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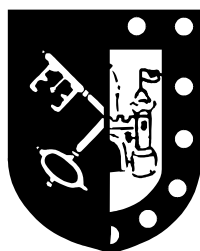
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Welcome to the December issue of the Berkhamsted Review.

Another year passes as 1998 slips into the last year of this millennium (except for the millennium purists, of course!). We will all have our views on the past year - the good things, the not so good - and most of us at least will be looking ahead to the year to come with a degree of optimism. Let's face it, spring isn't *that* far away.

For our part here on the *Review*, we've seen a great range of editorial, news and other items of interest, which all reflects a vibrant community both within our two churches and the town itself. To all our contributors, very many thanks - and please keep up the good work! We're sure that the next twelve months will see us covering a still wider range of issues.

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Fr Mark Bonney
*considers the
materialism of
Christmas.*

As we approach the last few shopping days to Christmas there will no doubt be some Christians bemoaning the materialism of Christmas. It is very easy to stand on a high horse and bewail the excesses of consumerism. It's easy to do but to some extent it's an odd thing to do because what lies at the heart of Christmas is very materialistic indeed. The spiritual truth at the heart of Christmas, which is a cornerstone of Christian belief, is that in Jesus Christ the Word of God took to himself human nature. It's called the 'Incarnation' (from the Latin meaning 'enfleshed'). Without this belief in the Word made Flesh there can be no Christianity, no Christian theology, no Christian spirituality, yet no belief is more outrageous, scandalous or extraordinary.

In Jesus God took human nature. That is very materialistic which is why we have to be careful when we have a go at materialism and consumerism. We need to be careful lest we fall into the trap of thinking that the material world is somehow evil, that the world of matter and the spirit are opposites. There have been strands within the Christian tradition that have made such a distinction, but a proper understanding of Christmas and the Incarnation will not allow us to do that.

A proper understanding of Christmas opens up for us some amazing possibilities. A remarkable priest in the 19th century called Stewart Headlam (who did tremendous parish work in the East End) said in a sermon in 1881 that a belief in the Incarnation was his theological basis for saying how important was the theatre and stage! He said: "Having for three

centuries worshipped a God of gloom, having had Puritanism established over us by the State, we have learnt that there is some contradiction between love of beauty and love of God. Counteracting all this, the theatre has been at work with its heavenly mission: there the contemplation of beauty has been made possible in spectacular drama, pantomime, ballet... there the people have... received hints of how beautiful this world will be when at last order has overcome chaos and when God is seen in perfect beauty." So enjoy *Puss in Boots* or whatever!

We shouldn't have worries about enjoyment and the material world, but we should be anxious about how that enjoyment is shared around. A proper understanding of Christmas and the Incarnation asks questions too of how our society is ordered: A Church of England monk called Lionel Thornton wrote this in the 1920s: "if God Incarnate lived and worked in a carpenter's shop, and if the Manhood in which he did these things is now on the throne in Heaven; then it is a blasphemous insult to that Manhood to treat any man's liberty as an indifferent (continued on page 9)



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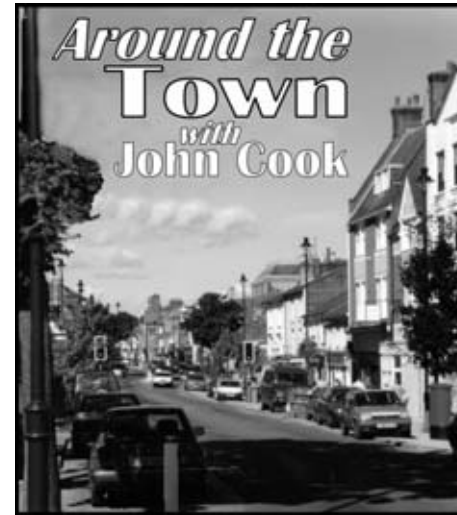
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Strange autumn

It was a funny autumn, with the leaves turning later than usual, and when they did they fell rather quickly. In Ashridge Park the crop of chestnuts has been poor – miserable shrunken things - unlike last year's which were big and fat, almost rivalling the Spanish chestnuts you get in the shops. The fallow deer rutted late too, but when they really got down to it towards the end of October the groaning of the bucks was never out of earshot on one two-mile walk through the Park.

A worrying sight on the walk was the number of young trees with dead tops to them - beeches, oaks and chestnuts - the result, no doubt, of the nibbling of grey squirrels, and also perhaps of another pest, the edible dormouse, Glis Glis.

I happened to catch a bit on the television programme *Carlton Country* about Glis Glis. Some of these rodents were released into the wild at Tring by Walter Rothschild, the zoologist, and although they have never spread much further than Tring, Wendover, Rickmansworth and Berkhamsted, within this area they have thrived, even in the towns. They get into the lofts of houses quite close to the centre of Berkhamsted and not only tear up the roof insulation but

jump about in the middle of the night and make an alarming lot of noise. A man on the programme who spends his time catching them claimed that over a period he had collected 50 from one house alone.

Can you eat it?

Are they really edible? The owner of Rossway, Nigel Hadden-Patten whose estate is a mile or two from Berkhamsted and suffers from the deprivations of Glis Glis, said on the programme that a Roman recipe for them had been discovered in the Verulamium museum in St Albans. He read out the English translation, but I didn't have time to write it down; all I can remember is that you mince them. But be warned before you have a go at catching a few and try cooking them: despite being alien and a real pest round here the Glis Glis is a protected species.

Henry Twells

'At even when the sun was set, The sick, O Lord, around thee lay...' sang St Peter's Evensong congregation on St Luke's Day, not all of them knowing that the lines of which these are the first were written just over the road in Castle Street. The hymn was once much more popular than it is now, but it is still in most hymnbooks (except the happy-clappy ones). It is the work of Henry Twells and was written in the last century when he was a curate at St Peter's and lodging in Castle Street.

