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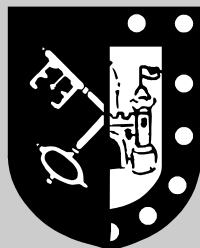
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

Welcome to the April issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*. And when the moment comes on Sunday 23rd April may we wish you a Happy Easter. Easter seems to be a good time to spell out the three things we would most like to achieve for our magazine in the next twelve months.

We would like to extend our outreach throughout the parishes (civil as well as ecclesiastical) of Berkhamsted. If you read the *Review* and enjoy it, will you do us the favour of bringing it to the attention of someone who does not take it. You could always pass on your old copy, or you could let us know if we should be approaching someone to see if they would like us to deliver our efforts to their door.

We would also like to bring in more new contributors, whether they wish to send in articles or pictures. We have had a good response in recent times to our appeals for new contributors, but we feel that there are still more people whose views deserve an airing.

And finally we would like to improve still further our coverage of coming events, especially in the church but also in the secular community. If *you* are responsible for organising an event, please write, call, e-mail or fax us. Let us get our coverage up to 100 per cent

*David Woodward*

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

#### **Easter and beyond**

**Fr Mark Bonney** commends the Easter services, and introduces the new liturgy *Common Worship*.

#### **Cicely**

The Castle's last resident comes under the scrutiny of **John Cook**.

#### **Walk number 32**

Time to get your boots on for the Berkhamsted Walk, says **Alex Evans**.

#### **The love of a good read**

**Muriel Lander** recounts her encounter with romantic fiction.

#### **A pilgrim's experience**

**June Douglas** recounts her experience of the recent parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (*see cover*)

#### **An eruption of joy**

**Rev Peter Hart** wants joy to shine through your Easter.

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**Fr Mark Bonney  
looks forward to  
Easter and to  
the new liturgy  
next year.**

## *review* leader

This month sees the last part of Lent and the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. Details of these will be found on page 28.

Whatever else changes, and I talk about some changes below, these celebrations remain the most important of the Christian year and I urge you to take part in them and so enter more fully into the wonderful things that God has done for us in Christ. Try at the very least to attend Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. The liturgies are the most moving that the church offers, and Easter Day without Good Friday before it doesn't make sense really. I can promise you that our preacher, Fr Christopher Collingwood, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be excellent.

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I've written before about the Church of England revising our services since the ASB ceases to have authorisation at the end of this year. We've been an experimenting parish and have tried various eucharistic prayers over the past three years, as well as using versions of the marriage and funeral services, and our responses have been fed into the revision system - so thank you for the part you've played! At February's General Synod, at which I was present, final approval was given to the new eucharist services and so everything is set for the publication of a new book that will have the title *Common Worship*.

Even though I've written before, and we've experimented with services, there will be many who don't realise this change is about to take place, and perhaps even more who will ask 'why?' What follows provides information and I hope answers to those kinds of questions - it comes from the Church of England's website - surfers can find more at the following address: [www.cofe.anglican.org/commonworship/](http://www.cofe.anglican.org/commonworship/).

## Common Worship A new liturgy

This extract from the CofE website discusses the liturgy soon to be introduced by the Church.

### **What is Common Worship?**

Common Worship is a series of new services for the Church of England. They replace those in The Alternative Service Book 1980 (ASB) from 1 January 2001.

### **Why do we need new services?**

Our world is constantly changing and our understanding of God is always developing. Our worship needs to reflect this. After 20 years of use, the weaknesses as well as the strengths of the ASB have become apparent. The Church therefore

began to revise the ASB, so that we could continue to draw on both modern and traditional services. The result is Common Worship – services which bring together the best of both ancient and modern, classic and contemporary.

### **What's in Common Worship?**

Common Worship consists of a main service book containing the most frequently used services, supported by other books containing material for

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# Common Worship *(continued from page 3)*

particular needs (such as funerals and marriage). The new services will also be published in booklets and service cards, on computer disk and for free on the Internet. The main Common Worship service book will include Prayer Book services of Holy Communion and Morning and Evening Prayer as well as modern language services.

## **What are the new services like?**

Some of the new services (Baptism, for instance) contain new material based on fresh thinking. Others (such as Holy Communion) are gentle revisions of the ASB. They all provide strong and recognisable structures, whilst allowing for flexibility in local use. Much of the new material will feel familiar because it draws on words from the ASB and The Book of Common Prayer.

## **What happens to The Book of Common Prayer?**

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP, sometimes known as '1662') is authorised permanently and is completely untouched by this revision process.

## **How will Common Worship affect us?**

That depends on what sort of services you now have in your church. You may have noticed some changes already. For instance, you may be using the new *Common Worship* lectionary as the basis for Bible readings. The new baptism service is also in widespread use. Most of the remaining services will be published in the autumn of 2000.

## **Can we continue using our existing services?**

You can carry on using any services from The Book of Common Prayer. Services from the ASB will no longer be authorised, being superseded by the Common Worship services. If it proves impossible to complete the changeover in time, special permission may be sought from the

bishop to continue with ASB services for a limited period.

## **Who will make the decisions about our services?**

Most decisions about forms of service are taken by the incumbent and the Parochial Church Council (or equivalent) together.

## **How much will it all cost?**

That depends on the formats in which you choose to use the new services – books, booklets, service cards or locally produced orders of service. We want to make sure that *Common Worship* in all its forms is both durable and of high quality, but the prices are being kept as low as possible to make sure that the material is available to all churches.

## **What happens next?**

What matters most is the next step: churches using Common Worship in ways that fit the local situation, turning words into living worship. There will be decisions to be taken. Maybe some fresh ideas about worship in your church will result. The aim of it all is to glorify God and to connect our worship with the worship of every time and every place – and with the never-ending worship in heaven.

