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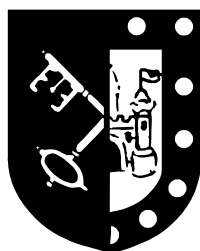
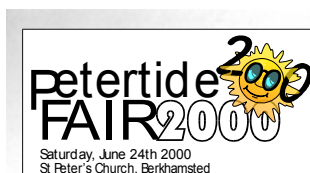
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Welcome to the June issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

There are many important happenings this month. Quite a few of these are identified or advertised in this issue. You will be very busy if you attend all the special events featured here, let alone the regular ones. But two dates are of especially great importance.

Sunday 11th June is Pentecost or Whit Sunday, the birthday of the Church. Read Robin Figg's piece to see what this really means. This year an extra attraction is a party in the Castle grounds as part of a wider celebration of the millennium.

You can hardly have missed the fact that Saturday 24th June is the day of the Petertide Fair. We hope you will support this in what we hope will be a record year! The Berkhamsted Patients Medical Fund and the New Life Street Children project are both excellent causes. And, of course, it is always *great fun*!

And if you are not yet helping with the Fair but would like to, ring Alex Evans on 872502, Graham Tolley on 828008 or Kevin or Hilary Elliott on 863167. It's one of those events that needs help in many different ways, both before and on the day itself. The old maxim 'the more the merrier' certainly applies!

David Woodward

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

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***As we approach
Pentecost,
Fr Robin Figg
describes the power
of the Holy Spirit.***

The Easter season continues until the middle of June when we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost (Sunday 11th). On this day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit – the outpouring of the sudden power of God to transform the wounded and disillusioned band of stragglers into a community that changed the world. It was a power that was both awaited by the early disciples, yet utterly unexpected in its energy and urgency. It was a power that empowered the disciples for their life of public witness.

In this millennium year local groups of Christians across the nation are being encouraged to come together on Pentecost Sunday to celebrate their common faith and to remember the experience of the first Christians. Here in Berkhamsted it is hoped that many will walk to the castle from their own churches after the morning services for a picnic lunch followed by a united act of worship at 2:00pm.

As we celebrate God's gift to us of the Spirit we can use a number of traditional images associated with the power of the Spirit. As we contemplate the complexities of today's world we think how God's power is potentially overwhelming, like the natural forces of wind, fire, storm and flood. It is power to break down what is corrupt and evil. But the Spirit is also seen as the breath of love, the giver of life, the remaker of community.

In the midst of the struggles of our world we must believe that the Spirit is the power to make profound changes of heart and lead to effective action within our world. The Spirit is the power to make a new world possible.

It is often difficult to believe that we can make a real difference; watching the television news can leave us feeling woefully inadequate in our ability to respond to all the pain and suffering we see before us. But of course we can respond, and we do respond. God's Spirit breathes into us the desire and the energy to do what we can in solidarity with our fellow humans.

One writer describes the work of the Spirit in this way. 'I have a glove here in my hand. The glove cannot do anything by itself, but when my hand is in it, it can do many things. True, it is not the glove, but my hand in the glove that acts. We are gloves. It is the Holy Spirit in us who is the hand, who does the job. We have to make room for the hand so that every finger is filled.

'The question on Pentecost is not whether God is blessing our own plans and programmes but whether we are open to the great opportunities to which his Spirit calls us.'

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to his people. Receive the Holy Spirit and go and live in the power of the Spirit. ❖

The Petertide Fair: a year on

Our cover this month shows the three girls attending Bweranyangi school in West Ankole in Uganda who are being supported by the Sylvia Morris Charitable Trust, one of the causes the Petertide fair helped in 1999. Left to right they are Kyomuhendo Martha, Emma Ware and Bonane Winfred. A story about the recent trip Angela Morris and Priscilla Watts made to Uganda will appear in the *Review* soon.

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A New Pageant?

Is it time that Berkhamsted started to plan for another pageant? One was held in 1922 to mark the 700th anniversary of St Peter's church; another in 1931 was largely a repeat performance but with some changes 'to celebrate the restoration of the Castle and its grounds to seemliness and order by H.M. Office of Works' and to commemorate the 200th birthday of William Cowper. Lots of local people and schoolchildren took part, and it would be interesting to hear from readers who have memories of either of these events.

Both of them were staged in the Castle and seem to have been quite lavish spectacles. Looking at the 1931 programme the organisers managed to put together a highly impressive list of vice-patrons, including two marquises, a viscount, various other lords and ladies, two admirals, a general, two venerables and not least the great historian Professor G.M. Trevelyan; and the person they got to be patron was the Prince of Wales.

