suggested to them that a public meeting may be in order. I mean, we had a two-hour cut on 4th January and another two-hour one on 7th January while it was repaired. The problem is, they always have a good excuse like the weather; everyone else; it just blew up; it's old; and the tree did it, guv! Then I remember that county and borough, not to mention developers, all want to build more houses without any thought about the services required because it is then someone else's problem.

I can't let the Christmas lights saga escape completely, so I will let you have the latest news. The proposed new organisation had its inaugural meeting on Tuesday 7th January and most of the voluntary bodies were represented as were the county, borough and town councils complete with the CVS. All I will say is that a number of representatives gave the impression that it was a good idea, but

perhaps someone else within their organisation may well be better placed to attend in the future for one reason or the other. If my memory is correct, when the town council was involved before, it made a good effort before it passed the matter to the 'private' sector. As the chairman of the chamber of commerce pointed out, for the past three years, whilst they did the organising, it all went like clockwork, but the chamber does not have the resources, manpower, and indeed, is not in the business of promoting social events within the town, just looking after the interests of its members.

The town mayor was volunteered to chair the organisation, which should take on board both the social and decorative aspects of the festival. It was also suggested that the body should embrace all the town's public/open-air events to maximise effort and co-ordinate everything. The second meeting is just before the deadline for the next issue so, with luck, all should be made clear.

By now, you will have realised that the town council has reduced the precept for the coming year. Hurrah, I hear you all cry. I will tell you now, it was against my recommendation that the Labour, Lib-Dems and Conservatives pushed through a cut of £8,000 on what I suggested. The borough council is in the same boat with the expectation of a minimal increase this year, but privately admitting next year will mean a cut in staff and/or services or a much larger increase in your council tax. Just before an election too. I must admit I am not a political animal and believe that if the public want a service provided, then someone will have to pay, one way or the other. I also believe you have a better chance of making your views known to your town councillors than you do to most borough, county or national representatives. On the other hand, you normally get who your local political party wants you to have. Think about it! ❖

A few months ago I became a Justice of the Peace, sitting at the Magistrates' Court in Hemel Hempstead. The work is fascinating and I look forward very much to the days that I spend there. As a 'new boy' everything that happens is novel and intriguing. Magistrates are dependent for legal advice upon our dedicated team of Justices' clerks but in the course of the work one acquires some knowledge of some of the laws that are most commonly applied in the Magistrates' Courts. I am indebted to one of my fellow JPs for the following account of obscure and long-forgotten laws, placed on the statute books by our forefathers and never repealed. I hope you all had a good Christmas and that your memories of it will not be spoilt by the fact that you were all almost certainly breaking the law!

The *Unlawful Games Act*, passed under Henry VIII in 1541 forbids all sports on Christmas day except archery, this being permitted in order to promote a state of constant readiness for the anticipated French invasion. Leap frog was later added to the list of permitted games, presumably to help work off the effects of

Christmas and the Law

Think you had a law abiding Christmas? Think again, says **Stephen Halliday.**

Christmas dinner though the harmful effects of the latter should be mitigated by a law thoughtfully passed in 1646, during the Civil War, which forbids the consumption on Christmas Day of a meal of more than three courses. Christmas pudding and mince pies are specifically forbidden on the grounds that they are 'abominable and idolatrous'.

The *Holy Days and Fasting Days Act* of 1551 makes it obligatory for everyone to attend church on Christmas Day but also prescribes that all must make the journey on foot. Any vehicles used for the purpose may be confiscated and sold, the proceeds being given to the poor. Wonderful news for joy-riders, particularly since the police can't do anything on Christmas Day since a law passed in the reign of Charles II in 1677 states that 'noe servant, artificer, workeman, labourer or other person whatsoever shall do or exercise any worldly labours, business or worke of their



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**Revd Peter Hart
reflects on his first
year at St Mary's
and the value of
anniversaries.**

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This month marks the completion of my first full year at St Mary's. Whether that is an anniversary anyone would consider worthy of marking is open to question, but never the less, it does give rise to thoughts of the rapid passage of time and the thought that everything from now on is merely repetition. As I do not keep my sermons, and my memory is sufficiently bad to merit two diaries and a host of *aides-memoire*, an exact replay of the year just gone is extremely unlikely.