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*Fr Mark Bonney writes:*

Apart from new eucharistic prayers to accompany a light revision of our present ones the changes to ASB Rite A are very slight, so please don't think it's all going to be wacky and new! It should be easier to use and follow, especially for newcomers, and one avenue the PCC may consider is producing our own booklets. We'll have to see what the official ones look like and how much things will cost. If you're passing a bookshop and see a nice leather-bound ASB going for a song don't buy it!! ❖

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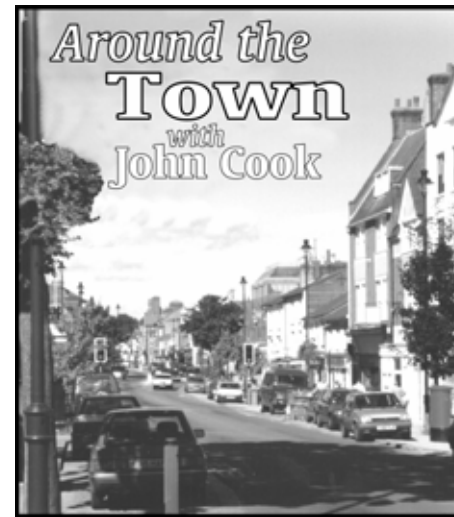
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### **Bells**

St Peter's bellringers normally practice on a Thursday evening, and the sound of the bells wafts down Castle Street, easily penetrating the thin Victorian glass of the window of my study. Earlier in the day as I walked back from collecting the morning paper the Angelus bell was being rung, as it is on most days before Morning Prayer at 7:30. At 11am the bell again rang to announce the Thursday Holy Communion service - 33 dongs to commemorate the 33 years of Our Lord's life. Then at 5.30pm there was the Angelus bell again before Evening Prayer; and in between, the wind being from the west, the tolling of the bell of The Sacred Heart Church could be heard drifting along the valley. I enjoy the bells, although the Sacred Heart one sometimes seems a bit over-persistent and plaintive.

### **Cicely**

Over 500 years ago the last royal inhabitant of Berkhamsted Castle would I am sure have approved of all this bellringing. Cicely, Duchess of York, was a remarkably pious woman by all accounts and spent much time in prayer. She was granddaughter of John of Gaunt, founder

of the House of Lancaster, but also wife of Richard of York, head of the House of York. She therefore had a foot in both camps in the bloody Wars of the Roses between those rival royal houses.

When Cicely was given the Castle by her son, Edward IV, she moved in straight away and established an orderly and benevolent household, personally setting a high standard of religious discipline. This she kept up until her death, despite one tragedy after another befalling her family. Her son, Edward IV, and grandson, Edward V, died in the same year. Another son, Richard III, was killed at Bosworth Field, but not before he had had yet another of her sons, George, drowned in a butt of malmsey and two other grandsons smothered in their beds in the Tower of London.

### **Holiness and Mirth**

Cicely's routine was to get up at 7am when her chaplain would say matins of the day with her, followed by matins of Our Lady. When she was fully ready she had a low mass in her chamber. Later she went to the chapel to hear the divine service and two low masses, then to dinner during which there was a lecture of 'holy matter'. After that she gave audiences for an hour, then after a quarter of an hour's sleep she continued in prayer until the first peal of evensong. After drinking wine or ale, Cicely said both evensongs with her chaplain and after the last peal went to hear 'evensong by note'. Then she had supper during which she recited to all present the lecture that was had at dinner.

She allowed herself some relaxation at this point and 'dispotheth herself to be familiar with her gentlewomen', when there was 'honest mirth'. She drank a final cup of wine before going to her privy closet, where before retiring she took her leave of God for the night. By 8pm she was in bed. (I wonder how normal it was in those days to spend eleven hours in bed). *(continued on page 9)*

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### **A New Royal House**

Cicely survived in Berkhamsted Castle long enough to see the end of the War of the Roses and the establishment of the House of Tudor. After she died there in 1495 the Castle became deserted and soon fell into ruin; but some remains of buildings, including possibly those of her chamber and the chapel, are still to be seen in the area behind the present cottage. This is probably the place where she spent so much time in prayer and where a succession of messengers brought her the news of the deaths of her sons and grandsons, three of them kings of England. All those violent royal deaths and all that piety are things to muse over as you walk round the Castle today.



*The Castle: a new royal house*

### **Our Yews**

What other parish magazine would have letters in its correspondence columns from two such authorities as those that appeared in last month's issue of the *Review*? Both Richard Mabey and June Douglas made noteworthy contributions in the subjects in which each is a distinguished expert - natural history and the history of art. June wrote a defence of modern art while Richard questioned the wisdom of planting two new yew trees in Berkhamsted that like hundreds of others had been cloned from the same source.

It will be good to have two new ones, but there are more mature yews in Berkhamsted than perhaps many people may realise. The most prominent of them is of course in St Peter's churchyard on the corner of the High Street and Castle Street. Some 80 years ago a churchwarden wrote that the yew had lost much of its one time robust appearance. Fortunately - almost miraculously - this is no longer the case: it is flourishing and its life expectancy is

rather more than you and I can look forward to. Who knows, it could even live into the fourth millennium. It is prolific in the berries it bears: the birds eat them and thousands of the seeds, having passed through the digestive systems of the birds - a bucketful every year - are deposited on the roof and tower of the church and get into the drains.

### **Non-Conformist Yews**

No other yews in the Town can rival that one

for age, but there are a good few well over a century old to be found in several of our old burial grounds. There are three specimens in the United Reformed churchyard in Chapel Street, and probably those in the garden of Wilson House and School House date from the time when there was a Baptists' cemetery on that site off Mill Street. Not far away, Northchurch, Sunnyside, Broadway and Potten End all have yews in their churchyards.

### **Clipping**

The lower part of Three Close Lane cemetery has no fewer than 35 big yew trees. They were probably planted soon after that part of the burial ground (strictly speaking an extension of St Peter's churchyard) was opened in the middle of the 19th century; and there were a dozen more until they were felled a few years ago to let in more light.