According to Percy Birchnell, Twells used to walk to Frithesden to conduct a service in a cottage there, and on one occasion, because of illness or injury no one turned up. So he walked back to Castle Street where he was moved to write his once-famous hymn.

St Peter's Spire

In his interesting bit in last month's *Review*, Christopher Green included a reproduction of Stukeley's picture of Berkhamsted drawn in 1724. Did you notice in the picture that St Peter's Church was shown with a small spire on top of the tower?

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The earlier painting of Berkhamsted by Wyke the Younger made in the late 17th century does not show the spire, and later pictures from the early 19th century don't show it either; so it would seem that it was not with us for much more than about 100 years.

Such little spires were in fact common in Hertfordshire and the adjoining counties. At one time even St Albans Abbey had one, and many others have survived to this day. Near here there are examples to be seen on the towers of the parish churches at Tring and Chesham. They came to be called 'Hertfordshire spikes'.

Personally I don't feel sorry ours has gone - they are rather puny, almost derisory objects to my mind and we are better off without one. If you are going to have a spire what you want is one like St Mary's at Hemel Hempstead. Now there's a feature for a town to be proud of!

The railway route

On the subject of our neighbouring towns, I got into a bit of trouble last month with my tongue-in-cheek hint that there must have been something wrong with Tring that the railway and the canal avoided it. In fact the reason that both of them came through Berkhamsted and not through Tring was simply an engineering one. Each of them followed the Bulbourne valley, then crossed the Chiltern hills through the Tring gap. Even so, as far as the railway was concerned an enormous cutting, 2½ miles long and 57 feet deep for a quarter of a mile, had to be dug through the chalk ridge of Ivinghoe, using only horses and manpower. A million and a



Tring cutting - a major engineering feat.

half tons of chalk were dug out and transported to form embankments elsewhere.

Early in the planning of the London and Birmingham Railway there was a strong possibility that its alignment would follow the valley of the Gade rather than the Bulbourne, in which case it would have bypassed Berkhamsted by two or three miles. There was strong opposition to the preferred route from local landowners. Lord Brownlow, owner of Ashridge and of much of the land in and

around Berkhamsted at the time, spoke against the Bill in the House of Lords. 'The case for its promotion does not warrant the forcing of the proposed railway through the land and property of so great a proportion of dissentient landowners', he told their lordships.

Sir Astley Cooper, another local landowner as well as a notable surgeon, was also ardently against the railway on the grounds that it would cut up the estates of the landed gentry. 'If this sort of thing be permitted,' he declaimed in exasperation at a meeting with Robert Stephenson, 'you will in a very few years destroy the noblesse!'

Over a hundred years later when the M1 motorway was being planned one of the preliminary alignments considered was along the Bulbourne valley, but I imagine that option was discounted pretty early in the planning process. To have tried to force a six-lane motorway along our crowded valley would have aroused protests from more than the noblesse.



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thing on grounds of class or colour..... the present social order is an open denial of Christ; for it condemns the majority of mankind to be economic slaves ministering to the selfishness of the minority. To acquiesce in it is to crucify Christ afresh."

Very strong words. Things have changed since the 1920s, but in some parts of the world not dramatically. We can't live in our society without somehow acquiescing in the great divides between rich and poor. As we come to celebrate the wonder of Christmas, to celebrate the scandalous truth that divinity assumed humanity so that humanity might assume divinity, the outrageous truth of the Incarnation, let's not be afraid to rejoice using the material things that God has given us. But let's not also forget that a belief in the Incarnation will have social and political consequences too.

A Happy Christmas!

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**Jenny Wells considers the
advantages of a worldwide
profile for the Mother's Union.**

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As we prepare for Christmas here in Berkhamsted with a Christmas meditation and two travelling cribs once more circulating - we shall not forget our sisters in such far away places. ❖

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The new year will be momentous for our Town Hall. At last the market house facing the High Street will be fully restored and the large front room on the first floor, derelict since the 1970s, re-opened to the public.

The Town Hall Trust has had this ambition since it took over the threatened building in 1981. The restoration of the whole of the town hall complex has been lengthy and arduous. At first floor level the trust first restored and re-opened the Sessions Hall, then in 1992 the Great Hall. The trust has raised more than £900,000 in the restoration thus far. Now the last historic space awaits.

The market house epitomises the Victorian age. The mediaeval market house at the top of Water Lane burnt down mysteriously on the night of 23 August 1854. A committee was set up, chaired by General Finch of Berkhamsted Place, to erect a new building on the present site, funded by public subscription. An architectural competition was held. While the committee favoured the design of one architect they were quickly persuaded to chose another in fanciful gothic by Edward Buckton Lamb, proposed by patron Lady Alsford of Ashridge, mother of Lord Brownlow, then a boy (who incidentally was landlord of Berkhamsted Place).

The new market house was built in 1859. On the ground floor a market hall was constructed for trade, the income from which sustained the community halls. Upstairs a reading room for the Mechanics' Institute was incorporated.

The forthcoming restoration of the front room, capacity about 100 people, will provide a magical setting for community and social events (including weddings) and for artistic occasions. It is lit by the

BERKHAMSTED TOWN HALL : ANOTHER MAJOR STEP FORWARD

Chairman of the Friends of
Berkhamsted Town Hall,
Giles Clark, reports.

stone oriel windows and features timber vaulted ceiling and original chimney-pieces. A chair lift for the disabled will be included; and adjoining new lavatories and a cloakroom will be built to serve both the front room and the Great Hall behind. Last year 30,000 people

used the town hall. The opening of this further historic room should increase attendance by a third.