Anniversaries do not necessarily result in an endless reiteration of all that has passed. Anniversaries are milestones, steps achieved on a journey: they look forward as much as back. The church is in the middle of a period of its year when anniversaries come tumbling one after another, yet each one is fresh, each one reveals more of God's glory than the last

time it was celebrated. The run-in from Epiphany to Lent gives us the opportunity to note afresh the ways in which Christ's glory was seen by those with whom he lived - the growing realisation as a result of miracles, conversations, encounters and stories that this was no ordinary man, or prophet, or religious teacher, but the promised Messiah of God.

It is all too easy for us to settle into an understanding of Christ which remains static. We work out what we think of him, and stick with that. However, it is in the nature of God to escape any neat framework into which we may try to fit him, and instead, to surprise us with an action or a word of which we did not think him capable. Another year of worship, study and fellowship will increase the revelation of God to us, not simply confirm what we already know.

Through this season of anniversaries, may God's glory revealed in Christ become ever greater in our lives, and may we know the grace of God's Holy Spirit to share that glory with everyone we meet. ❖

Christmas and the Law (continued from page 20)

ordinary callings'. This appears to mean that no-one can do his own job though we can presumably all do someone else's. It is rather alarming to learn that patients in hospital may not be ministered to by nurses though it is presumably perfectly legal for their jobs to be done by traffic wardens, milkmen or, perish the thought, university lecturers.

More prohibitions on Christmas Day sports are to be found in an Act of 1625 which forbids 'meetings, assemblings or concourses of people out of their owne parish for any sporte or pastime whatsoever' so watching a game away

from home is as illegal as playing it. A further Act of 1831 forbids the use of guns or dogs in killing animals. Is this why so many hunts meet on Boxing Day?

You may wish to examine your consciences and ask yourselves how many of these laws you have broken before making a full confession at your local police station. If you do so I imagine that the constabulary will summon an ambulance rather than lock you in a cell and besides, you can feel reasonably safe until Boxing Day since you cannot be served with a summons on Christmas day. ❖

THE MOTHERS UNION

This year looks as though it is going to be an exciting one for the Mother's Union. 1998 is the year of the Lambeth Conference and this means that not only will our country give hospitality to many overseas bishops but also many of our diocesan presidents will travel equally long distances to attend the worldwide M.U. council in York.

We are hoping that we shall have an opportunity to meet some of these overseas members and also to attend the worldwide festival at Winchester. But back to Berkhamsted!

Our January meeting will be an informal start to the year as we swap tales of the past with a game of Lifestyle. In February we welcome Fr Basil Jones to talk to us on the Phenomenon of Princess Diana. Do join us if you are interested. For further details contact Jenny Wells on 870981.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer in 1998 falls on Friday 6th March. The theme this time is Who is thy neighbour?, which was prepared by the women of Madagascar. There are two services in Berkhamsted on that day:

- A morning service at 10:30am in the King's

Road Evangelical Church. The speaker is Victoria Macdonald. Refreshments and a crêche will be available.

- An Evening Service at 8:00pm in the United Reformed Church in Chapel Street. The speaker is the Revd Jane Wade. This service will be followed by refreshments.

Do come and join us at either or both of these services, and bring a friend with you, to hear more about the island and people of Madagascar. For further details please contact Pam Elphinstone on 863677.

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LENT TALKS AT SACRED HEART

Following last Advent's talks on Millennium And Jubilee our Christian preparation for the Millennium continues with a Lent Course of five weekly talks on the theme *The Holy Spirit in our Lives*. Once again we are favoured with a group of excellent speakers, including a number who have visited us for previous courses.

The Lent Course commences on Wednesday, 4th March. All five talks will be at 8:00pm at the Sacred Heart Hall in Park Street, Berkhamsted and a very warm welcome is extended to all. For further details please contact Sylvia Ross on 863872.

TUESDAY CLUB

At our birthday celebration on 4th February at 8:15pm, we welcome ladies from other church groups in the town to hear Mr C W Clarke of the Sparrow Hearn Turnpike Trust talk on the history of the old A41 road. Following this we shall enjoy refreshments together.