These trees were all probably intended to be kept clipped (As long ago as 1731, half a crown was paid for St Peter's yew to be cut). Left to grow unattended yews get straggly and look pretty gloomy and unattractive. Regular clipping would be an expensive commitment, but it would be nice if someone could come up with the funding to allow them to be given a short back and sides from time to time. ❖

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Our PTA has been busy arranging fund-raising events for the children including this term a disco and a scheduled skating event. This will involve the hall floor being covered in a special surface to simulate ice!

Father Mark Bonney held a Lent eucharist at school for us in March and we had a visit in February from John Reynold, the director of education for the diocese.

World Book Day was on 10th March and we celebrated with a book week and a dressing-up day for the children!

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## THE MOTHERS' Union

**Jenny Wells** looks at the  
importance of prayer to the M.U.

Prayer is very important to the Mothers' Union. As I write this, we are looking forward to bringing the diocesan prayer patchwork in to both churches for services on 12th March and then to our branch meeting on the 14th.

We shall also be attending a Lady Day service at St Albans Abbey on 26th March. We are a worldwide organisation and services are planned on this day in cathedrals, churches and in the open air; and that is not only in our country. Imagine one million women united in prayer around the world, each in their own situation yet each motivated by the unifying bond of our Christian faith!

Angela Morris will be visiting Uganda and hopes to contact their Mothers' Union there. At our last meeting we all signed a card for her to take. It seemed appropriate to use one with Mary Sumner's personal prayer on it. It is a prayer that you might like to use:

*All this day, O Lord  
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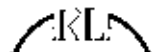
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The 32nd sponsored walk again offers thirteen and twenty-mile routes, a choice between social and serious walking, and perhaps between trainers and boots. The thirteen-mile route reaches Aldbury via Northchurch Common and Coldharbour Farm and returns via the Bridgewater Monument, Ashridge Management College, and Frithsden Beeches. The *Valiant Trooper* hostelry (appropriately named under the circumstances) provides an opportunity for relaxation and respite before ascending the escarpment.

The twenty-mile route leaves Aldbury at lower level and goes via Duncombe Farm to reach Clipper Down and the splendid views from Ivinghoe Beacon. It returns via Duncombe Terrace with its prolific bluebell woods to rejoin the shorter route at the Monument. Both routes have checkpoints providing refreshments, and lifts back to the start if the footwear has proved agonising!

The walk explores the best of the lovely local countryside. Carpets of bluebells and the freshness of the greens of spring can only soothe the mind and spirit, making us aware of how fortunate we are to live amidst such scenic beauty. We invite you, your family and friends to join the walk. Your contribution is to gain

# The 32nd Berkhamsted Walk

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Previewed in last month's *Review* **Alex Evans** describes this year's walk on 7th May.

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Let's all make the 32nd Berkhamsted Walk be one that is worthy of this millennium year, giving pleasure and fun to all those taking part. And remember above all, our good fortune to have such an opportunity can make even more of a difference to the lives of over 40,000 deprived children.





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This is the time of year when we discover how much extra we are going to have to pay in taxes. The present government has been criticised for its stealth taxes – behind the scenes, low profile complex adjustments to taxes such as the tax on pensions or the removal of the married couple's allowance.

But there is another 'behind the scenes' form of taxation that is taking place which will lead to substantial increases in local taxes over the next few years. It will probably also lead to a reduction in the service provided by Dacorum borough council – particularly the money and support for local charities.

Recently, the government changed the rules on the use of money made from the sale of council houses. In the past the borough council used this as part of its general income. Now the government has asked that this money, with interest, be paid to central government 'to be distributed to less well off parts of the country'. In other words, what is being imposed is a massive increase in taxation on the borough council – representing more than a fifth of its budget. The borough council will have to make savings of an extra one million pounds each year for the next four years, so that within four years the budget will have reduced by four million pounds each year. This will have to be done by efficiency savings, by increasing charges for services or by reducing services. Expect your council tax bill to go up substantially over the next few years – but don't expect any increase in services to match.

Meanwhile, the town council in Berkhamsted is embarrassingly flush with cash. Last year, the town council substantially increased the town's tax (the precept) to £117,000 largely to pay for a

## council & news & views

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Town councillor **Ian Reay** sounds a warning bell on imminent council tax hikes.

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attempted to devise projects around the town. In anticipation, the precept has been increased to put money aside for schemes which, for one reason or another, have not happened. As a consequence, the town's reserves have built up and now stand at over £170,000. This may seem small beer in comparison with the extra million pounds that the borough council will have to find each year but I am sure that the borough council will be looking at all sorts of ways of finding a bit more cash. Raiding the town's bank account will look very attractive. It seems likely that over the next few years, the town, rather than being able to pursue its own pet projects, will find that it will increasingly be 'invited' to use its reserves to pay for urgent tasks that the county or borough will be unable to agree to do.

An obvious first example of this is the need to improve the state of the steps that link the path from St Edmunds to Chesham Road. Following a recent accident it has been agreed that these steps are dangerous and should be rebuilt. So far, all that has happened is that they have been painted white. If, as now seems likely, the principal councils decide that this project is too low down their list of priorities for them to pay for improvements then the town council will have to stump up the cash. In my view, that is a far better use of the money than leaving it in a bank account.