Apart from further improvements to the interior, the next phase of the building works include completing the restoration of the front to the High Street and some re-roofing. The great news is that the Heritage Lottery Board has granted the trust £225,000 for the building work and the Trust has secured partnership funding of £88,000. But the Heritage Board declined to contribute £50,000 of proposed works such as the cloakroom, display cases to house the town's artefacts, and a dry bar. Furthermore, the trust and the Friends of the Town Hall always knew that they would have to raise funds for the loose fittings (chairs, tables, curtains and so on) which were not eligible for lottery funding.

Hence the Friends and the trust will shortly be launching an appeal for £48,000 for the very things people will actually see and use. If you are interested in helping this great conservation and community project please contact the Friends' chairman Giles Clark (Tel: work 01908 653515; home 01442 865158) or the Trust's Chairman Ken Sherwood (865158).

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to include not only four continuing care sisters dedicated to home care, but also an eight-bedded inpatient unit, a comprehensive bereavement service and a day hospice caring for 16 patients a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In 1997, Dr Ros Taylor was appointed as the medical director and it is under her guidance and the vision of the trustees that the hospice faces the future. Dr Taylor leads a strong management team dedicated to continuing the special, individual care that the hospice is renowned for. Alongside this is a commitment to deliver a service that uses its funds wisely to bring expert palliative care to as many of those in our community who could benefit.

The National Health Service as a whole is facing major changes in the commissioning of health care with the inception of primary care groups. The hospice is ready to respond to the development of its services to meet the needs of its catchment area. Not only is the best clinical practice adopted for symptom control and pain relief, but also embraced are the most effective methods of holistic patient care and comfort. Quality control and questionnaires enable the hospice to adapt and respond to the

THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS: PREPARING FOR THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND

Pat Dodge updates us on the hospice's plans for the coming years.

needs of the patient and their relatives. Our goal is a flexible and responsive service, aiming to help patients stay within their own home for as long as they wish. Admissions to the hospice are for symptom control, respite or terminal care, reducing the need for urgent hospital stays. Alternative therapies

are expanding to provide a complementary range of services that support conventional clinical care.

To support these enhancements, the hospice is also gradually improving the administration systems. Computerised data and new technology aid clinical audit, and communication with local GPs and district nursing teams.

As a charity, and relying mainly on voluntary contributions, we feel it is vital that we work closely with our friends and volunteers in the community. Currently we are reviewing the format of our newsletter and annual report to ensure that we reach the right people and provide an interesting vehicle for the distribution of our information.

The trustees, in conjunction with Dr Taylor, are also reviewing the space requirements both for current services and those planned for the future. Various building options are being examined and a feasibility study is in progress.

Fundraising will need to play an important part in the financing of any future building plans and services. We need the support and commitment of our friends to ensure the hospice responds to the needs of the new millennium. ❖



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Parking is available in the Church Hall car park next to the allotments, just above the Vicarage on Ivy House Lane. If this is full, parking is permitted on the Church side of Ivy House Lane.

In September I took advantage of the open day organised by Thames Water at Berkhamsted's new sewage treatment works. It lies just north of the canal off Little Heath Lane, adjacent to the old works. Many others did likewise. Several hundred people of all ages, from children to grandparents, gathered during the course of the Saturday afternoon in the marquee which had been erected for the purpose. Food and drink were served while Thames Water's engineers explained how the system works. I think the number of people attending the event greatly exceeded their expectations and, as the afternoon wore on, these poor men became hoarse and exhausted with the amount of talking they had to do.

We were taken on a tour of the installation in groups of about twelve. My group was shown round by a very jolly chemical engineer, who explained that the sewage treatment process is based on the fortunate biological fact that certain bacteria regard our waste as a gourmet meal. The art of the process is to harness these preferences to useful purposes. The waste is channelled into the works through a concrete trough. At this point it is a murky looking liquid which contains a lot of items that have found their way into the sewers by accident: bits of cloth, plastic, polystyrene food containers and similar articles. These are removed by a device which looks rather like a waterwheel with metal spikes. The offending items are impaled on the spikes and deposited on a belt. This takes them through a machine which grinds them to a dust that looks just like the contents of a vacuum cleaner bag. Every fortnight or so the deposits are taken to an incinerator at Rickmansworth.

Things we prefer not to think about!

Stephen Halliday investigates one of Berkhamsted's more unusual 'attractions'.

with oxygen to encourage bacterial activity and then flows, by gravity, through a series of similar processes, each stimulating different bacteria to do their work. At the end of each phase of the treatment process samples are taken to ensure that the appropriate degree of purity has been achieved and it was possible, as we observed each successive sample, to see for ourselves that the water was gradually becoming clearer.

The final stage, using the very latest technology to remove the remaining impurities, causes the liquid to flow through an enormous filter. Imagine a plastic egg box with holes in the bottom. The water trickles over the sloping sides of the box, through the bottom into the next egg box below. Then imagine many thousands of these egg boxes forming a filter about sixty feet wide and thirty feet deep. The surfaces of the 'egg box' filter are coated with green bacteria which greedily devour any remaining impurities in the water as it passes over them. By the time the water reaches the bottom of the filter it has passed over hundreds of such surfaces in a steady trickle and there's not much left for the bacteria at the bottom of the filter. Poor old things. Finally, the liquid gets another blast of oxygen before it is allowed to flow into the canal. At this point it is not clean enough to drink but it has to be cleaner than the water already in

The remaining liquid is pumped to a container which looks like a water tower and which lies on a ridge at the northern end of the plant. In this container the solids are allowed to settle in the bottom of the tank. They are then pumped out and taken to the incinerator. The remaining liquid is fed

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Firstly I must apologise as I may have misled all Liberal-Democrat readers in last month's issue. Councillor Stanley Sharpe reminded the town council meeting in October that it was not intended that 300 houses should be built

in Berkhamsted which he believed I wrote. At least one other councillor thought I should have checked my facts before going into print. He felt that the true picture was that they should be built around Berkhamsted. Having now read several times just what I wrote, it appears that I actually said that 'our share was 300 and it was reported that only 190 now need to be built in the town'. Those are facts as issued by the borough council. If you missed the Berkhamsted structure plan exhibition, then you have another chance on Friday 11th December between 10:00am and 9:00pm in the Northchurch Social Centre.