And then a lot of us can remember the pageant of 1972 on the 750th anniversary of St Peter's, directed by the late Dorian Williams: but that was 28 years ago. Is there someone or some organisation prepared to set the ball rolling for another one? With our history we can surely find some anniversary as an excuse - but we

might be hard put to match the 1931 list of vice-patrons.

Buried among the Famous

On a guided tour of Westminster Abbey you will be taken into Edward The Confessor's chapel and shown the tombs of several English monarchs - The Confessor himself, Henry V, Richard II and so on. There is only one non-royal tomb in that very special place at the heart of the Abbey, and that is of an ex-rector of Berkhamsted, John Waltham. (His name appears as John de Waltham on the list of rectors on the big brass plate in St Peter's.)

Waltham was made Rector of Berkhamsted St Peter in 1379 by King Richard II who was then its patron. He went on to become Bishop of Salisbury, and the King also appointed him to important positions of trust in the government including Keeper of the Great Seal, Lord Privy Seal and Lord High Treasurer.

When Waltham died Richard wanted him to be buried in Westminster Abbey - and not just anywhere there but in the Confessor's Chapel alongside where he himself would eventually end up. The reason seems to be that Waltham was the King's very special friend, if you take my meaning. This was considered a quite scandalous proposal: no one of such comparatively lowly rank had ever been interred there before.

Anyway, with the King's persistence and the offer of two splendid copes and a substantial sum of money the abbot decided it wasn't such an impossible idea after all, and he was finally persuaded to agree to the remains of a one-time rector of Berkhamsted being placed there among those of great monarchs.

Another Prelate

Another important cleric from the Middle Ages who additionally held high secular office is also remembered in St Peter's. There are just three medieval coats of arms in the stained glass windows in the church: those of England, of France and

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of Henry Chichele. Apart from being the Archbishop of Canterbury in the 15th century, Chichele was entrusted virtually to run the country while Henry V was in France winning the battles of Harfleur and Agincourt. When Good King Harry returned home Chichele crowned him in Westminster Abbey.

Why are his arms in a window in St Peter's? It would be interesting to hear suggestions. Chichele founded All Souls College at Oxford, and John Incent, Dean of St Paul's and creator of Berkhamsted School who lived opposite St Peter's in the house that bears his name, was a fellow of All Souls. There may be a link there.

Our New Footpath Map

Walking through the lovely countryside that surrounds Berkhamsted you can come across a variety of animal life including two species of deer, belted Galloway cattle, long-horned and Highland cattle, goats and several species of sheep, and these days do not be surprised to see llamas and ostriches too.

Bill Willett, a cartographer and Berkhamsted resident for 34 years has almost finished making a brand new footpath map of the countryside surrounding Berkhamsted for the Berkhamsted Citizens Association. The actual process of compiling maps is like everything else these days - highly computerised - but there is still no substitute for the final check on the ground. Bill has walked and cycled for miles and miles making sure that the footpaths and other features are accurately shown on his map. This has been a quite major task as it covers an area of over 100 square miles.

This new map, which should be available in the shops in the next month or two, has been specifically designed for walkers. There are of course already good quality maps of the area including the Ordinance Survey sheets, but they are multi-purpose, containing a lot of information which is not essential for the walker and omitting some features which



Ostriches and llamas: joining cows and sheep in our local countryside?

can be of help in finding your way on foot across country; for example the radio telephone masts which have sprung up everywhere in recent years. There are a lot fewer hedges than there used to be but those that remain in the countryside are indicated and Bill has checked which side of them the footpaths run. There is also a useful larger scale map of Berkhamsted town showing the streets and footpaths in the built-up area.

In the course of his fieldwork Bill says he did not meet many walkers, although those he did bump in to often had interesting things to say. But if there were not many people there was a good variety of animals in the fields (even excepting Whipsnade Zoo, or Whipsnade Wild Animal Park as it calls itself now), including ostriches and llamas.

I can vouch for the llamas. I was given a ticket for a trip in a hot air balloon; we took off from a field by the Cow Roast, and although we were not fortunate enough to be blown over Berkhamsted there were plenty of interesting things to be seen, including a meadow with llamas in it. And the ostriches: well, they are to be found just over the Bucks border between Berkhamsted and Chesham.

I do recommend you buy a copy of the map, and perhaps seek out these strange alien creatures in our Chiltern countryside. ❖

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

Jenny Wells looks at the work of the Mothers' Union in the prison service.

Mothers' Union members in prison? Surprising? When a parent receives a prison sentence it affects the whole family and the effects can be far reaching, making it difficult to keep strong family relationships. As the M.U. seeks to be involved in many practical ways to support marriage and family life, it is natural for us to be concerned about this.



