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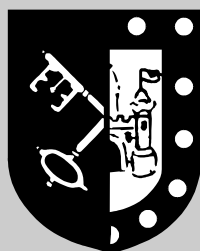
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

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

In May two important local events occur. The needs which the Berkhamsted Walk (9th May) and Christian Aid week (9th-15th May) seek to meet are growing apace.

We hear much these days, regrettably, about child abuse and family breakups. Both these are disasters from which the Children's Society tries to pick up the pieces.

Christian Aid is a member of the national Disasters Emergency Committee, an alliance of twelve major charities now striving to help the victims of the Balkan wars. Christian Aid is already committed to helping poor countries by funding development projects, often using intermediate technology. It campaigns hard for the remission of third world debt. Its resources are unlikely to be wholly adequate for these great tasks.

Please resist the very real temptation to give way to 'donor fatigue'. These needs are only going to go away if we all do something to help. Please give as much as you can.

*David Woodward*

### ***In this month's issue...***

#### **Meaning Easter**

**Fr Robin Figg** discusses the meaning of Easter in the modern world.

#### **Literary connections**

Did you realise how many connections our town has with famous writers? **John Cook** has been busy.

#### **Albert Grant**

**Stephen Halliday** tells us about the man who left us with Leicester Square.

#### **Where are the birdies?**

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**Revd Peter Hart** encourages us to not let outside attractions deflect us from worship.

*... plus our regular features, readers' letters, notes & notices and diary dates.*

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## **review** leader

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

As I write we have just shared together in the great celebration of Easter. We remembered that day which transformed the course of history and which across the years has transformed countless human lives. The setting for our celebration was, of course, our churches gloriously decorated with grand floral displays and Easter banners. After the bleakness of Lent our churches were wonderfully transformed into places of great colour and splendour.

But alongside this magnificence we have been faced with the scenes of horror coming from Kosovo and surrounding countries. Surely none of us can fail to have been deeply shocked by the stories we have read or heard coming from that part of our world. Whatever our thoughts concerning the NATO response to the situation, the plight of so many thousands of people being driven from their homes cannot fail to move us to respond.

As we proclaim the good news of the resurrection, with its message of hope, of new life, new beginnings for the world, how do we begin to make sense of such suffering. Where is the hope, where is the good news for those whose lives have been so viciously torn apart?

It is easy to feel impotent in the face of the immensity of pain and tragedy in our world, yet, as Christians we are called to respond. Brother Roger of Taizé wrote in his Easter letter: 'To communicate Christ....means keeping alert so as to live in compassion and kind-heartedness. Love, and say it by your life!'

Stirring and inspiring words which echo Christ's own exhortation to us, 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Unfortunately, for us human beings this seems easier to say than to do. Part of the challenge to us who are called by Christ to carry his love in this battered world, we who feel so insignificant and powerless, is to start seeing ourselves in the faces of the dispossessed and tormented. If it were us, how would we want people to react to our plight? How would we want to be treated? What would be our needs? We would need safe haven, food, shelter, medical treatment.....so many things. How can we help, tied as we are to our life and work? We can begin by thanking God for those who are able to respond practically, our aid agencies and charities whose dedicated workers are ready to help wherever they are needed. We can provide them with the tools they need to give that help, by monetary and material donations.

We can, and must, also pray. We must cry out to God with hearts full of compassion for the suffering of so many. We proclaim a Saviour who is risen and alive. He needs our faith to be alive also. Even as we despair at the scale of suffering in our world He gives us the key, 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Let us see ourselves and Christ in the faces on our television screens and in our papers and we will know what to do.

*'Love, and say it by your life!'*

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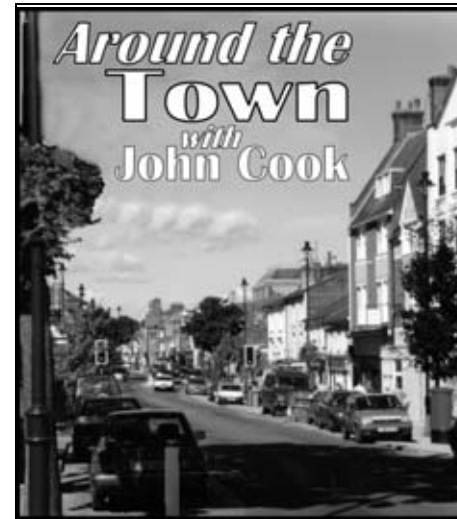
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### Local Gatekeepers

Now that the summer is almost here more of us will be finding some excuse to drive through Ashridge Park along the beautiful private road that passes the college. With its beech woods, vistas and of course the magnificent palace it is a lovely run at any time of the year. It will cost you 40p if you go when the gate is manned, as it is more regularly now than it used to be, even in winter. The only way to avoid payment is to get a pass, but these are restricted to students and staff at the college, and to genuine residents of Little Gaddesden who can have one for £10 a year.

The man who takes your money is more often than not remarkably cheery and chatty, despite being stuck in all weathers on an exposed spot 600 feet above sea level. It is worth your 40p just to talk to him if he is not busy. He will speak to you about the changing skies and the local wild life, both of which he knows a fair bit about.

Another gatekeeper, the chap who is normally there to let you out of Waitrose car park, is also something of a nature enthusiast, keeping his bird table well stocked and able to talk knowledgeably about the bird life along the Bulbourne. He too is well worth passing the time of day

with, but usually he is rather busier than his counterpart high up in Ashridge Park.

### Literary Connections

Reminders of Berkhamsted writers keep cropping up in unexpected places. On Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*, Clare Hollingworth chose G. M. Trevelyan's *History of England* as the one book she would want to take with her, along with the Bible and the works of Shakespeare (and, of course, her eight records), when cast ashore and all alone.