Land once owned by the Berkhamsted School is rapidly becoming an issue for residents of Chesham Road and Priory Gardens. Applications are currently going through the system for blocks of flats on both the Incents Lawn site (that's the green bit on the right before the footpath to Butts Meadow) and the ex-prep school,

CUTTING COMMENTS

Independent councillor
Norman Cutting on housing
development in the town.

which was previously just a detached house, about one hundred yards farther up the hill. I consider both these applications are not within the spirit of the area character study recently published by the borough planning

department. This study was undertaken because of concerns by both the town council and borough planning department that unsuitable developments were being proposed and very little could be done under the planning laws. The thinking was that if an agreed strategy was in place, then refusals could be defended if appeals against decisions were made. I'm sure this study has been totally ignored by developers in the town and they continue to use the 'housing need' and 'we have to make a profit' motives to justify the application. Just to make sure, they often put in duplicate applications so that one can go to appeal while the other is determined. Do not be surprised to see the lower left-hand side of Chesham Road being redeveloped over the next year or so if these applications are either refused or scaled down.

The borough planning department in conjunction with the majority group has
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the canal. One of the results of all this treatment is that, at the end of the process, the water is full of oxygen and produces huge quantities of bubbles which look like detergent foam: perfectly harmless but unsightly. Thames Water are trying to find a way of getting rid of the bubbles.

I asked how many people work at the site and was told that it is now a 'visited site': there are no permanent staff apart from the bacteria which are the most

important element in the process and work without pay! ❖

Can I remind my fellow distributors of the Review that the time is approaching when we have to collect the annual subscriptions. May I suggest that each of us tries to get at least one additional subscriber this year? I've got my eye on a particular estate agent in the High Street who is going to be my new subscriber, though he doesn't know it yet.



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decided to compile a code of conduct for councillors in relation to applications. A number of opposition members have expressed the view that the code, if agreed (good that: remember the in-built majority and what happens if you don't toe the party line), will ensure the officers will make all the decisions. Members of the development control committee will not be allowed to vary officers' recommendations or conditions. Ward members not on the committee will not be allowed to discuss applications with anyone without an officer being present. The idea is that if there is discussion of any planning matter members must avoid talking to anyone who may have a say in the decision. I was on development control for three years and I found it helpful and interesting to get 'unofficial' background from both those in favour and those opposing applications.

The new parking charge regime recently came into force in the town and even after all the suggestions, comments, compromises and consultations that have been done, we still have more parking requirements than space available. What a surprise! We need to reduce the number of vehicles coming into the town centre. This could be achieved by pricing, restricting or good old education. Railtrack have effectively priced their car parking facilities to reduce demand. The borough council has used a combination of pricing and time restrictions to manage the town centre car parks. This just leaves further restrictions hopefully combined with greatly improved public transport and possibly additional out of town parking facilities. Even partial pedestrianisation could be tried for a period. You notice I have ignored education, as I am sure that is a lost cause. I mean, out of all the town councillors (13) and staff (4), only two or three usually walk to the civic centre, so should they expect others not to use the car? ❖

THE MILLENNIUM DOME: SO WHAT?

How will the Dome compare with the Empire Exhibition of 1924, Vera Pullen wonders.

The other day I found an old atlas and, always being interested in maps, I turned to the map of the world and was immediately transported back to childhood. I remember my father showing me a similar map of the world and pointing out that all the pink bits belonged to 'us' - the British Empire. In those days 24th May was always celebrated as 'Empire Day' and at school the word 'Empire' was chalked out right across the playground. During the morning we were taken out, found our appointed places on the letters, waved our union jacks and sang 'Land of Hope and Glory'. Stirring stuff! I have a photograph to prove it. The great thing to my mind about Empire Day was that it was a half holiday.

In 1924/25 another memorable thing happened - the Empire Exhibition at Wembley. Until then Wembley was little more than a village. The squire, Sir Titus Barham, a little hunchbacked man, was occasionally seen riding his horse along the High Road, followed at a suitable distance by his groom. Once a year he opened the grounds of his house at Barham Park to the hoi polloi and, dressed in our best, we walked round the grounds and also looked round a small museum in an outhouse. A collection was taken and we bought flags in aid of Queen Alexandra's Nurses.

The exhibition was opened by King George V and Queen Mary by a celebration in the stadium at which there

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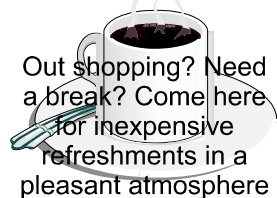
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Confusion by Numbers

*Alan Fantham, chairman of
Northchurch Parish Council, writes:*

I read Norman Cutting's comments in your publication with some interest, sympathising in the main with his conclusions. Both Berkhamsted Town Council and Northchurch Parish Council, who your readers might be interested to learn, have exactly the same legal powers, experience keen frustration in knowing that they could probably arrange local administration in a much better and more efficient way if allowed to, than is currently the case from either Hemel Hempstead or Hertford.