Some of our own members go regularly to the Mount at Bovingdon to help supervise children who can play in the crèche if they wish to, so giving the parents the chance of uninterrupted talk.

Over 1,000 M.U. volunteers are involved in a total of 75 prisons, four young offender institutions and one remand centre throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. Fifteen of these are women's prisons or hold women and all have contact with the M.U.

Overall, there are 51 projects based in visit halls and 28 in prisoner visitor centres. Sixteen projects are involved with the chaplaincy. Six visit inmates, while 22 projects involve members in other ways.

Sir David Ramsbottom, chief inspector of prisons, recently thanked the M.U. for the way they worked in the prison service, saying "The support they give to families is invaluable to prisons". It also helps the community, because prisoners who maintain strong family relationships are much less likely to reoffend. ❖



Victoria School NEWS

There have been lots of interesting and exciting things happening at Victoria. At the end of March some Victoria children took part in the RE Festival at Ashlyns. The children sang a song about Noah and did a rainbow dance. Our excellent display has been borrowed by county for show at the Wheathampstead Education Centre to mark the launch of the new county RE syllabus.

We had an interesting literacy presentation for year 4 in the Spring term. The actors used their skills to increase the children's understanding of language, prose and poetry and really develop their thinking.

Our key stage 2 production took place at the end of the Spring term 2000. It was excellent and enjoyed by all. It told three African tales with colourful costumes and lively singing. The costumes were designed and made by the children using tie-dye, batik and other methods.

As always, our parent teacher association has been very busy with events. At one stage the school hall was turned into a manmade ice rink for a family ice skating session. Later in the term an auction of promises was held which raised over £3,000 for school funds.

Our Summer fair will take place on Saturday 17th June. There will be a procession at 10:45am leaving from the school and the fair opens at 11:00am, running to 2:00pm.



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Together with a lot of by train every day to In fact if it were not at Berkhamsted I here because ready essential for me. The is largely due to the railway running

The inter-city line Birmingham was the built. It was 1830s and opened as must have had a huge inhabitants – both the of the works and also opportunities that it

there were objections to it is known and Percy Birtchnell, in his book *A Short History of Berkhamsted*, observed that ‘a resolution condemning the project was passed at a meeting held at the *King’s Arms*’. Subsequently, the railway has been seen as bringing nothing but benefit to the town. Henry Nash wrote in 1890 that it seemed strange to him and his generation that there should have been ‘any serious opposition to the introduction of railway conveniences, which everyone is now desirous of having brought within easy reach of his own door’.

Now Railtrack want to upgrade the line. They want to spend nearly £6 billion on the track between Euston and Glasgow. This is partly to replace worn out points and signalling gear but they also want to alter the fast lines so that they can take tilting trains which can travel at up to 140mph. We might be inclined to think that opposition to such a thing would be worthy only of a patronising smile such as might arise in recollection of the *King’s Arms* meeting 170 years ago. But when looking at what Railtrack proposes more closely it is not so clear that that what is being proposed, despite the great trouble and expense, will be unequivocally good news for the residents or indeed the commuters of the town.

By running trains on the fast tracks at 140mph, the currently flexible use of the fast lines by suburban, Silverlink trains will be made more difficult. Silverlink will find its room for manoeuvre and expansion blocked off. So this huge investment in upgrading the line will be of no benefit at all to Berkhamsted commuters – and may indeed lead to a worse service. The improved reliability of the new points and signalling gear will be cancelled out by the fewer opportunities to use the fast line when needed.

Added to this, the noise and vibration which people living close to the track experience will get worse: - thirteen trains an hour at 140mph instead of ten an hour at 110mph, a doubling of the noise intensity, vibration levels up by as much as 70 per cent, the building of unsightly transformers and the sinking of a pressure relieving shaft at Northchurch tunnel. No pressure relieving shafts have been built in this country before, and nobody knows how much noise they will make.

All of this is to enable customers of Virgin to get to Glasgow or Birmingham five to ten minutes earlier! It is not surprising that the town, borough and county councils have all called for a public enquiry. It is hard to understand the logic that has persuaded Railtrack to accede so readily to Virgin’s demands. The government has agreed to a public enquiry but only apparently for the construction of the pressure shaft and transformer. Over the major part of the impact that this work will cause we will it seems have almost no say at all.

council & news views

Town councillor **Ian Reay** asks for whose benefit the proposed high-speed rail link through Berkhamsted is for.

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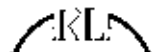
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Luke Geoghegan, has been training for ministry in the Church of England. This July he is to be ordained. Here he tells some of his story.