Trevelyan, perhaps the greatest English historian of his day and pioneer of social history, lived for many years in a house in Kings Road. It is still there, just opposite the school grounds. When he was in Berkhamsted he interested himself in local affairs. He was a leading figure in the group of people who in the 1920s fought to save Ashridge Park and Frithesden Beeches for the nation, and he was much involved in the 1922 Berkhamsted pageant. A street in the Town, Trevelyan Way, is named after him.

Trevelyan's daughter, Mary Moorman, went to the Girls' School and became a writer too. She was an authority on Wordsworth and also wrote her father's biography, which includes references to Berkhamsted. There is a copy in the library. Mary married J. R. H. Moorman, the bishop and author of the acclaimed work *A History of the Church in England*.

### W. W. Jacobs

Another reminder was the advertisement in the *Gazette* for a performance of a play at Watford's Palace Theatre based on W. W. Jacobs' macabre story *The Monkey's Paw*. Jacobs lived here, in a house in Chesham Road – Beechcroft – which was pulled down a few years ago to make way for the housing development that has the same name. He was a very popular storyteller in his day and quite a well-known figure about town before the last war; but no street here has yet been named after him.

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### Street Naming Opportunity

The redevelopment of the large AgrEvo site in the High Street seems to be near to getting the go-ahead. This will give the opportunity for some new street names to be thought up. Responsibility for naming streets is the borough council's, but there is nothing to stop anyone from tossing in a few ideas.

For this site I would personally favour names that reflected Berkhamsted's industrial past, or perhaps its literary connections. For the latter, several names have already been used (Chaucer, Cowper, Greene, Trevelyan and so on), but how about Nash (Nash Terrace, Berkhamsted, would sound rather a grand address), and more recent local writers such as Moorman, Jacobs, Birtchnell and Todd. The names of local heroes could also be considered: Edmund who lived in the Castle in the 13th century and founded Ashridge, and Augustus Smith, who saved the common from enclosure.

As for industrial reminders we could have Coopers of course; Clunbury after the printing works associated with Coopers, and Costin after the local boatbuilder, even Wellcome; but perhaps not the short-lived and un-English sounding Roussell Uclef (see, I have already forgotten how to spell it) or AgrEvo. And no one would want to live in a street named after the products which used to be made on this site or the raw materials for them: not, I think, Sheep-dip Crescent, Sulphur Way, Arsenic Avenue or Aerosol Rise.

### A New Wood

It must be quite a rare event for a new wood to be created anywhere these days, let alone within a mile of the centre of Berkhamsted. For some years farmer Mark Baxter had the thought of making a small wood on his land, and this ambition has



*The AgrEvo site: a suitable source of a street name?*

now been fulfilled. On three acres at the top of the slope opposite the barns on Well Farm he has planted 1,000 oaks, 500 ashes and 250 cherries (the wild variety). The 250 other trees that make up the total of 2,000 are hazels, maples, hornbeams and guelder rose - all species indigenous to our local countryside. A hundred Christmas trees have also been planted as a cash crop. At the moment of course there is not much to see: mostly just the tubes that protect the saplings from being nibbled by any rabbits and deer that might manage to penetrate the fence.

Mother Nature has lent a hand and watered them in well. Time will tell whether it was wise to have allowed Canon Basil Jones to plant a few of them. Oh that something could now be done to speed up the growing process so that those of my age group could still be here when the wood begins to reach maturity. But our grandchildren should be able to enjoy it and appreciate Mr Baxter's foresight; even perhaps hear someone preach under a gospel oak that Basil planted.

A new name had to be found for a new wood and the Baxters have chosen to call this one after their young daughter whom Basil baptised; so in due course it will appear on the maps as *Claire's Wood*. ❖

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The buds are bursting, the sap is rising and preparations for the Petertide Fair are starting in earnest. Actually, preparations started last December with events and tents being ordered and so on.

As in previous years, proceeds of the Petertide Fair will be used to support two charities, one within the parish and one from outside. This year we are supporting within the parish *Scope for Dacorum* which seeks to help those suffering in our area from cerebral palsy. From outside the parish we shall help *The Sylvia Morris Charitable Trust* which supports the secondary education of children at a school in Uganda.

In next month's *Review* I will tell you more about the targets we are aiming at. This month the charities introduce themselves and their work. Firstly, David Jackson of *Scope for Dacorum*:

“*Scope for Dacorum* is a small local charity that was formed some thirty years ago to support and assist people, mainly children, who suffer from cerebral palsy and live in Berkhamsted and the immediate surrounding areas. Although we are affiliated to the national charity *Scope* (formerly the Spastics Society) we act quite autonomously and all our funding is raised locally.

We react to applications for grants from sufferers, their carers who are usually their parents, or Social Services. The assistance we are asked to provide is invariably financial to cover all or part of the cost of equipment such as special chairs, pushchairs and car seats. As the sufferers are very often fairly strong, and subject to muscular spasms the equipment required has to be very strong and

sometimes specifically made for the individual concerned. This type of specialist equipment is very expensive. By way of example we have recently made grants of £417 for a car seat, £400 for a chair, £581 for a tricycle and £347 for a pushchair. Wear and tear on these items is heavy, but, wherever possible articles are re-cycled when outgrown.