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move into larger premises on the top floor of the civic centre. So it is to be expected that this year funding needs should be a lot lower. Indeed they are. The precept this year will be down to £97,350. The tax should, though, be a lot lower even than that this year. For several years now, the town council has

*Stephen Halliday is writing a book on London's underground railway. He is mainly interested in the people who made it happen but needs to present the bare facts about the construction of each line in 'panels' to which readers can refer. Some of these make up this series of articles in the Review. Stephen asks that if readers think he has made any serious errors or omissions they would be kind enough to write to the Review to tell him.*

### **The City and South London Railway**

This was the world's first deep-level tube railway, constructed by tunnelling rather than by the 'cut-and-cover' methods used on the earlier sub-surface lines. It was also the first to use electric traction. It was formally opened on 4th November 1890, extending from a station at King William Street, in the City, to Stockwell, three and a half miles to the south. Its tunnels, with a diameter of only 10 feet 2 inches, were 18 inches narrower than those of later tubes. In 1900 the railway opened a northern extension to Bank, adding an intermediate station at London Bridge and, at the same time, closing the King William street station. In 1900 it also extended south from Stockwell to Clapham Common and, in the years that followed, it reached north, to Angel (1901) and to Kings Cross and Euston (1907). In 1913 the City and South London was bought by the Underground Group which decided to enlarge its tunnels to the standard 11 feet 6 inch gauge and link it with the Charing Cross, Euston and Hampstead Railway by building a tunnel from Euston to Camden Town which united the two railways. The completion of this link in 1924 created the Northern Line, though this name was not adopted until 1937. In 1926 the southern branch was extended from Clapham Common to

# All about the Tube

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**Stephen Halliday continues**  
his look at the history of  
London's underground.

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though his life showed little evidence of his Quaker upbringing. He set himself up as a banker and stockbroker but the methods he used to sell municipal bonds for his native city led to an early brush with the law and a two-year prison sentence, of which he served seven months, for 'technical embezzlement'. He then moved to Chicago and applied his talents to the financing and construction of that city's famous 'Loop' railway but the Illinois state government were so alarmed at the financial webs he employed to create his 'Chicago Traction Tangle' that they took it under their own management. One meeting, protesting at Yerkes' attempts to bribe the legislators to reverse this decision, was attended by angry citizens brandishing nooses and firearms. Stock which he sold to investors in 1899 for \$100 millions was valued four years later at \$15 millions. He later described his methods of business as 'buy up old junk, fix it up a little and unload it upon other fellows' so it is worrying to reflect that his purchase of the District Line and his critical role in the construction of early tube lines gives him a strong claim to be one of the most influential figures in the early history of the London Underground. When he died, suddenly, in 1905, his grand New York House, gold bedstead and art collection

Morden and a further link to the rest of the Northern Line was established with a line from Kennington to Charing Cross (now Embankment).

### **Charles Tyson Yerkes (1837-1905)**

Charles Tyson Yerkes (pronounced to rhyme with 'turkeys') was born in Philadelphia to a Quaker family,





had to be sold to pay off his debts. His colourful life was the thinly-disguised subject of a trilogy of novels by the American writer, Theodore Dreiser.

### **The Charing Cross, Euston and Hampstead Railway (CXEHR)**

Originally authorised by an Act of 1893, work on the CXEHR did not begin until 1903, using largely American finance, American engineers and American rolling stock brought in by C.T. Yerkes. It opened on 22nd June 1907 from Charing Cross via Euston to Camden Town where the line forked, proceeding north-east to Highgate (later re-named Archway) and north-west to rural Golders Green. The tunnels, at 11 feet 8¼ inches, were 18 inches wider than those of the City and South London Railway. In 1914 the line was extended south to the District Line's station, also called Charing Cross, which prompted the CXEHR to change its station's name to 'Strand' to avoid confusion. In 1924 the north-western branch was extended to Edgware and in the same year the line's owners, the Underground Group, built a link between Camden and Euston which connected it to another of the company's acquisitions, the City and South London Railway, thereby creating the Northern Line. The extension from Archway to East Finchley was opened in 1939. High Barnet was reached in 1940 across former LNER tracks and in May 1941 the network

was completed by a short branch from Finchley to Mill Hill East in order to serve the nearby Inglis barracks..

In 1979 Strand station was incorporated in the new Charing Cross station and the original Charing Cross station was re-named Embankment.

### **The Piccadilly Line**

The Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway opened on 15th December 1906, having emerged from three rival schemes with the assistance of some astute and ruthless financial manoeuvring by the American financier C.T. Yerkes. Its first line ran from Hammersmith to Finsbury Park, an electric railway largely financed by Americans and using French and Hungarian rolling stock. A branch from Holborn to Strand followed in 1907 (re-named Aldwych in 1915 and closed in 1994). In 1930, in the face of opposition from the LNER, the owners of the line, the Underground Group, obtained an Act of Parliament authorising construction of a line beyond Finsbury Park to Cockfosters, which was reached in 1933. At the same time the line was extended west along tracks formerly operated by the District to Hounslow West (1933); South Harrow (1932); and Uxbridge (1933). The Hounslow branch was extended to Heathrow airport in 1977, an additional loop being added to serve Terminal 4 in 1988. ❖



## *Don't feel sheepish!*

*The Berkhamsted Walk takes place on Sunday, 7th May. Take part and you can join the sheep in enjoying the beautiful countryside like this which surrounds our town – and raise money for needy kids through the Children's Society. See the article on page 13 of this issue.*

Ten of us set off from St Peter's on a sunny afternoon, expertly driven in the Berkhamsted Round Table minibus by Alex Evans. Through traffic jams, sunshine and cloudburst we arrived in Norfolk's quiet, darkening countryside in rain turning to snow. We disembarked in Walsingham's centre, the Common Place, surrounded by beautiful fifteenth and sixteenth century timber-framed house. With others who had travelled independently our party was 21 in all.

We were kindly welcomed and shown to our rooms. What would Chaucer's pilgrims have thought? Carpets, heating, en-suite shower rooms! Straight away we went to the refectory, within the Shrine garden for supper. Large platefuls of shepherds pie and seductive sweets, served with gentle courtesy - standards which continued throughout the weekend.

Next, across the dark garden to the modern Shrine Church (1931-7) for a short service. From the cold wet night we entered this most holy, quiet place of flickering candles in coloured holders. A Gothic nave with dark wood columns, fifteen side chapels replicating the mysteries of the Rosary, is floored in red tiles and furnished with wooden prayer chairs and blue kneelers. All statues are painted with colour and gold. We listened to the Gospel story of the Annunciation and the, saying Psalm 84 turned to face the Holy House (a replica of the eleventh century original which was built by the Lady of the Manor of Walsingham after receiving a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Prayer and Magnificat finished this first visit to the Holy House in an atmosphere of quiet reverence.

## Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

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**June Douglas** writes of her experience of the parish pilgrimage in March.

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Then over to the other side of the Common Place, to *The Bull*, for a warm up, a drink and a chat.

We woke on Saturday morning to blue sky and sunshine and after breakfast Fr Mark led our devotions following the Stations of the Cross which are around the Shrine garden. Each scene is place within a brick-built, pitch-

roofed stand, at head height with small coloured, well-modelled figures. On a small lawn, the highest part of the garden, stand three large rough wooden crosses, empty, bleak and forlorn, powerfully conveying an atmosphere of tragedy and sorrow.

We then walked in the sunshine down the Holy Mile to the restored Slipper Chapel and the Roman Catholic National Shrine. Beside the medieval Slipper Chapel (where pilgrims left their shoes to walk the last mile barefoot) is the large, modern chapel of Reconciliation built in 1982. We returned to the Anglican shrine for a celebration of Mass and then another good meal.

After lunch, still in brilliant sunshine Alex drove some of us to nearby Castle Acre with its imposing ruins and beautiful fifteenth century church which contains an original painted pulpit and screen.

After supper came the Liturgy of Reconciliation with the laying on of hands and anointing followed by Benediction. I wish I could convey the atmosphere. To some it might appear like theatre, with the priests in robes on the chancel steps in front of the altar - behind them the screen concealing the staircase up to the level where the host of the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a large, oval casket, visible to the congregation above the screen. The

## Conflicting priorities

*Roger Bowley writes:*

I read with dismay the *Review* leader by Father Mark Bonney in the February edition. How can the Church of England be so insensitive and out of touch with the lives of most people in this world that it allows a member of its parochial clergy to go off for three months to study liturgical space?

Those needing ministering and Christian help in this country alone, as well as some of the hard-pressed clergy themselves, would all benefit from assistance which the Revd Bonney could provide.

Re-charging of human 'batteries' is necessary and beneficial for all who work long and often stressful hours in the community, whether clerical or lay. For that purpose holidays are on offer for most, including the clergy, and without the benefit or need for a sabbatical period of such length and apparent frequency.

However, I have a brother-in-law who is a team vicar in another diocese, leading four parishes and a church school with virtually no team to help him due to the illness of one assistant and the age of his

N.S.M. He works all days and all hours for the benefit of his parishioners and four PCCs and goes for a year at a time with only occasional day's holiday from his extremely demanding role. Those such as my brother-in-law would benefit from a more directed and assisting role by Revd. Bonney during his sabbatical, however mentally stimulating he may find the study of approaches to worship space.

Of course I recognise that the PCC of St Peter's has given the opportunity and Revd Bonney has the back-up clergy and readers at St Peter's to allow him to take the diocese's given right. But it seems to me, as a practising member of the Church of England, not to be recognising the realities of life in which so many of the people of this country have to operate. What does it give by way of example and practical help and ministry such as Jesus would have sought to provide? No wonder the Church of England is seen by many as being out of touch.

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atmosphere of deep solemn belief banishes any suggestion of theatre and conveys itself to each recipient with true meaning with sincerely felt ritual. It was like being touched by an electric current.

Sunday morning found us joining the large local congregation in the parish church for their sung Mass. After lunch there was the final service of Sprinkling at the Well.

The well, thought to date back to the 11th century, lies within the shrine church, beside the Holy House, with steps leading down to it. The ritual involved drinking,

being signed and having the water poured over your hands. This may be the same well that the Lady Richeldis found when she had her vision in 1061, and its ceremonies connect all pilgrims with the past.

The journey home, drawn out by traffic jams and road works, rewarded us with the uninterrupted view of a sunset of such magnificence, it seemed a perfect finale for a weekend of beauty, sincerity and calm. Thank you, Fr Mark and Alex for all your kindness and help.



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## GM foods

*Guy Patterson writes:*

Colin Davies (*What does Natural mean?* March issue) argues that because we accept foods that have been selectively bred, we should equally well accept GM modified foods. This over-simplifies the matter: the two methods are not necessarily equivalent. Selective breeding is restricted to genes occurring within the species, whereas genetic engineering can use a gene from any species, and may use a virus to insert it. This is not in itself to be condemned, but it does open up a much greater range of possible effects which require much more careful testing and evaluation than has been applied so far.

He says that no one has complained about GM pollen blowing around the countryside: organic farmers and honey producers certainly have. He also says that 'evidently there have been no side effects': but there was the US case of Monarch butterflies killed by pollen from plants made to produce a 'natural' pesticide.

He says that scientists 'know a lot of things that no one else does'. Perhaps they

do, but that knowledge is far from complete, as is shown by the BSE disease which is still endemic in British cattle, because there is no test which can detect it during the incubation period. The increasing resistance of some bacteria to our present range of antibiotics is another example of how much more we need to know about genetic systems before we can be certain of success. This applies as much to food as it does to medicine.

Of particular concern, not mentioned by Colin Davies, is the problem of allergic reaction to GM foods. Some people must avoid milk, others must avoid peanuts and the like. These foods can be easily identified, but with GM foods, owing to the practice of mixing GM and non-GM materials, it may become next to impossible to identify the source of an allergy. And yet the US is close to applying 'restraint of trade' laws to make labelling of GM materials illegal!

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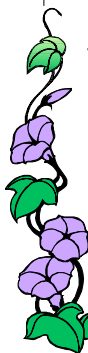
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There was a wonderfully interesting programme on TV about the 1930s when people started buying their own houses and cultivating their gardens. Interviews were held with elderly people who had been the proud owners of the gardens which they had cultivated from scratch. Suburban estates sprang up with some truly beautiful layouts. Gardening was voted the most popular pastime in the 30s. The photography taken then was a joy.

My parents bought their first house at this time and I remember standing in our back garden and talking to our new neighbour - a lovely, large Irish woman who taught in one of the toughest areas of London. I was about 15 at the time and we were talking about books. "You want to read Ethel M Dell", said Miss Hodgett in her brogue, "They're lovely books".