One by-line which did spring to my attention concerns the confusion in Dacorum's statistics regarding Northchurch and Berkhamsted. Norman commented that it is very difficult to 'see

the wood for the trees' when statistics from both areas are combined. This does not happen with Hemel Hempstead and Kings Langley, neither does it happen with Aldbury and Wigginton or indeed Little Gaddesden and Great Gaddesden. Why therefore should it happen with Northchurch and Berkhamsted? One is tempted to suggest that it might happen because it suits planners to be able to confuse both councils by not being able to provide firm indications for each area of forthcoming development plans. A cynic might also suggest that it is a method by which Dacorum Borough Council's

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The Millennium Dome - So What? *(continued from page 19)*

were massed choirs, clergy and so on. Thousands of schoolchildren were taken, accompanied by their teachers and I remember my mother was asked to go and help with the children. The stadium was full. I had never seen such a vast place. The thing which I remember most clearly, I must add, was that we were all given a bag of sweets!

In those far off days it was rare to see a foreigner though I remember my mother once took me to have afternoon tea with a friend and on the way she explained the lady was a 'White Russian'. I hadn't a clue what a 'White Russian' was and, as my mother explained on our way home, disgraced her by staring at the poor woman fixedly whilst we were there.

Even looking back after all these years it was a wonderland. Just to be there was absolutely magical. It brought all those far off countries to us, here in our own

country, and we could see for ourselves what they were like, what the people were like, how they lived and for many of us it made us realise just what wonders there were in the world.

We were there on the last night. My father was a man of such enthusiasm and imagination and as the years go by we all realise more and more just how fortunate we were to have had him. On that last night he said, 'Look around you because you will never, in your life time, see anything like this again.' And he was absolutely right.

So you can see why, so far, the proposals for the Millennium Dome leave me rather cold. I doubt if whatever they put in it, it will come up to the sheer inspiration and magic of the British Empire Exhibition so long ago. ❖

development control department does not need to bother where the boundary is drawn. My own view of their inability to provide the split on these statistics is that under the new 'rape of the green belt' policy, the majority of new developments will be in the civil parish of Northchurch. By combining Northchurch and Berkhamsted it will be possible for administrators to point out that there is a very low percentage increase in the development which is to take place, therefore placing lower burdens on schools, water supplies etc. Whereas, if the proposed Northchurch development were shown, this would highlight potential problems. Northchurch is up for grabs by more developers than Berkhamsted and the discussed sites are:

- the area between Bell Lane and Durrants Lane,
- Lock Field which is between the canal and the railway and borders Northchurch New Road, and
- the Claridge farmed, Wilcon owned land between Dudswell and Northchurch.

These three sites alone, if all were developed, could add some 500 houses to Northchurch and might treble the population.

Northchurch has, for many years, been attempting to get the development control department to differentiate between the two areas. We have received support from the director and indeed, the chief executive has promised that his officers will comply. However, still nothing is done. One sometimes wonders who rules the roost.

As you can probably judge, the development control department is not our favourite department in Hemel Hempstead. The department, whether it is run by Conservatives or Socialists seems to have a mind of its own which pays little

or no attention to the wishes of town or parish councils on development issues. The law quite clearly states that it has to take our views into consideration. In the main their 'taking our views into consideration' seems to be to read what we say and then go and do their own thing and sometimes come back to us to let us know what they have done and why they have done it.

Your readers might be interested to know that Northchurch Parish Council were invited to contribute to the debate on the 'rape of the green belt' discussion, sent a four page letter to Dacorum Borough Council under the signature of the chairman and inadvertently, a copy of this was returned to Northchurch Parish Council on which a senior executive had scribbled 'Do not take too much notice of this - it's his own view'. So much for debate, discussions and unified decisions. Its little wonder that we find it very difficult to co-operate with a department whose officers have this view of parish councils and their elected representatives.

*86 Coniston Road
Kings Langley WD4 8DE*

Joseph Bazalgette

Hilary Talbot-Ponsonby writes:

Reading Stephen Halliday's article about Joseph Bazalgette (November *Review*) reminded me of his grandson (or great-grandson) John who lived in Berkhamsted in the 1950s and 60s with his wife and family. He taught PE and RE at Ashlyns and played for Harlequins.

He was a member of Christian Teamwork, founded by Bruce Reed, as was my husband Evelyn. John Bazalgette left Berkhamsted to work more closely with Christian Teamwork and went to live on a houseboat on the River Thames. 38
*Kitsbury Road
Berkhamsted HP4 3EA*

ALL SAINTS' PARTNERSHIP

The process of reviewing the local ecumenical partnership (LEP) at All Saints' church is continuing. The next step is for all who worship at All Saints' to complete a questionnaire about the series of joint Anglican-Methodist all-age services which has been held each first Sunday in every month since May. If you feel you are an All Saints' attender and have not been given a questionnaire please ask for one from Rev Robin Figg (866161).

A special open meeting to be held on Sunday, 6th December will discuss the response to the questionnaire and help to determine the future pattern of worship at All Saints'. Please come and have your say, which is very important.

Meanwhile the team of experts from the Anglican diocese and the Methodist district who visited All Saints' earlier in the year and spoke to many of our people, have produced a draft report. This will be revised in the light of comments from the local clergy based at All Saints' and others. The final report, with recommendations on where we should go from here, will be available in the new year.

CHRISTIAN AID FAIR

A Christian Aid Fair will be held on Saturday, 12th December from 9:00am until noon at the Court House. This later date will, it is hoped, avoid clashing with the switching on of the town Christmas lights. A further innovation is the provision of a stall by the Tuesday Club, selling home-made confectionery. We also hope to sell home-made cakes, preserves and similar groceries; bric-a-brac, toiletries and items suitable as gifts; second-hand toys and, space permitting, books. However, we can do none of these without your support - both in donating items and in attending the fair with a full purse or wallet. Donated items can be collected. Please contact either Muriel Johnson (866447) or Ted Lewis (864352).