We also provide funding for respite care. This we consider to be a very important aspect of our charity as it is essential for carers to get a break, particularly when there are other young children in the family who need a normal holiday without the restrictions that a handicapped child inevitably imposes. However, this type of care is also very expensive. A week for a handicapped child at Meldreth Manor – one of *Scope*'s residential schools – now costs £800. ”

Christopher Morris of *The Sylvia Morris Charitable Trust* tells us:

“Education in Uganda is highly prized by even the poorest of the population, of which there are many. But education, including that at primary level is not free. Uganda, a beautiful and once prosperous country, has been ravaged by civil unrest, AIDS and other disasters leaving many orphans.

Sylvia Morris, the sister of Joan and Christopher Morris, was educated at Berkhamsted School for Girls and at Oxford and, after teaching at a number of schools including Berkhamsted, became headmistress of Kendal High School comprehensive. After her retirement she felt a call to offer her teaching skills for service in the Third World and in 1987 she

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When I first came to Berkhamsted, I went to the market on a Saturday carrying my M.U. bag with that familiar logo. I knew nothing about a local branch, but within minutes I had not only met one of our members but had been invited to the festival service at St Albans. That meant an encounter with an Abbey full of members and banners!

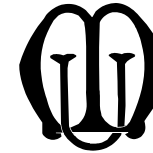
In many African countries, membership of the M.U. is for women, synonymous with belonging to the Anglican Church. Local M.U. uniforms are worn with pride and some of them are really quite splendid. They are usually blue and white and can be printed with hugely colourful M.U. logos, pictures of churches

# THE MOTHER'S UNION

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What's in a badge? asks  
**Jenny Wells.**

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deanery when we met on Lady Day to celebrate the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a eucharist at St Peter's. It was so good to welcome people from other parishes. The service was led by Father Mark and we were able to welcome our new chaplain, the Reverend Janet Ridgway who was our preacher.

It was an uplifting service and whilst we might have been considered to be a soberly dressed company, in contrast to our African sisters, there was no lack of enthusiasm in the voices singing, 'Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!'




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went, under CMS auspices, to teach at Bweranyangi School for girls in West Ankole in western Uganda. She stayed there until 1989 and developed a great love for the country, later describing her experiences in a book, *A Ugandan Affair*.

She personally supported financially many young people through secondary and higher education, and, in 1994 when dying of cancer, she decided to set up in her will a trust so that this could be continued. Now the trust has arranged a particular project with the governors and headmistress of Bweranyangi school where especially needy girls, selected by the headmistress, are assisted to enable them to complete their secondary

education. The cost is £300 per annum for each girl and those who proceed to take the Higher Certificate have to stay at the school for six years.

Bweranyangi school educates 700 girls, all of whom are boarders. It retains strong links with the Church of Uganda but accepts pupils of all religions and denominations – catholic, protestant, adventist and muslim. The trustees support all children on the ground of need, irrespective of religious persuasion. The school has a good accademic record and many former pupils enter university on their way to careers in medicine, law, teaching and engineering.



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Many readers of the *Review* will know that, for the last five years, I have been writing a book about Sir Joseph Bazalgette. Sir Joseph worked as chief engineer to London's first Metropolitan government, the Metropolitan Board of Works. He designed and built London's system of sewers, pumping stations and treatment works which keep the capital free of disease and he also created many famous streets, bridges and open spaces. The book is to be published in May under the arresting title *The Great Stink of London*. During the research for the book I came across many nuggets of information about familiar parts of London and over the next few issues of the *Review* I will be telling the story of Albert Grant and Leicester Square: one of London's best known landmarks and one of Victoria's more exotic subjects whose career bears a chilling resemblance to that of the late Robert Maxwell.

In July 1874 Leicester Square was

# Albert Grant and Leicester Square

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In the first of a series of articles, **Stephen Halliday** looks at the history of one of London's more colourful areas.

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handed over to the Metropolitan Board of Works to be used for the people of London as a tranquil open space in a busy neighbourhood associated with theatres and other entertainments. It had been cleared, landscaped, furnished with seats and provided with a fountain on which stood a statue of Shakespeare, a replica of the statue in Westminster Abbey and the first statue of Shakespeare to be erected in the open air. In addition there were busts of famous former residents of the vicinity: Sir Isaac Newton, Sir Joshua Reynolds, William Hogarth and the surgeon John Hunter. Beneath the statue of Shakespeare is an inscription which records that the redevelopment of the square had been paid for by Albert Grant. The events which led to the handing-over ceremony on 2nd July 1874 are interesting both for what they tell us about Leicester Square itself and for the light they cast on one of Queen Victoria's more unusual subjects. It is a long story which will take more than one issue of the *Review* to tell.

Leicester Fields (the original name) took its name from Leicester House, the London home built there by Robert Sidney second Earl of Leicester. The house was completed in 1636 on the Northern side of the square. The Sidney family did not occupy it for very long, letting it in 1668 to Charles Colbert, French ambassador and brother of Louis XIV's



*Leicester Square in the 1800s*

chief minister. The adjacent building on  
the Northern edge

of the square, Savile House, was occupied from 1698 by Lord Carmarthen whose visitors included Peter the Great and the Duke of Marlborough's ally, Prince Eugene. In 1708 Leicester House was let to the ambassador of the Holy Roman Empire. For much of the eighteenth century the area was a popular rendezvous for duelling.

In the meantime the square had acquired its first royal tenant. In December 1717, at the christening of his second son in St James's Palace the Prince of Wales had a violent quarrel with his father, George I, and was dismissed by the king from the palace. The Prince moved his court to the two adjoining properties of Leicester House and Savile House in January 1718, building a corridor to link them, and used it as a base from which to intrigue against his father until his own accession in 1727 as George II.