Well, Miss Hodgett was a teacher so she must have known what she was talking about. Besides, I was fascinated by the 'M' - and I never did discover what it stood for! So, the next time I went to the library I got one of her books out. I remember feeling rather surprised that a teacher could enjoy such drivel - palpitating females, strong tough heroes, impossibly romantic situations, if my memory serves me right. Still, I persevered for a bit.

Then one day my father said I ought to read *All quiet on the Western Front*. It was the German point of view of the Great War. My father must have seen the Ethel M Dell books lying around, but it was never his way to forbid such reading. What a clever chap he was! No, he pointed my reading into another direction completely and I was hooked. After that

## The love of a Good Read

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If you're an avid reader of romantic fiction, **Muriel Lander** has other ideas.

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he recommended *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, *Jock of the Bushveldt*, and I was off. By then I knew what was good literature and a good read, and over the years I have added to the list.

I always enjoyed an exciting adventure book and John Buchan and E Phillips Oppenheim were added to my list (who ever hears of the latter now?). I realised that John Buchan was quite racist but he

could tell a good story. I think *Sick Heart River* (written when he was Governor General of Canada and, I believe, one of his last books) was quite outstanding.

For my first job I used to travel by train to Euston - naturally accompanied by some reading matter - and great was my embarrassment when I laughed out loud at *Three Men in a Boat* and *The Diary of a Nobody*.

For many years now I have been a member of the University of the Third Age and attend a literature group and also, latterly, a appreciation of music group. We all help to compile a list of books for us to enjoy and discuss and I'm amazed when I look at the list.

Getting back to our lovely Irish neighbour: Miss Hodgett was approaching middle age and as so many young men had died in the Great War, the chance of her ever marrying was remote indeed. I'm pretty sure that is why she enjoyed Ethel M Dell so much. It brought romance and colour into her life which perhaps she felt was lacking. Anyway, she did me a favour, because having sampled light romantic fiction I felt instinctively (with my father's help) that I must move on to something completely different. And I've enjoyed every minute of it!

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**Revd Peter Hart**  
*wants your*  
**Easter to be**  
*'an eruption*  
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fering, the week of confrontation and betrayal, the agony of the cross and the silence of the tomb all fall within a month that is filled with blossom and bright sunlight, growing warmth and longer evenings. The bleakness of Christ's desolation will contrast with the brightness of Spring's colours: the pain of denial and desolation will sit uneasily with the glories of new growth and burgeoning bird song.

We live with cruel ironies all our lives. Society constantly re-creates itself: as some die, others are born, as neighbours move away, so newcomers join the community, as colleagues retire, new blood joins the workforce. When we are at our most lonely, we see happy groups surrounding us: when we find joy, we frequently meet miserable and suffering individuals. Mozambique's dreadful suffering through flooding contrasts desperately with droughts further north in Africa: reconstructed communities in East Timor or South Africa serve to underline the tragic separation that is the agony of the Balkans or the Palestinians.

Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter operate on the same level. We know the story, we know that after death comes resurrection, we know that triumph follows pain for Christ, we know that his glory is far greater than his sufferings and yet we put ourselves through the whole process, year by year. We do not do it simply to gain different insights into the events, new ways of understanding all that occurred, welcome though such increased

knowledge will be. We do not re-enact human cruelty and divine grace simply to re-assure ourselves that Christ's victory over sin and death is complete, sustaining though that is to our faith. What we seek is a greater reality, a greater involvement of ourselves, a lessening of the distance between past events and our part in them, a move from story to participation.

As we walk with Jesus through his last few weeks of ministry, as we sit and watch with him in Gethsemane, as we shout with the crowd at his trial or weep with the women while he makes his painful way to crucifixion, as we sit in silence during the dark three hours and numbly wait through a silent, holy Saturday: may the eruption of joy on Easter Day be as frighteningly real as the terror of those who first met the risen Christ: may the power of recognition and the assault on logic that the resurrection brings root us in the reality of a God who has undergone every pain and separation that we can know, every delight and pleasure that can be ours, and may the force of Easter contrasts enable us to live more securely in his love and more realistically in his world. ❖



*A detail from a Station of the Cross at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. See article on page 18.*





The programme of events sponsored by the trust in April includes:

On *Saturday 1st April* Berkhamsted Jazz present the *Ken Peplowski / George Masso Quintet* (John Pearce, piano; Dave Green, bass; Martin Drew, drums) at 8:00pm in the civic centre. Tickets for non-members cost £7 (students £3.50).

On *Sunday 2nd April* the Dacorum Symphony Orchestra will give a concert in the Dean's Hall, Collegiate School at 3:30pm. The programme includes *Mars and Jupiter* (Holst) and *Pictures at an Exhibition* (Mussorgsky). Tickets cost £7 from Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts, 258 High Street.

On *Sunday 2nd April* Berkhamsted Jazz present Ray Gelato's *Giants of Jazz* at 8:00pm in the civic centre. Tickets from the library cost £3.

On *Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th April* the Berkhamsted Film Society screen *Little Voice* (UK 1998) starring Jane Horrocks, Michael Caine and Brenda Blethyn at 8:00pm in the civic centre. Tickets for non-members cost £3.

On *Saturday 15th April* the Cowper Society present the Chiltern Chamber Choir at 7:30pm in St Peter's church. The programme includes *Stabat Mater* (Poulenc) and the *Maria Theresa Mass* (Haydn). Tickets cost £8 (concessionaires £6). See page 14 of this issue.

On *Thursday 27th April* the Berkhamsted and District Archaeological Society hold their annual general meeting at 8:00pm in the Newcourt wing, Collegiate School. There will be an archaeological video. Non-members pay £1.50 at the door.

On *Thursday 27th April* the Berkhamsted Citizen's Association presents a talk, *The Smell of Innocence: Graham Greene and Berkhamsted* by Roger Watkins, director of the

Graham Greene festival, at 8:00pm in the town hall. Admission for non-members costs £1.