AN INVITING OPPORTUNITY

Would you consider inviting an international student far from home to spend a weekend or Christmas with you? If so, the charity HOST (Hosting for Overseas Students) would love to hear from you. One visit can make all the difference in enabling a student at university in Britain to feel at home here.

Volunteering to host occasionally is interesting and helps to foster international understanding. For more information please write to HOST (ref NLP98), 3 New Burlington Mews, London W1R 8LU, call 0171 494 2468 or email host@btinternet.com.

Keith and Ruth Treves-Brown (863268) have hosted many students and would be very glad to discuss what is involved.

TUESDAY CLUB

Our Christmas Party is on Tuesday, 1st December in the Court House, 7:00pm for 7:30pm. The two course meal and coffee, with vegetarian option, will cost £4.50. Please let Angela Morris (866992) know by 29th November whether you will be attending and bringing a guest.

We will be running a stall at the Christian Aid Fair on Saturday, 12th December. Please give any contributions to Angela Morris or Margaret Barnard.

Our January meeting, on Tuesday, 5th, will be an illustrated talk on *The English Rothschilds*.

**Please come to a special meeting of
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Hall

LEPROSY MISSION

Meg Harper and May Kempster wish to thank all who contributed, helped or supported the recent sale in the Court House. In spite of the heavy rain we are pleased to announce that almost £300 was raised. Thank you again for your support.

SALVATION ARMY CAROL SERVICE

Lieut. Stephen Poxon invites you to a carol service organised by the Salvation Army on Saturday, 19th December at 7:00pm in Berkhamsted Town Hall. Tickets cost £1.50 and may be bought at the Way Inn. Stephen urges you to get one so that you can guarantee yourself a seat. All profits go to the Hospice of St Francis. Please come.

BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCHES

Bread and cheese lunches are served on the last Tuesday in each month at the Quaker Meeting House, 289 High Street from 12:30 to 2:00pm. The cost is from £1.25 and proceeds are in aid of Quaker Service. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS WALK

Come and join the Friends of Ashridge for their Christmas walk on Monday, 28th December starting at 10:00am from Monument Green. Brian and Sian Barton will lead you on an easy walk of general interest for all ages, returning to mulled wine and mince pies at around 12noon. Tickets (£3 for members, £4 for non-members, children half price) can be had from Janet Stupples, Berkhamstead Lodge, Ashridge Park, Berkhamsted HP4 1NP.

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)

THE WAY INN

The Association of Berkhamsted Churches (ABC) runs a Christian bookshop and coffee shop (just behind and above the High Street Post Office) for the promotion of Christian literature and for hospitality. It is in the centre of the town - so why travel anywhere else?

The bookshop stocks a selection of Bibles, Bible study notes, Christian books, magazines, videos, CDs, audio tapes, Sunday school resources, and greeting cards for all occasions. There is also a comprehensive stock of everyday stationery.

Within the last month, the ABC has, through the Way Inn, donated several hundred pounds worth of Christian books to the public libraries at Tring and Berkhamsted. The libraries were delighted to have this opportunity to enhance their shelves, and they were able to select what they wanted from lists supplied by the ABC.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PEOPLE



For many years the Dacorum Volunteer Bureau has co-ordinated this event, arranging help with transport, volunteer wheelchair pushers and entertainment for the evening. Last year around 250 special shoppers booked their evening out through the bureau and many others came along to the shops with friends and relatives. They all had a great time! For many elderly people this may be first time they have been to the shops in months.

There will be entertainments from the choirs of the Guides and Brownies, the Blue Angel majorettes and the Tring School Swing Band.

As usual wheelchairs are available to borrow for the evening and there will be plenty of help in and around the shops.

To arrange transport, book a wheelchair or to obtain more information, please ring the Christmas hotline on 214734.



The trust is assisting with a varied programme in December.

On *Saturday 5th December* Berkhamsted Music Society presents the novel *Esprit Trio* (flute, cello, harp) playing music by Debussy, Villa Lobos and Mendelssohn in the Great Hall of the town hall at 8:00pm. Admission at the door to non-members is £7 (£3.50 under 21).

On *Saturday 12th December* Berkhamsted Jazz feature Alan Elsdon and his *All Star Jazzband* at the Civic Centre at 8:00pm. Tickets at the door, from the Civic Centre or the secretary on 01525 220894 at £7 for non-members (£3.50 for students and children).

Sunday 13th December: Ashlyns School invites you to their carol service in the school chapel at 3:00pm. Collection for charity.

On *Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December*, Berkhamsted Film Society are screening *Mrs Brown* (with Judi Dench as Queen Victoria) in the Civic Centre at 8:00pm. Non-members tickets from the public library cost £3.

Sunday 28th December sees the Dacorum Symphony Orchestra present their Christmas concert featuring *The Snowman* by Howard Blake with Michael Bernstein as the narrator in the Pavilion Hemel Hempstead at 3:30pm. Tickets from the box office (228700) or the secretary (232427) cost £7 (£4 for concessionaires).

On *Wednesday, 27th December*, the Cowper Society presents the Chiltern Chamber Choir in the *Mass for Christmas* by Michael Praetorius in St Peter's church at 7:30pm. Tickets £7 (concessions £4) From The Bookstack or at the door.

On *Friday 1st January 1999* the Berkhamsted Citizens Association invites you to join their

traditional New Year's Day ramble to Aldbury (pub lunch or bring your own). No charge.

AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

An amusing operetta, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, will be presented in All Saints' church on Sunday, 9th January 1999 at 7:30pm. Tickets are £3 for adults, but children are free.

This charming musical celebration of Christmas will be presented in a semi-staged concert version featuring Alex Hunting (treble) as Amahl and Yen-Fei Lin (soprano) as his mother. It tells the story of some unexpected visitors at a humble dwelling in the desert. They are 'following the star'. Come along and discover the rest of the story.

The musical director is David Cooke and the accompanist Helen Cooke (piano).

BERKHAMSTED W.I.



The October meeting opened with our president, Mrs Jill Blumson, welcoming members and informing them of forthcoming meetings and outings and reporting on the numerous outings and expeditions which had occurred during the last month. Of particular note, were an after-hours' visit and tour around the town's 'new' Waitrose store and an historic walk around the town led by Mr John Cook. Our autumn fair had been highly successful, despite appalling Saturday morning weather conditions and had produced a healthy profit. Thanks were offered to all members for their contributions and hard work.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Ron Howe from Chessoval Farm, Chesham Vale whose talk was entitled *Talking Turkeys*. Chessoval Farm is the oldest turkey farm in the country with a family history which can be traced back to the 1700s. Mr Howe had many fascinating tales to tell of the early days when his family were starting their farming. There was a time when a dustbin was attached to his bicycle to collect the vegetarian scraps to feed the birds, while on other occasions chicken

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eggs were hatched in bed by changing the hot water bottles every three hours!! One of the major steps forward in the course of the farming story was the arrival of the freezer in the 1950s. This indeed changed the way of life at the farm although it was an uphill struggle persuading the public to accept frozen birds. Another milestone reached was the 'portioning' of turkeys from 1986. The farm now has 48 cuts of turkey on offer. However, as with many other small family businesses the pressure from large supermarkets and the growth of huge commercial turkey farms has seen the Chessovale market share drop from supplying 40 butchers to around five, making the business non viable after Christmas 1998. This was a sad ending to a most interesting and informative talk.

Our annual meeting was held on 18th November in the Gable Hall, Prince Edward Street.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

Berkhamsted Castle W.I. held their annual meeting on 6th November and the president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed Margaret Pearson of the executive committee of HFWI together with all members.

Our secretary Janet Mitchell reported on activities for the past year which was a varied and entertaining one with many excellent speakers. Margaret Pearson presided over the election of the president and Liz Baxendale was re-elected for further year. We look forward to another interesting and entertaining programme of speakers and outings for the coming year.

On 4th December our speaker is John Smith who is giving us an illustrated talk entitled *Festival* at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm.

Why not come and bring a friend and have an enjoyable afternoon with us.

NORTHCHURCH W.I.

The October meeting opened on a sad note when our president Joan Hollingdale informed members of the death of Jean Denham, a long-standing member who will be sadly missed.

Irene Helm reported on a meeting attended by several members at the Royal Institute to hear a lecture by Professor Richard Catlow on *Great Scientists*. He outlined the history of the building established in 1790 and continued by discussing the work of several scientists before coming to his main subjects, Davy (of the miners' lamp) and Michael Faraday. His lecture was reinforced by some lively experiments much enjoyed by his audience. With their thirst for culture thus stimulated some members went on to the Royal Academy, some to the Science Museum, and some to Fortnum & Mason.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs A Goldsmith, a registered reflexologist. Mrs Goldsmith gave a detailed explanation of how and why reflexology as an alternative remedy is thought to work with the body's own recuperative powers. Sheila Gilbert offered her elegant feet for demonstration purposes and as Mrs Goldsmith worked over them Sheila's cries of pain when unrealised tender areas were revealed provoked much unseemly laughter.

Northchurch joined with Aldbury, Wigginton and Tring at an evening group meeting hosted by Aldbury. A local magistrate was the principal speaker for the evening and following her talk Wigginton choir entertained the audience with a sparkling performance. Northchurch were the winners of the competition for a greetings card and carried home the trophy.



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**Revd Peter Hart
contrasts the
gloom of Advent
with the glory
that follows.**

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December: Advent: darkness: waiting. These are some of the ideas that come to mind as the year draws to a close, and the liturgical year starts up again. Take the flowers away, leave out the *Gloria*, go to Compline.

December, however, also brings light and glory. The candles on the Advent ring are lit one by one. We think of Jesus coming in glory to judge the world, of the glory of God displayed in the Bible, foretold by John the Baptist, accepted by the young but believing Mary - quite the opposite of Advent gloom.

In the world around us, light increases as the month progresses. The Christmas lights in Berkhamsted are turned on in the first week of December, slowly but surely, neighbours start to deck out Christmas trees in their windows, and hardy souls venture onto stepladders to cover their houses in twinkly lights. As the darkness of the year deepens, so we keep it at bay with our displays and candles.

The four weeks that lead up to Christmas, though set aside for acts of penitence and preparation, are not necessarily gloomy. Repentance and consciousness of sin

bring forgiveness and a new start, which lift the soul, and put a spring in our step. The discipline of prayerful anticipation of Christ in glory, be it as judge or as God in human form, raises us from the ordinary to an appreciation of the numinous. It enables us to penetrate the mystery of God's dealing with humanity that little bit further. That discipline is necessary, or else the distractions of the commercial world can blind us to the revelations of glory which surround us.