In 1743 George II's eldest son, Frederick Prince of Wales, in accordance with Hanoverian family tradition, quarrelled with his father and moved to Leicester House. At about this time a low wall was erected to enclose the space before the house, a pond created in the middle and the area was re-named Leicester Square. In 1748, as an additional annoyance to his father, Frederick erected in the centre of the square a gilt statue of George I on horseback. In 1751 Frederick died and the property became the residence of Frederick's widow, her eldest son continuing to reside in the adjacent Savile House until he became George III in 1760, the proclamation of the new reign being made in the square. In 1766 the Duke of Cumberland, victor of Culloden, became Leicester House's last royal tenant. During the eighteenth century the square and its adjoining streets were a fashionable area, providing homes and places of resort for Gainsborough, Dr Johnson, Reynolds, Boswell, Swift, Marat and Mirabeau as well as those whose residence was commemorated at the

reopening of the square in 1874. (*To be continued*) ❖

# CUTTING COMMENTS

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Independent councillor **Norman Cutting** wraps up the last year of his term in office.

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It looks as though this could be my last column, as I haven't yet found time to 'con' 10 people into signing my nomination papers, let alone to start to do any canvassing. This could, therefore, be a suitable time to reflect over the past four years and have a sneak preview on what the next four could bring.

Both town and borough councils had a major change in 1995. At the borough council, the Labour group started with an overwhelming majority and for the first few months, didn't quite know how to handle it. But the party machine soon took hold and lots of social projects were planned, funded and put into place. Some were good, some were bad, although most reflected the national government's view that communities should help themselves and so reduce the burden on the national taxpayer. The combined efforts of the Conservatives, Lib-Dems and Independents only served to slow the Labour program down until the last few months. This was the result of a by-election halfway through the term and the sudden realisation, by some of the Labour majority group, that their interpretation of the manifesto was not the same as that of the rest of their group. A deal was done with the Lib-Dems to hold together the council as the minority groups could out vote Labour if they wished. The town council also had almost a complete change in 1995, with just two members of the



previous council hanging onto their seats. Nearly half of the newcomers however had resigned by mid-term, mainly due to frustration with the limited powers the town council has. National government has realised this and is promoting devolution of power down to the local level. I think the idea is to give responsibility to the district / borough level, but your council is hoping that more will come down further. The local Independents did not have a 'party machine' to guide them, and so they have had to progress everything by trial and error. This has taken longer than the expected four years, but they are getting there.

The coming four years should bring almost as dramatic change. The borough council will have six fewer members and will have to address the government's decree that we change our way of working to make local government more accountable. This could include a directly elected mayor with powers beyond those existing, or perhaps a cabinet style with the 'back-benchers' just looking after their own wards. I believe anything which puts a lot of power in the hands of a few cannot be good, apart from allowing through the ideas and policies of those few. Until some method is found to make local government more interesting, then less than fifty percent turnout will remain the norm. I

might as well let you know I don't agree with the proposed proportional representation format of electing by party rather than a person, although I wouldn't mind betting that that too will rear its ugly head again.

On the town council front, increased numbers must mean some new faces. I also expect the devolution of power down the line to continue. There will probably be a review in the way the council works. I expect the town council share of the council tax to increase and it's up to you to ensure it is spent to the benefit of the town by actually taking an interest in your local council. The first step is to get out on election day (Thursday 6th May) and actually vote.

And finally, if you wondered how and why tin cans and paper become shredded along the verges, I can tell you. Picture the scene. It's the Monday before Easter. The sky is overcast with slight drizzle in the air. In your hands you have a three-foot wide grass cutter powered by a mighty engine and your job is to cut all the sloping bits of grass that the wheeled machines miss. What a feeling it must be, to chop up everything in your path whilst having the satisfaction of cutting the grass and adding that distinctive aroma of newly cut grass to the surroundings of the Hilltop estate. I know it happened, because I watched it. ❖

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Where have all the birdies gone?

here aren't so many birds in my garden as there used to be," is a comment I have heard quite often recently. It is sometimes followed by a further complaint that this is in spite of putting out food for them. Before we indulge in any millennium-type scaremongering we need to try to disentangle a number of threads. Firstly, it is likely that people are making a correct observation, but unless they have been keeping records over a period of time there is no statistical proof.

Secondly, unless we are conscientious garden-bird watchers it is possible that what we are observing is a decline in the more obvious species, like sparrow, starling and thrush, and not necessarily a decline in the overall numbers visiting our gardens. Unobtrusive species, like the dunnock and wren, and casual visitors may escape our notice, but be there all the same.

Thirdly, there is greater competition for birds than ever before. You only have to visit a garden centre or the pets' area of some supermarkets, or be one of the million members of the RSPB and see all the pages of adverts for bird foods and feeders in their magazine, to realise that feeding birds is big business. Birds will go where the best food and sites are - for their convenience, not for ours. So for every garden that is losing its birds there

David Simmons reflects on the apparent lack of local wild birdlife.

	1996				1997				1998				Yearly avg.		
	W	S	S	A	W	S	S	A	W	S	S	A	96	97	98
Sparrow	87	82	81	81	81	86	81	79	79	83	79	-	85.2	81.7	80.3
Starling	80	80	59	64	78	79	58	67	75	77	75	-	70.7	70.5	68.9
Collared dove	74	78	72	69	76	80	73	72	77	80	74	-	73.2	75.2	77.0

Table 1 Key: WSSA = winter, spring, summer, autumn Figures courtesy the British Trust for Ornithology

may be one or more gaining birds. It's cut-throat competition out there in the back gardens. I'm not sure about cats! There are some rogues about, but no doubt they don't belong to *Review* readers. Most of the growing number of suburban cats seem far too well fed and placid to be bothered about taking much exercise and actually catching birds. On the other hand if a garden becomes a thoroughfare for too many cats this may be one factor among others which deters birds from visiting it or staying long.