On *Monday 1st May* the Cowper Society presents the Chiltern Chamber Choir singing mayday madrigals at 6:15am on the green by St Peter's church. No charge is made. Breakfast is available.

## OXFAM'S CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

The next Oxfam children's wear event is fast approaching. It will be on Thursday 6th April at Berkhamsted civic centre (opposite WH Smith) between 9:00am and 11:30am. Do come and make this event our best ever.

The harrowing flood scenes from Africa cannot possibly have escaped your notice and Oxfam is hugely involved in the provision of clean drinking water and sanitation facilities. The need to raise funds is as acute as ever and your generous support of all our endeavours is warmly welcome. The children's wear event is one such activity and presents an ideal opportunity for you to see for yourselves the range of children's clothes, books and toys that Oxfam has available for sale.

Admission is free and there will be help on hand to supervise accompanying toddlers. We will even revive any flagging spirits with a free cup of coffee. We look forward to meeting our customers on 6th April.

## TUESDAY CLUB

At our April meeting on the 4th, Mrs Gill Goss will demonstrate a variety of floral arrangements using spring flowers and foliage. She will also include some seasonal ideas for Spring and Easter and the arrangements will be raffled afterwards.

Tuesday Club is a lively group for women of all ages. We usually meet in the Court House at 8:15pm on the first Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome and our membership is steadily increasing. Please contact Angela Morris on 866992 for further information or just come along on the night - you will be made very welcome.

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## THE LEPROSY MISSION

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Vocational training after treatment is an important part of the Leprosy Mission's work. Patients often face rejection by their families and village communities because of the stigma surrounding the disease. Many, although cured, are disabled. Vocational centres train patients in a variety of occupations and help them to set up in business and provide their families with a living, giving them dignity and self-respect. More vocational centres are needed and these cost money.

A coffee morning with 'bring and buy' sale, is being held at All Saints' church hall on Saturday 13th May, between 10:00am and 12 noon. Cakes, and TLM goods (cards, books, gifts - many items made by leprosy sufferers) will be on sale. Please come along and help us to help them help themselves.

*Meg Harper and Pat Hearne*

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## CARING FOR CARERS IN THE DACORUM AREA

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The Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading care and research charity for people with all forms of dementia, their carers and families. The Dacorum branch offers support, information and advice to carers living in Hemel Hempstead, Tring, Berkhamsted and surrounding villages.

We know that caring for someone with dementia can be very draining, both physically and emotionally. Our support group meetings, coffee mornings and social activities can be a real lifeline, giving carers the opportunity to have a break and meet people who understand their situation. We can provide a wide range of helpful and informative leaflets covering all aspects of coping with dementia.

We have a busy programme of events throughout the year to raise funds and awareness of our work. Anyone who would be interested in helping at any of our fund-raising events can be sure of a very warm welcome. We particularly need volunteers during national Alzheimer's Awareness Week, 2nd -8th July, when we have a hectic schedule of events! Please call me if you would like to help.

If you are worried about someone who is confused and forgetful, why not get in touch? I can be contacted at our branch office, 13 Queensway, Hemel Hempstead on 260088 between 10:00am and 3:00pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Please leave a message at other times. Our chairman, Margaret Kelly Swan, can be contacted on 262306.

*Jane Wilkinson  
Dacorum Branch Co-ordinator*

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## ASHRIDGE NATIONAL TRUST 2000

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Ashridge has, in common with the rest of the country, this winter received its fair share of rain. This is all to the good for the trees, of course. The below-ground aquifers are full to their normal levels, so there should be no hosepipe bans this coming summer. But we do have our fair share of mud on the rides!

The trust has completed its purchase of Downs Farm, which runs at the foot of the Beacon hills on the south side and also includes part of Pitstone Hill. Parts of the farm have been fenced off to allow the ground to return to natural chalk downland and in time to wild flowers. The rest of the land will continue to be farmed by the tenant farmer.

Routine scrub clearance has continued on the Beacon and a limestone path has been laid on the approach to the summit. Osprey and Kite have been seen on very rare occasions on the estate. Tree planting continues on the eastern side adjacent to the golf course.

Inspection of the dead wood on the estate has revealed many insects including some species of invertebrate which are quite rare. These have made the estate an international centre for such creatures.

The visitor centre at the monument is nearly finished, providing office and storage space. It will be completed by Easter. The next events in our programme of walks for 2000 are:

- *Bluebell Walk* on Thursday 4th May at 7:00pm, Monument centre
- *Early Morning Birds* on Sunday 14th May at 5:00am, Steps Hill car park

Tickets cost £3 from Steve Powell, 17 Redwood Glade, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7JT.

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## BERKHAMSTED W.I.

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The February meeting was very well attended. We had three new members who were very warmly welcomed. Our President, Mrs Crellin, presented birthday posies.

Mrs Pam Elphinstone gave us a report on a recent visit by the various members to the Tate Gallery. The artists Graham Sutherland and John Piper were the subject of the lecture given by Laurence Bradbury. Among his many works Graham Sutherland painted, what was considered at the time, a controversial portrait of Sir Winston Churchill. War scenes painted by John Piper were poignant in the extreme, and altogether the day was well supported by our members.

The rest of the business for the evening included the forming of ad-hoc committees for our birthday party, for programme planning for 2000 and for future fund-raising.

Our speakers were Annette and Iona who are district nurses and part of the medical team who are involved in the Berkhamsted patient medical fund. This was established in March 1998 through initial funding from service clubs, the Ladies Circle, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and the Round Table. The scheme is operated through the district nursing team based at Victory Road clinic. The service provides medical care at home for people who may suffer disability requiring specialised equipment. The provision of special mattresses, cushions and a wide range of other equipment gives patients a better quality of life. We were shown a pressure reducing mattress and a syringe for the relief of pain in the terminally ill. Equipment is purchased and loaned; it is not available through the NHS or other organisation. This service which was started in Tring and then taken up by Berkhamsted is unique. We were told there is not another like it in the country.