The December PCC meeting centred around a presentation by our parish youth worker, Christina Billington. She focussed on the value and role of young people in our worship and spiritual life, setting out sixteen core statements extracted from the recently published report *Youth A Part - Young People and the Church*. Discussion groups agreed that we should work to avoid polarisation of the age spectrum around our two churches and to encourage the contributions that both young and old can make to our church life.

The meeting noted that we are facing a likely shortfall in our financial budget by the end of the year. While stewardship income had risen, this fell short of matching inflation; a further factor for the coming year was that our 'parish share' would be increasing by an amount significantly higher than inflation.

The new year would see an appeal for families to host a visit by a group of children from

OXFAM SHOPS' GOLDEN JUBILEE

Oxfam shops throughout the country will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening in February 1948 of the first Oxfam shop, in Broad Street, Oxford. Opened as a collecting centre for clothing and bedding for refugees in Germany and Austria, the helpers received items such as jewellery and bric-a-brac which were of no direct use overseas and these were sold to aid the appeal. Since then the network of shops has grown to 850, staffed by some 23,000 volunteers.

The Berkhamsted shop opened in 1979 in Lower Kings Road and transferred to the present High Street premises in 1990. The volunteers who run the shop are planning an open day on Saturday, 7th February when Fair Trade food and coffee will be served, and there will be an opportunity to tour the premises and learn about some of the 30 different jobs such as sorting and pricing donations as varied as glassware, pictures, toys, books and clothing.

Why not come along and bring Oxfam a birthday present?

NEWS FROM THE

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Chernobyl, funded by last year's Petertide Fair.

Looking forward, causes to be supported by the 1998 fair needed to be identified; suggestions would be welcomed.

Fr Mark Bonney summarised the recent

meeting of the General Synod which he had attended. Much new legislation had been covered, particularly in the area of unity with the Methodists, and a review of synod structures had been addressed.

A topic which had attracted much media coverage concerned embryo research; Fr Mark stressed that the Synod had underscored its commitment to marriage as the basis for IVF, despite misrepresentation of this stance in the tabloids.

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BERKHAMSTED W.I.



The December meeting was a Christmas celebration with a short play about the *Littlest Angel* who was causing disturbance in heaven among the seraphs and cherubs.

Michael, Gabriel, the Guardian

Angel and the voice of God were able to bring peace in heaven as well as on earth. There were then readings and carols, a circle of friendship with candles lit in the centre and presents for everyone.

Business was kept to the minimum. We had a report on the international day on Canada, and prizes were presented for gaining the most points during the year in the monthly competitions to Mrs Daphne Brookes with 22 points and Mrs Jean Gale with 18 points. The new committee responsibilities were outlined and the programme for 1998 was announced. We have interesting talks on *Royalty on your Doorstep*; *Coaching Days and Coaching Ways*; *Once upon a time*; *Up the Nile without a paddle*; *Moments, Memory and Magic*; *Old Paperweights*; *Osteopathy*; *Pottering at Sotheby's*; *Talking Turkeys*; and *A Box of Crackers*. On more serious matters we have a meeting on resolutions for discussion at institute and national level. All these meetings are on the first Wednesday in each month at Gable Hall, Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted at 7:30pm. We also have craft and play reading meetings and a bowls afternoon each fortnight. There are opportunities during the year to join in with county activities, and outings and lectures on art and visits to galleries and places of historic interest. Do come and join in the friendship and fun which the W.I. offers to women of today. Your local telephone contact is 863717.

Organising an event? Let our readers know what's going on... send full details to **David Woodward, 3 Murray Road, Berkhamsted HP4 1JD (862723)** (copy dates inside front cover)

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

Our January meeting started with our president, Liz Baxendale, welcoming members including two new ones. We hope they will enjoy our various activities during 1998. We have an excellent programme planned with a miscellany of speakers to look forward to this year.

After business matters were dealt with we had a 'members afternoon' and were entertained by Liz Baxendale reading several poems. We went on to do some amusing quizzes to get us thinking! During teatime the raffle was drawn and the competition for 'flower of the month' and for a lovely Christmas card was judged.