So what truth lies behind the anecdotes? The statistics in Table 1 come from the British Trust for Ornithology and show the national percentage of gardens reporting these species in each of the four seasons, and the annual average: These figures confirm what you have probably noticed: sparrow and starlings are in decline, and collared doves are on the increase.

My own figures for these years, shown in Table 2, are the result of adding together the highest number of one species seen in each week for a whole year, which is the method used in the BTO Garden Birdwatch Survey:

The 1998 sparrow count is by far the lowest in eleven years of recording. The starling count is half of what it was in 1993, and things are getting worse. The last 'big' flock was in early June 1998, containing 47 birds. The collared dove being a 'spreading-out' bird, not a flocking bird, shows less fluctuations in any one garden, but there has been a steady increase over the eleven year

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Bringing good news for the poor.  
May our hearts be full of your  
compassion,  
Inviting all whom we meet  
To open their hearts too,  
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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period. So these local figures fully reflect the national picture and we can be certain that sparrows and starlings (and others) are in serious trouble.

Next time I will share a few more local

	1996	1997	1998
Sparrow	403	259	167
Starling	638	562	429
Collared dove	102	114	91

**Table 2**

statistics and look at possible causes for

the problems and what if anything we can do about them. Meanwhile it's not all gloom and doom. This is the month of *Christian Aid*, and you know what that means - swifts back from Africa, circling and screaming round the church towers and lower-lying parts of Berkhamsted and Northchurch.



# review poetry

On Tuesday, 30th March, John Brooks, the mayor of Berkhamsted, judged a poetry competition at the local branch of the Natwest Bank. Local schools had been invited to participate in this competition entitled *Easter*. The poems were displayed in the bank during Easter and prizes of book tokens for the winners and runners up in the two age group categories, years 3/4 and 5/6.

The winning entries were submitted by Rachel Roberts and Louise Robertson in

## Easter Time

A time for remembering Jesus  
Springing buds  
Toblerone eggs  
Excited children  
Red wine and bread  
Tiny chicks  
Inviting colours  
Mummy rabbits give birth to bunnies  
Everyone goes to church

*Rachel Roberts  
Louise Robertson*

## Easter Days

A symbol of new life  
A cross of care and love  
Jesus was crucified for us  
Daffodils are growing  
As Jesus died for us  
Don't forget the story  
Of Easter, the true meaning  
Easter eggs are not for fun  
They have a special symbol  
The symbol of new life  
Remember Jesus died for us  
To show his love for the world  
God loves us  
So love him like he does us.

*Emma Millard*

year 4 of Victoria First School, while the runner up in this age group was Hannah Harvey who attends St Thomas More school.

In years 5/6 the winner was Emma Millard from Thomas Coram Middle school, with Matthew Green as runner up from the same school.

The competition was arranged by Karen Dennis and Margaret Crisp. The winning poems are printed here.

## Easter

Easter bunnies hopping all around  
Daffodils and tulips springing from the  
ground  
Easter eggs so nice to eat  
Spring is the time for sunshine and  
heat  
Little lambs struggling to walk  
Minds are filled with happy Spring talk  
Jesus rising from the dead  
Mothers just want to stay in bed!

*Hannah Harvey  
Aged 8  
Aged 9*



## Easter

E is for egg, hatching and cracking  
A is for April, rain and shine,  
S is for Spring, flowers and sun,  
T is for tomb where Jesus lay  
E is for Easter, the name of it all  
R is for rabbit, hopping around giving  
eggs.  
That's what Easter's all about.

*Matthew Green  
Aged 10*

## Who will speak out?

*Muriel Lander writes:*

I was watching TV recently when I suddenly found myself shocked beyond measure at advert put out by the NSPCC. It portrayed sexual, mental and physical abuse in no uncertain terms.

Whilst being shocked, I applaud the NSPCC for having the courage to show what such abuse is really like. It is a sad fact that abuse is often committed by a trusted member of the family. One of my friends was so abused by an uncle when she was young. For the rest of her life she suffered from mental breakdowns. Two or three years ago I took a friend to Hemel Hempstead hospital, and whilst I was waiting for her I saw a woman strike out with full force at the head of her small daughter – who was no more than three or four years old. The child had tripped over a small chair provided by the hospital and she had hurt herself and was crying. Several men sat around but took no notice. I told the woman not to do that again, and she burst out with some garbled explanation as to her action. A nurse nearby then came out and asked if everything was alright, which it certainly wasn't.

But my point is, we *must* speak out if necessary. How often, after a particularly harrowing case in the paper, has a neighbour 'had her suspicions' or told the authorities. And the authorities, mistakenly I feel, have taken the view that it is better for the child to be kept in his/her own home.

We must speak out for the children if we have our suspicions that all is not well. Otherwise it will be too late.

*16 Shrublands Road,  
Berkhamsted HP4 1JD*

## Goodbye and thank you

*Captain Stephen Poxon,  
Salvation Army, writes:*

Heather and I are to move to a new appointment on 1st June. We shall be saying a reluctant farewell to Berkhamsted in order to take command of the Salvation Army centre in Harpenden. We are moving because we have completed our five years here, and it is standard Salvation Army practice to move its leaders after such a period of time. There is nothing more sinister to it than that!

We shall be sorry to leave Berkhamsted, which is a town we have grown to love, enjoy and appreciate. We are thankful that the welcome we received when we first arrived has in no way diminished over those five years. That in itself is a compliment to the hospitality and goodwill of Berkhamstedians. We offer our thanks to each and every one who has helped and encouraged us throughout our time as guests in your town. We are most grateful, and we will depart with fond memories. We shall remember Berkhamsted as a fine place in which to live and work, with a community spirit second-to-none. To have featured in some small way in the life of the town has indeed been our privilege.