Our March meeting was held on Wednesday 15th March when the speaker was Graham Atkins MBE who spoke on the subject *Sand, Sea and Saltmarsh*. Visitors and new members are always warmly welcomed to our meetings.

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## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

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Our President, Liz Baxendale, welcomed members to our March meeting and with secretary Janet Mitchell took us through the business matters. There were reports from Joy Lovell on the group's meetings.

At our institute we discuss each month a town topic which affects those living in Berkhamsted. This month the subject was 'shopping in Berkhamsted'. From the floor mayhem broke out! First of all many members would like to see a fabric and haberdashery shop. There was a need for a furniture shop (where does one buy the new mattress, let alone a bed?), a greengrocer and fruiterer (selling local grown produce) and a butchers shop within walking distance (not everyone has the use of a car).

The two supermarkets in the town were not at all popular for fresh fruit and vegetables. Waitrose was said to stock mostly imported fruit and vegetables which often looked rather limp. The company was however given high marks for their organic stock. Tesco fared hardly any better with their fruit and vegetables - felt to be in a very 'fragile state'. This was often so on a Friday, when many people purchase for the weekend.

Boots the Chemists won no top marks. It was felt the service was poor and the staff off-hand. Some goods were not available - but one can try their Hemel Hempstead store! Several speakers were pleased with the improved service at WH Smith and their stock. Berkhamsted market got top marks for quality, prices and friendly service.

During members time there was a show and tell meeting with several members bringing some treasured items for us to see and hear about. Amongst them were a French doll, a copper bull-ring, a calendar picture of the Danube, a dragon ornament and a small wooden doll in an egg.

On the 7th April we shall be holding our eleventh birthday celebration at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm.

Why not join us at our friendly institute which takes a great interest in local matters?



# Holy Week Services

## at St Peter's and All Saints'

<b>Monday - Wednesday</b>	17	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	Compline with devotion	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion	<i>All Saints'</i>
	18	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		9:30am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
		8:00pm	Compline with devotion	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion	<i>All Saints'</i>
	19	6:45am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	Compline with devotion	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion	<i>All Saints'</i>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	20	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		11:00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Vigil of Prayer.	<i>St Peter's</i>
			Preacher: Revd Christopher Collingwood	
		8:00pm	United Eucharist & Vigil of Prayer	<i>All Saints'</i>
			Preacher: Revd John Green, chaplain of St George's school, Harpenden	
<b>Good Friday</b>	21	9:00am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		10:00am	United service	<i>All Saints'</i>
		12noon	Three Hour Devotion	<i>St Peter's</i>
			Preacher: Revd Christopher Collingwood	
		4:00pm	All age service (30mins) followed by hot-cross buns in the hall	<i>All Saints'</i>
		5:30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
<b>Easter Eve</b>	22	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		9:00pm	The Easter Vigil with holy baptism	<i>St Peter's</i>
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	23	8:00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
		9:15am	Family Sung Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		11:30am	Book of Common Prayer Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>

<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
<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 61 Kitsbury Road. <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 Tuesday / Friday</b>	<b>BELLRINGING:</b> 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804 <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.					

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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. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

## April / May 2000

### APRIL

2	6:30pm	Special Evening Service for Mothering Sunday with the Aldwych Singers. Preacher: The Revd Terence Handley MacMath, Curate of St Peter's, St Albans	<i>All Saints'</i>
3	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
9		Area elections (after the morning services)	
9	6:00pm	Choral Evensong, followed by...	<i>St Peter's</i>
9	7:15pm	Organ Recital given by Jonathan Lee	<i>St Peter's</i>
11	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints'</i>
15	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	
16		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	9:00am	Blessing of Palms at All Saints' & procession to St Peter's	
	6:00pm	<i>Crucifixion</i> : Stainer	<i>St Peter's</i>

### 17-23 HOLY WEEK – see page 28 for services

30	10:00am	Joint Morning Worship (Anglican Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
	6:30pm	Joint Eucharist (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>

### MAY

1	6:15am	Madrigals sung from the tower at St Peter's	
3	8:00pm	St Peter's area committee	<i>Court House</i>
4	8:00pm	All Saints' area committee	
7	10:30am	Berkhamsted Walk sets out from Court House	
	6:00pm	Eastertide Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for departed family and friends.	<i>St Peter's</i>
14	6:00pm	Parish Confirmation	<i>St Peter's</i>

### Baptisms (\* *St Peter's* \*\* *All Saints'*)

20 February *	Henry Arthur Charles Martell, Lucy Georgina Brazier
20 February **	David Philip McEntee ( <i>this did not take place on 19.9.99 as reported previously</i> )

### Funerals

7 February	Sydney Walker	St Peter's (Kingshill Cemetery)
9 February	May (otherwise Dorothy May) Davis	Chilterns Crematorium
10 February	George Michael Irons	St Peter's (Chiltern Crematorium)
11 February	Marion Adeline Lydia Hill	Amersham Crematorium
18 February	Philip Reginald Gower	Kingshill Cemetery (graveside)
21 February	Edith Allen	Chiltern Crematorium

## Registers

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	Mrs H Blundell	Berk. 875021
2. St Mary's Northchurch	Rev Peter Hart	Berk. 865312
	Mrs D Knapp	HH 257897
3. All Saints' Anglican	Rev Robin Figg	Berk. 866161
	Mr John Malcolm	Berk. 874993
4. Methodist All Saints'	Rev Martin Turner	Berk. 866324
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 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road. Tel: 864485  
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 Parish & Area Youth Worker, Christina Billington, 13 Ashridge Rise. Tel: 385566  
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 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894  
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 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way. Tel: 863559

## St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859  
 Organist: Terry Charlston Tel: 01582 462024  
**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

## All Saints'

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894  
 Organist: Paul Swinden Tel: 239975  
**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  
 (All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership)  
**Methodist minister:** The Revd Martin Turner, 32 Finch Road Tel: 866324



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