Next month we welcome Lady Walford who will be telling us what it was like 'Living in the Mansion House'. The meeting will be at the Court House, Berkhamsted on 18th February at 2:00pm. Why not join us? A warm welcome and new friends await you.

NORTHCHURCH W.I.

The first meeting of Northchurch W.I. under the chairmanship of its new president, Mrs Joan Hollingdale, took place early in December and got the festive season off to a splendid start with a very well attended dinner held at *Stocks*.

The December meeting at Northchurch Social Centre was informal. After business matters and noting the forthcoming lecture at the Tate Gallery, members and visitors were greatly entertained by the Wendel Singers whose enthusiasm communicated itself to the audience very effectively.

They offered a selection of songs from *My Fair Lady* and *Oklahoma* by which time they were ready to break for refreshments. Mrs Muriel Martin thanked the singers for the enjoyable programme. Mrs Muriel Martin and Mrs Jo Richardson presided over the brisk trade at the Christmas gift stall. Always welcome at the Christmas meeting is the circulation of the gift sack when members exchange small gifts. The singing of the national anthem brought the meeting to a close with the exchange of seasonal greetings. ❖

SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's</i> :	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		11:15am	Matins & Sermon [1st Sunday only]			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]			
		8:00am	Eucharist [except 1st Sunday]			
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (<i>All Saints' is shared with the Methodists and this service will sometimes be replaced by a 10:00am United Service</i>)			
		6:30pm	Evensong [1st Sunday only]			
	MONDAY	NONE				
	TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)
		<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist		
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm EP
FRIDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:30pm EP
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		5:00pm	EP
1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>					
3rd Sunday	OPEN HOUSE: 11:30am - 5:00pm with the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park <i>Stay for five minutes or five hours; unlimited coffee; lunch; tell a friend, bring a friend.</i>					
2nd/4th Monday	BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP: 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park					
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2nd & 4th Tuesday	PRAM SERVICE at All Saints': 10:00am: Children's Activity; 10:30am: Pram Service; 10:50am: Activity & Coffee. <i>Children aged 0-4 years welcome.</i> Gillian Malcolm 874993					
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
Tuesday / Wednesday	MEDITATION GROUP: meets first and third Wednesdays at 8:00pm at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road, and second and fourth Wednesdays at 2:15pm at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268					
Wednesday	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 866038.					
2nd Wed	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. The meetings are usually addressed by a guest speaker and the group attracts senior members for whom lifts can be arranged. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
Thursday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Contact: Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863084					
Thursday / Friday	THURSDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS: 9:30-11:30am. Two separate weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Thursday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday					
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-1:30pm in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 874194					
Friday	CHOIR: Boys 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
1st Saturday	JOINT BREAKFAST & PRAYERS: 8:00am for Prayers followed by breakfast at All Saints' <i>All very welcome.</i> (subject to confirmation - see pew leaflet)					
3rd Saturday	ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING: 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. Share the concerns of individual churches and of our town. All will be very welcome. Meetings rotate between local churches.					

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There is Eucharist every Tuesday (9:30am) at All Saint's and every Wednesday (6:45am), Thursday (11:00am) and Friday (9:15am) at St Peter's. At St Peter's there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:30pm Evening Prayer every weekday and 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays.

February / March 1998

FEBRUARY

1	8:00pm	Taizé style Evening Worship	<i>All Saints'</i>
2	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Candlemas	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	9:15am	Sung Eucharist with an emphasis on Stewardship (I)	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9:30am	Sung Eucharist with an emphasis on Stewardship (I)	<i>St Peter's</i>
13		Parochial Church Council meeting	
15	9:15am	Sung Eucharist with an emphasis on Stewardship (II)	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9:30am	Sung Eucharist with an emphasis on Stewardship (II)	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8:00pm	<i>A Passion for Unity</i> : The Rt Revd Robin Smith	<i>St Peter's</i>
21	7:00pm	Quiz Night	<i>Court House</i>
25	8:00pm	Parish Service - Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	<i>St Peter's</i>