At present, the future leadership of the Army here has yet to be decided, although we are confident that someone will be appointed to succeed us. Please may we ask you to make him/her/them as welcome as you have made us? If you offer the new leader(s) the same degree of friendship you have offered us, they can have no complaints.

With every good and kind wish,

*Captain Stephen Poxon  
stephen.poxon@tesco.net  
(See postscript on page 21)*

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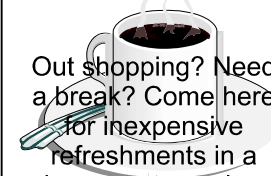
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## Individual versus Party

*Councillor Ian Johnston writes:*

I was interested to read the list of historical figures in the February issue of the review whom Councillor Stanley Sharpe credits with shaping modern Liberal Democrat thinking. Followers of local government might form a more down-to-earth assessment of Liberal Democrat policies. In recent years these have included:

- Supporting successive rises in local taxes, even though local taxpayers are getting nothing extra for their money.
- Supporting the construction of Berkhamsted's new Waitrose store, against the wishes of the majority of local people.
- Supporting a proposal to turn Sunnyside new allotments into a ghetto of low-cost housing.
- Voting in favour of building in the green belt.
- Voting to spend an additional £23,000 of taxpayers' money on more comfortable accommodation for Berkhamsted town councillors and town council staff.
- Supporting politically correct causes, regardless of the cost, and getting angry with anyone who dares to question current fashions in political correctness.
- Giving uncritical support to all council employees, however incompetent or obstructive.
- Propping up a shaky Labour administration at Dacorum borough council, itself notorious for dictating to the people instead of listening to them, in return for Councillor Sharpe being given the chairmanship of a committee.

Fortunately, a minority of Liberal Democrats dissented from most of these

decisions. Some were opposed in private, but lacked the courage to vote against the party line.

When choosing where to place my votes in the forthcoming local elections, I will consider what the candidates have to say on local issues as individuals. If they rely solely on rather dubious party labels, I will not vote for them.

*'Left Back', Park Street  
Berkhamsted HP4 1HX*

*A PS from Captain Stephen Poxon (see letter, page 19):* Stephen and Heather would like to invite anyone who is interested to their farewell meeting, so that they can say goodbye properly. The meeting is to be held in the Town Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday, 27th May with free admission (there will be a collection in aid of street children in the Philippines). Revd Martin Turner will be the guest speaker and it's hoped that Tring Salvation Army

## Something to say?

Well, write in and say it! The Review is your magazine - we welcome interesting articles, news, letters, photos and poetry. Our subjects are diverse, and we particularly want to include news of current events in the town. So if you're organising an event tell us about it - you'll find contact details inside the front cover with copy dates for the next three issues.





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You have only a few days to get your sponsor form or, if you prefer, to make a donation! Bear in mind the cost of arranging the walk and providing refreshment all the way round. Remember that the walk is in aid of the Children's Society. We therefore suggest that the minimum contribution of £5 for adults and £2 for children is appropriate.

This year there is a special incentive to get as many sponsors as possible. There is the opportunity to win a valuable prize. *Complete Outdoors* has offered a pair of Chris Brasher Hillmaster Classic walking

## The 1999 Berkhamsted Walk

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The PCC meeting in March was the first for the newly elected council, following as it did on the heels of the annual meeting earlier in the month. A large part of the meeting was therefore taken up with electing the various committees to serve for the coming year; space precludes detailing the results here.

The initiative by the church to provide each household in the country with a candle to mark the millennium was discussed; it was felt that an alternative of providing, for example, a copy of St John's gospel to local households might be more appropriate. The plans of local

churches to celebrate the millennium were also aired, with the plan being to hold a celebration at Pentecost.

On a more mundane level, the meeting noted that our 'parish share' this year – the amount we contribute to the diocese to pay for clergy and other central costs - would be £63,700. The council debated the question of the need for urban parishes to support country ones, where the electoral roll might only run to a few dozen people, and how clergy could be fairly allocated. It was generally felt that the comparatively better-off town parishes had a duty to support their country brethren.  
*CJS*

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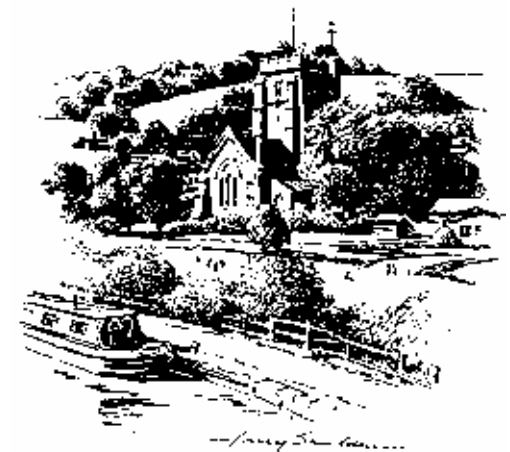
## review northchurch

**Revd Peter Hart  
wants the Christian  
life in church to  
last three terms, not  
just two.**

A curious thing happens after Easter. There is a noticeable decrease in the level of activity in church. Energies are concentrated into the fete, the upkeep of the churchyard and the organisation of picnics or barbecues: Bible studies, day conferences and other church-based learning courses wane or cease. It is as if nature calls us outside, after the rigours of a cold, wet winter spent intently learning of God and developing our prayer life, to tend our lawns, walk the woods and fields and explore other people's houses - sometimes with our Christian brothers and sisters, it must be said. Anything goes as long as it is not indoors.