I work in a charity, Toynbee Hall, in the East End of London. Despite many of the successes in bringing jobs to the East End there is still considerable poverty. Not the poverty of Africa or Bangladesh but poverty nonetheless. In contrast, a few minutes walk away is the City of London, one of the densest areas of wealth in Europe. Journeying between the two communities I meet with both the poor and powerless and the rich and powerful; communities separated by a short walk; but living in different worlds.

But the longer I know both communities the more struck I am about how similar the people are. The same hopes; for children, for their loved ones, for a fulfilling life. The same fears; loss of status or respect, the same marital upsets, encroaching infirmity, old age, and death. And often, where you expect it least, the same uninhibited generosity and love of neighbour. These hopes and fears are expressed in different ways and in

Completely different... but exactly the same

Luke Geoghegan, from our parish, is soon to be ordained into the ministry. Here reflects on the changes he faces.

the people around us; though sometimes we find this difficult to admit. But it is often these most personal moments where God comes to meet us; to celebrate with us the joys and comfort us in our sorrows. And in those personal moments we realise we really are one community.

Completely different... but exactly the same. This can be applied to my ordination too. As a priest I will have both the privilege and the responsibility of taking part in the highs and lows of other people's lives; the birth and baptism of a new child, marriage, life-threatening illness, and death. I will have the privilege and responsibility of demonstrating that God is present in the highs and lows; and that we are part of one community, wherever it is located. This will be different. But I will also be the same; ordination neither gives saintliness nor wisdom. I will continue to have a 'normal' job working at Toynbee Hall. But I am confident in the future. Not because I have been trained (though it has been a good training), not because I think I have the answers and the experience (I do not) but because like you I can meet God in the highs and lows of life. Like you, whether East Ender or Berkhamsted resident, rich or poor, old or young our common community is in God and God has a way of making it right in the end. ❖

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All are invited to join the congregation at St Mary's.

As part of his research for a forthcoming book, Stephen Halliday completes his survey of the development of the London Underground and the main personalities involved. He invites readers' comments if anyone thinks they can draw attention to significant errors or omissions.

**Lord Ashfield
(Albert H. Stanley; 1874-1948)**

Chairman of the Underground Group and later chairman of the London Passenger Transport Board, Ashfield was born Albert Knattriess in Derby. He emigrated as a child to the USA with his parents and at the age of 14 joined the Detroit Street railway as a messenger boy. He rose rapidly and in 1903 became general manager of the New Jersey Tramways, having changed his family name to Stanley in 1897. In 1907 he returned to England to become general manager of the Underground Group at the behest of American shareholders who were dissatisfied with the group's financial performance following the death of C.T. Yerkes two years earlier. Under Ashfield's visionary leadership the Underground Group became the dominant force in London's transport system, owning most of the underground railways and many of the buses. In 1913 he became once again a British subject, was knighted in 1914, served as President of the Board of Trade in Lloyd George's wartime coalition in 1916-19 and became Lord Ashfield in 1920, upon returning to the Underground Group. In 1933 he became the first chairman of the London Passenger Transport Board and briefly served on its successor, the British Transport Commission in the months before his death in 1948. An effective and sometimes ruthless manager he was said to hold in reserve resignation letters from each of his chief officers, in case of need.

All about the Tube

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

London Transport
The London Passenger Transport Board was set up by an Act of 1933, having been conceived by Herbert Morrison during his brief spell as Minister of Transport in the Labour government of 1929. Morrison's intention, which was reflected in the constitution of the board, was to set up a

strategic transport authority for London which would not fall under the suspicion of political interference. For this reason the members of the board were appointed, not by the minister, but by five ex-officio trustees including the president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the chairman of the London County Council. In 1948 its activities were taken over by the London Transport Executive, whose members were appointed directly by the Minister of Transport. The LTE formed part of the British Transport Commission whose other responsibilities included British Railways, buses, road freight, canals and ports. In 1963 this cumbersome arrangement ended when a separate London Transport Board was created, its members appointed by and responsible to the minister. In 1970 control passed to the Greater London Council (GLC), who appointed the members of the London Transport Executive and in 1984, following abolition of the GLC, its responsibilities were transferred to London Regional Transport, responsible once again to the minister. The Underground has thus had four different organisational structures in fifty years and present indications are that another will soon follow either in the public sector, in the private sector or somewhere in between.