MARCH

9	8:00pm	Luis Palau speaks in the Centenary Hall	
13	8:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	<i>Court House</i>
15	8:00pm	<i>A Passion for Growth</i> : The Revd Stephen Cottrell	<i>St Peter's</i>
28	7:30pm	D Scarlatti <i>Stabat Mater</i> , Zelenka <i>De Profundis</i> . Chiltern Chamber Choir	<i>St Peter's</i>

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Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

21 December Joseph David Horobin, Lucy Elizabeth Biddle, Thomas David Arnold

Baptisms (*All Saints'*)

30 November Daniel Peter Drury

Weddings (*St Peter's*)

20 December Edward James Tebbutt & Lucy Emma Templar

3 January Richard James Perkins & Rosslyn Mary Barnard

Blessing (*St Peter's*)

27 December Jonathan Brooks & Kate Thomas

Funerals (*St Peter's*)

29 November	Gertrude Agnes Sherwood	The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham
18 December	Joyce Victoria Blanche Nunn	West Herts Crematorium, Garston
19 December	Frank John Cook	The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham
23 December	Joseph Parker	St Peter's Church (Kingshill Cemetery)
23 December	Joffré Francis Thompson	The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham
31 December	Professor George Charles Drew	The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham

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CONTACT LIST

Names and local telephone numbers for jobs, rotas and information (for clergy, parish officers, music, bells and banns etc. see back page). Parish Office in the Court House (sec: Jean Green, 878227) is usually open 9:30-5:30 Tues/Wed, 9:30-1pm Friday (ansaphone other times). Changes from the last list are shown in *italics*.

	<i>St Peters</i>	<i>All Saints</i>
Altar service	Keith Middleditch (862423)	Doug Billington (866038)
Chalice rota	Martin Macdonald (872002)	Doug Billington (866038)
Sunday school	Julie Kemp (872576)	Carol Newcombe-Coetsee (863452)
Youth activities	Carole Dell (864706)	Christina Billington (866038)
Church maintenance	John Cook (866278)	Mike Limbrick (384682)
Church cleaning	Jean Green (863241)	Sylvia Banks (871195)
Flower arrangements	Gwen Beddall (862845)	Jayne Harris (873974)
Sunday morning coffee	Rene Dunford (862420)	<i>Currently vacant</i>
Service recordings	Tony Blair (864660)	Ian McCalla (384574)
Intercessions	Rev. Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	Joan Cook (866278)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Electoral Roll	June Haile (873087)	Pat Hearne (871270)
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	John Malcolm (874993)
Sidesmen	Christopher Green (863241)	John Banks (871195)
Social events	Chris Smalley (826821)	<i>Currently vacant</i>
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	<i>Currently vacant</i>
Hospice contact	Angela Morris (866992)	May Kempster (863037)



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 Parish & Area Youth Worker, Christina Billington, 13 Ashlyns Rise. Tel: 866038
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 Churchwardens: Christopher Green, 17 Cowper Road. Tel: 863241;
 John Banks, Ladybrand, Cross Oak Road. Tel: 871195
Parochial Church Council: Secretary: Alan Conway, 7 Kilfillan Gardens. Tel: 865798
 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way. Tel: 863559

St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859
 Organist: Mrs Jean Cooper. Tel: 874088
Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun Rite B) Holy Communion
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with Wednesday 6.45am
 Sunday Schools (in the Court Thursday 11.00am
 House) followed by coffee in Friday 9.15am
 the Court House. Morning Prayer: Tues-Sat 7:30am
 11.15am Matins & Sermon (1st Sunday only) Evening Prayer: Tues-Fri 5:30pm
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints') Matins & Evensong said daily
Confessions: After Saturday Evening Prayer (5.00pm) or at other times by appointment.
Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: Contact Father Mark Bonney.
Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road. Tel: 863804

All Saints'

Organist: Mrs Valerie McCalla Tel: 384574 Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894
Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday - Methodist rite)
 9.15am Family Sung Eucharist & Sunday Schools, then coffee in the Hall
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)
 6.30pm Evening Service (1st Sunday - Anglican rite, other Sundays Methodist rite)
Weekdays
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 (All Saints' is shared with the Berkhamsted Methodist Church)



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