Now I enjoy picnics as much as anyone, and although barbecues are less enticing to vegetarians than carnivores, they still have a certain appeal. I am very willing to explore the woods and to seek ideas in other people's stately gardens and I greatly look forward to the parish fete each year. However, I have to ask myself questions about the 'two terms on, one term off' approach to church life. If anyone asks me, 'How often should I come to church?' I always reply, 'Every Sunday, of course', even though I know that there will be occasions when I will not be there.

God's love to us is permanent and unchanging. It is not dependent on the weather or the season, the day of the week or month of the year. Every day is therefore an opportunity for us to worship God and show our love in return. Every Sunday it is right that God's people should gather to show their corporate love to him. We cannot, so soon after seeking to enter into the Passion of our Lord, decide that it is fitting to have a break from our corporate expression of love. However, there is nothing wrong at all with taking that worship out with us into the wonderful world in which God has put us, to find there, both individually and corporately, further reasons to praise and worship our loving Redeemer. ❖



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The programme of local events sponsored by the trust for May is as follows:

On *Saturday 1st May* the Cowper Society present May Day madrigals sung by the Chiltern Chamber Choir at 6:15am on the green behind St Peter's church. Breakfast will be available after the performance. No charge.

On *Tuesday and Wednesday 4th and 5th May* Berkhamsted Film Society presents *Ma View en Rose* (France 1997) in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall at 8:00pm. Tickets (£3) for non-members from Berkhamsted library.

On *Saturday 15th May* Berkhamsted Jazz have a programme entitled *Running Wild* to celebrate Goodman, Hampton and Krupa with Dave Shepherd (clarinet), Roger Nobes (vibraphone), Brian Lemo (piano), Len Skeat (bass) and Ronnie Verrell (drums) in the Civic Centre at 8:00pm. Non-members can obtain tickets at the door at £7 (students and children £3.50).

On *Saturday 22nd May* Dacorum Symphony Orchestra play in the Centenary Hall, Berkhamsted Collegiate School at 7:30pm. The programme includes the overture *Benvenuto Cellini* (Berlioz), Cello Concerto (Schumann) and Symphony No. 5 (Tchaikovsky). The soloist is William Schofield. Tickets from Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts (258 High Street) or at the door cost £7 (£4 for concessionaires).

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#### ST PETER'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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Please note that our outing to Cheddington is on *Wednesday 19th May* and not on the date shown in our programme. Those coming must be outside St Peter's church at 2:00pm. We shall be back at around 4:30pm.

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#### AREA COMMITTEES

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Following the election of members of the PCC at the annual meeting on 7th march, members of the area committees for St Peter's and All Saints' have now also been elected. The names are:

##### St Peter's

Penny Abbott (873205)  
Marjorie Bowden (871283)  
Libby Grundy (875814)  
Keith Middleditch (862423)  
Tracy Robinson (863559)  
Graham Tolley (878008)

##### All Saints'

Peter Drury (384794)  
Oliver Garland (384350)  
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#### CHAMPION CORNISH CHOIR SINGS FOR THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

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The Loveny Vale Male Voice Choir has offered to sing for free for the benefit of the Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted.

The choir, who are spending the weekend in the area, will be singing in St Peter's church on Sunday 2nd May from 7:30pm until approximately 9:30pm. The doors open at 7:00pm.

The choir are three times Cornish champions and have sung all over the UK, including at the Royal Albert Hall, and abroad to national and international acclaim. They have appeared on both BBC television and ITV and have made several videos and a CD. Whilst honouring the traditions of male choral singing, they pride themselves on their innovative programme which includes modern and even ethnic music not normally sung by other British choirs.

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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Our next meeting on Tuesday 4th May at 7:30pm (note earlier time) will be our annual Court House cleaning session. Bring along your dusters and cleaning equipment. Enjoy cider, coffee and home-made Cornish pasties afterwards to help settle all the dust!

Our June meeting on Tuesday 1st is a talk on U3A including details of their very varied courses.

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## LEPROSY MISSION

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Meg Harper and May Kempster wish to thank all who supported the coffee morning and sale on behalf of the Leprosy Mission in All Saints' Hall on 13th March. The money raised was: coffee (£13.00), cakes (£70.85), stall (£16.70), Leprosy Mission goods (£134.34), boxes (£131.11) and donations (£34.00), making a total of £400.

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## BERKHAMSTED W.I.

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The March meeting opened with a bang - the main fuse had blown and members were left in the dark for half an hour before light was restored!

Our speaker, Mrs Carol Jones, took the floor to begin the meeting with her talk and demonstration of Easter cookery. Mrs Jones entertained the members with many interesting and instructive details whilst producing chocolate eggs, animals and delicious hot cross buns. These were thoroughly enjoyed by all members. One staggering fact quoted by Mrs Jones concerned the enormous amount of money spent on Easter eggs, in particular the 'creme eggs', every year: well over £320 million!

Institute business followed and ten members were congratulated for having planted 36 trees as part of the W.I. initiative to mark the millennium. Members reported upon various county meetings and functions which they had attended. The annual 'litter pick up' was announced for Saturday 17th April and our own birthday party will be on 29th April.

Our April meeting was held on Wednesday 21st March. Mr David Stevens spoke upon *The Work and History of the Boxmoor Trust*.

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## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

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On a bright sunny afternoon it was a pleasure for our president, Liz Baxendale, to welcome members and a visitor to our tenth birthday party. Two W.I. quizzes organised by Joy Lovell got us thinking hard and were followed by a game of bingo. There was silence all round the tables as we did have to concentrate! Liz Baxendale then read three well loved poems to us which led us into a special birthday tea party, during which the raffle was drawn and the competition judged for a decorative candle.