As we start afresh the Christian year in penitence and prayer, let us look for signs of glory, within our world, within the Church and within ourselves. And as those signs of glory increase, so may we be ready to greet the Christ child when he comes in the humility of the stable. ❖





Christmas Services at St Peter's and All Saints

SUNDAY		THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
20 Dec	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints</i>
	9.15am	Sung Eucharist with Children's Nativity	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism.	<i>St Peter's</i>
		The Sunday School Nativity play	<i>Court House</i>
		followed by carols, mulled wine & mince pies.	
	6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6.00pm	Carol Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
THURSDAY		CHRISTMAS EVE	
24 Dec	11.00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	4.00pm	Crib Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
	4.00pm	Crib Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
	11.30pm	The Procession to the Crib and Midnight Mass of Christmas	<i>St Peter's</i>
FRIDAY		CHRISTMAS DAY	
25 Dec	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9.15am	Sung Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	11.30am	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>St Peter's</i>
SUNDAY		JOHN THE APOSTLE	
27 Dec	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	9.15am	Sung Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6.00pm	Said Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
THURSDAY		NEW YEAR'S EVE	
31 Dec		The bells will ring out the old year and ring in the new	<i>St Peter's</i>
SUNDAY		THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	
3 Jan	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	10.00am	Joint Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong & Sermon	<i>All Saints'</i>
WEDNESDAY		THE EPIPHANY	
6 Jan	6.45am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8.00pm	Solemn Mass for the Epiphany of our Lord	<i>St Peter's</i>

SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's:</i>	8:00am	Eucharist				
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House				
		11:00am	Celebrate Together (2nd Sunday only) - A service for all ages				
		6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]				
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	Eucharist [except 4th Sunday, Methodist rite]				
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall. All Saints' is an Anglican Methodist local ecumenical partnership. On the <i>first Sunday</i> each month there is <i>instead</i> a joint family service at <i>10am</i>				
		6:30pm	Evensong [1st Sunday only] Other Sundays Methodist service				
		7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship (<i>contact Christine Billington 385566</i>)				
MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)		
TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP				
	<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		
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>						
Mondays	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.						
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>						
Mondays (except 1st)	BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP: 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park						
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Angela Morris 866992 or secretary Margaret Barnard 862794.						
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time 1st & 3rd Tuesdays; Short service 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Special activity weekly. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Jenny Wells 870981.						
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981						
Wednesdays	MEDITATION GROUP: meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and 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 385566.						
2nd Wed	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <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. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804						
Tuesday / Friday	TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS: Tues 1-3pm / Fri 9:30-11:30am. Two separate weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Tuesday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday						
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 864194						
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						
3rd Saturday	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. 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 every weekday and 5:30pm Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays.

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DECEMBER

4	10:00am	'Little Fishes' Pram Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	10:15am	'Chuckles' Pram Service (The Christmas Story)	<i>All Saints'</i>
9	7:30pm	ABC Carol Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
13	11:00am	<i>Celebrate Together</i> - a service for all ages	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	
16	9:15am	Victoria School Thomas Bourne Service	
19	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Peter's</i>
23	7:30pm	Concert: Michael Praetorius Mass for Christmas	<i>St Peter's</i>
24	6:00pm	ABC Christmas Eve Praise around the Town Christmas Tree	

SERVICES at St Peter's and All Saints'
20 December to 6 January see page 28

JANUARY

8	10:00am	'Little Fishes' Pram Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
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Registers

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

18 October	Jennifer Claire Emma Apthorp, Claire Anna Below
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Weddings (*St Peter's*)

18 October	Thomas Percival Broomé & Catriona Louise Sunderland
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Funerals

28 September	George Croft	Chiltern Crematorium
9 October	Beryl Walton	Golders Green Crematorium
12 October	Olive Rowlinson Pickburn	Chiltern Crematorium
14 October	Madeline Florence Emily Gomm	Chiltern Crematorium
19 October	Evelyn May Scott	Chiltern Crematorium
26 October	Eva Brownhill	Kingshill Cemetary
28 October	Thomas Loveridge	St Peter's (committal at Kingshill)
3 November	Leslie Pedder	Chiltern Crematorium

Young people

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Contacts

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)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Chalice rota	Martin Macdonald (872002)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Sunday school	<i>Angela Dunsford (875726)</i>	Elizabeth Figg (866161)
Youth activities	Carole Dell (864706)	Christina Billington (385566)
Church maintenance	<i>Christopher Green (863241)</i>	Mike Limbrick (384682)
Church cleaning	Jean Green (863241)	Currently vacant
Flower arrangements	Gwen Beddall (862845)	Jayne Harris (873974)
Sunday morning coffee	Rene Dunford (862420)	Sylvia Banks (871195)
Service recordings	Tony Blair (864660)	Ian McCalla (384574)
Intercessions	Rev. Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	Tony Roberts (865679)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Electoral Roll	<i>Currently vacant</i>	Pat Hearne (871270)
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	Felicity White (866223)
Sidesmen	<i>Barbara Conway (865798)</i>	John Banks (871195)
Social events	Chris Smalley (826821)	Still currently vacant
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	Rodney Cottrell (384963)
Hospice contact	Angela Morris (866992)	May Kempster (863037).



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 John Banks, Ladybrand, Cross Oak Road. Tel: 871195
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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 BCP) Holy Communion
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Wednesday 6.45am
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Thursday 11.00am
 (in the Court House) followed Friday 9.15am
 by coffee in the Court House. Morning Prayer: Mon-Sat 7:30am
 11:00am Celebrate Together (2nd Sun) Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:30pm
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon Sat 5:00pm
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints') Holy Days - see weekly Notices
Confessions: By appointment 864194
Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: Contact Father Mark Bonney.
Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road. Tel: 863804

Organist: Mrs Valerie McCalla Tel: 384574 Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894
Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (4th Sunday - Methodist rite)
 9:15am Family Eucharist (except 1st Sunday when Anglican-Methodist)
 Family Service at 10:00am
 6.30pm Evening Service (1st Sunday - Anglican rite, other Sundays Methodist rite)
Weekdays
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
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