During business matters we were pleased to see photos of the children in their school in Sri Lanka receiving the pencil cases made for them by our craft group and taken to them by Dr Bob Parsons representing the charity H.O.P.E.

# review notes&notices

Next month on 7th May we will be discussing *Resolutions* at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm. We welcome new members and visitors to our meetings. Contact numbers are 866464 or 864578.

## NORTHCHURCH W.I.

Members arriving at the March meeting were greeted by a spectacular display of dolls of all sizes and nationalities all made by our speaker Mrs J Healey and her husband who had elected to give their talk at the conclusion of the evening's business.

Mrs Francis Deacon reported that a group of fifteen members had visited the BBC. The visitors were shown many aspects of presenting programmes with a chance to have a go themselves. Everyone had had a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Mrs Eileen Moore and Mrs Val Buchorski have visited Denman College on a course entitled *Music is Fun* with tutor Colin Farn. The members of the course faced the daunting challenge of providing part of the entertainment on the final evening but rose to the occasion with distinction.

President Mrs Joan Hollingdale then introduced Mrs. Healey and her husband who had taken up doll making together as a hobby on retirement eight years previously. Mrs Healey began by making up doll kits. She then joined a doll-making course and after that the whole enterprise took off, even making them enlarge their house to accommodate them. Mr Healey demonstrated how to pour a mould for a head and described the critical firing process. Mrs Healey makes all their beautiful clothes and the results were a joy to behold. She was warmly thanked by Mrs Sheila Gilbert.

Raffle prizes were then distributed and Mrs Hollingdale brought the meeting to a close.

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)

## Thank you Jean!



*Jean Cooper ended her eleven year term as organist at St Peter's at Easter. Jean, an accomplished organ recitalist and harpsichordist, was educated at Berkhamsted School for Girls and learnt the organ at St Peter's as a student. After gaining diplomas from the Royal Academy of Music and holding various teaching posts in Scotland and London she returned to the Girls' School as Assistant Director of Music.*

*In the 1980s Jean became an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, which involved her in an increasing number of overseas tours to such places as Hong Kong, Singapore, the West Indies, the USA, New Zealand, India and South Africa.*

*After sadly being widowed in 1998 she remarried last month and as Mrs Jean Cooper-Smith is now settling into the life of being the wife of a parish priest in Herefordshire. We wish her every happiness.*

Photo and words: Jean Wild



<b>SUNDAY</b>	<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 1st Sunday]				
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall ( <i>This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced</i> )				
		6:30pm	Evensong [1st Sunday only] Other Sundays Methodist service				
	7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship ( <i>contact Christine Billington 385566</i> )					
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP				
	<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist				
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm	EP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm	EP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP			5:00pm	EP
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<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH:</b> 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>						
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>GRIEF &amp; LOSS SUPPORT GROUP</b> 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.						
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>OPEN HOUSE:</b> 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>						
<b>Mondays (except 1st)</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP:</b> 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park						
<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY CLUB</b> 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.						
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>CHUCKLES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP::</b> 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.						
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 2:15pm third Tuesday at 3 Nightingale Lodge. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981						
<b>2nd Tues</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION:</b> meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981						
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b> 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						
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB</b> 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 385566.						
<b>4th Wed</b>	<b>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:</b> 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						
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>BELLRINGING:</b> 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804						
<b>Tuesday / Friday</b>	<b>TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS:</b> 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						
<b>Friday</b>	<b>LITTLE FISHES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 864194						
<b>Friday</b>	<b>CHOIR: Boys</b> 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), <b>Adults</b> 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859						
<b>3rd Saturday</b>	<b>ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST:</b> 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. Meetings rotate between local churches.						

# reviewdiary&registers

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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## MAY

1	6:15am	May Day madrigals sung from St Peter's church tower	
2	7:30pm	<i>Raising funds for the Hospice of St Francis</i>	
		The Loveny Male Voice Choir	<i>St Peter's</i>
9	10:30am-11:30am	Children's Society Sponsored Walk sets out from Court House.	
11	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council meeting	<i>All Saint's Hall</i>
13	8:00pm	Ascension Day Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
15	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Kings Road Evangelical church</i>
16	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
27	8:00pm	Deanery Confirmation service	<i>St Peter's</i>

## JUNE

6	8:00pm	Taizé style Evening Worship	<i>St Peter's</i>
13		Ella Beaumont Support Fund Ridgway Day	
13	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
16	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	
17	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	
19	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>All Saints'</i>
26		PETERTIDE FAIR	<i>St Peter's</i>

Registers

## Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

14 March	Claire Louise Baxter
21 March	Joshua Ranulf Edward Douglas, Joseph Harold Vladimir Douglas, James Edward Elliot Nasymth Sigley

## Wedding (*St Peter's*)

27 March	Paul Anthony Rooney & Emma Ratcliffe
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## Funerals

15 March	Frank Allen	St Peter's (burial at Kingshill)
25 March	Ernest Charles Arthur Handscomb	Chilterns Crematorium
26 March	Barbara Wilson	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)
29 March	Ethel May Wells	West Herts Crematorium
31 March	Alice Hilda Brook	Chilterns Crematorium
3 April	Audrey Beatrice Patricia Rintoul	Chilterns Crematorium
6 April	Anne Elizabeth Sharpley	St Peter's (burial at Kingshill)

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## St Peter's

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**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  
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## All Saints'

Organist: Mrs Valerie McCalla Tel: 384574 Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894  
**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday - Methodist rite)  
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, 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  
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