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Frank Pick (1878-1941)

After training as a solicitor Frank Pick joined the North-Eastern Railway in York in 1902 and followed its general manager, George Gibb, when the latter joined the Underground Group in 1907. Pick was initially responsible for traffic promotion. He rose to become managing director of the group and, with Lord Ashfield, was responsible for the dominant position which the group assumed in London's transport network in the 1920s and 1930s. A shy, reserved and severe man who described his recreations in *Who's Who?* as 'the wider aspects of transport and seeing the world' Pick is chiefly remembered as a strong advocate of art and design in a commercial context. Posters, cutlery and station architecture were the objects of his close attention. He used artists like Graham Sutherland, McKnight Kauffer and Len Deighton in poster design and, in the process, introduced the designs of cubism, vorticism and the Bauhaus to members of the travelling public who would not have gone to see them in a picture gallery. Under Pick's direction Harry Beck's famous diagrammatic layout of the Underground network was created. Many of Charles Holden's outstanding station designs were commissioned, following a tour of Germany, Holland and Scandinavia which the two men undertook in 1930. He was vice-chairman of the London Passenger Transport Board upon its formation in 1940 and director-general of the Ministry of Information in the early part of World War II before his untimely death. After his death Nikolaus Pevsner described him as 'the greatest patron of the

arts whom this century has so far produced in England'.

The Victoria Line

Known originally by the unglamorous name 'Route C' the Victoria line was the first major cross-London tube line since the opening of the Piccadilly Line in December, 1906. It was originally proposed by London Transport in 1952 and finally authorised in 1962, the more attractive 'Victoria line' designation having become attached to the project in 1955. The first section, from Highbury to Islington, opened to passengers in September 1968 and the official opening, to Victoria, was performed by the Queen on 7th March, 1969. The extension south of the river to Brixton opened in 1971. It was the first underground line to be justified on the basis of social benefits rather than the purely financial criteria which had applied in the days of the earlier entrepreneurs.

The Jubilee Line

This was originally authorised in 1971 as the 'Fleet Line' because its original intention was to run beneath Fleet Street and across the valley of the river Fleet into the City via Ludgate Hill. The name 'Jubilee Line' was adopted by the Conservatives as a campaigning slogan during the GLC elections of 1977, the year of the Queen's silver jubilee. It was opened in 1979 and took over the Stanmore branch of the overcrowded Bakerloo line. The original idea of a route into the City was abandoned in 1980 in favour of a route south of the Thames, an area poorly served by the Underground. The resulting extension runs via Waterloo to Docklands, serving the Millennium Dome en route. ❖



ASHRIDGE OPEN GARDEN - SUNDAY 23rd July 2:00-5:00pm

An opportunity to experience the vivid summer colours of the beautiful gardens when the College grounds in Lt Gaddesden will be open in aid of The Children's Society. The new Italian garden, parterre and rose garden should all be at their best at this time and after a pleasant stroll round the extensive parkland you can relax and enjoy tea in the Fernery and purchase home-made cakes, while the children will be entertained by various side shows. Please bring your friends along.

Admission £2.00, under 16s free. All profits will be donated to The Children's Society

Among the collection of documents and memorabilia belonging to the Berkhamsted and District Local History Society is a fascinating German parchment that would appear to have no place in the local history archives. It is a patent of nobility, dated 1802, thought to have been donated to

the society some years ago. Unfortunately no record can be found to identify the donor, nor to enable us to discover how it reached Berkhamsted. The patent of nobility was granted by Günther Friedrich Carl I, reigning Prince of Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, to his natural, but legitimised, daughter, Güntherine Friedericke Caroline Faßheber, giving her the right to use the particle 'von' in her name and to bear the colourful coat of arms shown in the document. It was signed in Sondershausen by the Prince and bears his seal, which is affixed to the bottom of the document by ribbons and is the size of a tea-plate. The document and seal were deposited in a laundry box.

As I attempted to decipher the Gothic script and to translate the document for the society I became increasingly fascinated by this prince and decided to research him and his family in greater depth. I sought to trace the descendants of Güntherine in the hope of finding perhaps a marriage to an Englishman or woman, which might explain its presence here. This research has occupied me now for over two years, involved extensive correspondence with German museum directors, archivists and ecclesiastical officials among others. I have met a number of interesting people and gained new friends as well as extended my knowledge of German history, geography and the country's old institutions.

A Mystery to be Solved

Jennifer Sherwood would like
your help to solve the mystery
of a German parchment.

The Schwarzburg family can be traced back to the eighth century and the Sondershausen branch existed until 1909 when the 'kingdom' passed to the Rudolstadt branch, which in turn died out in the 1930s. Sondershausen is in North Thuringia, not so very far from Weimar, and was until 1990 in the German

Democratic Republic. The summer before last my husband and I spent several days there and took with us a photocopy of the document to show Dr. Ohl, the director of the castle museum. It was a pleasure to witness his excitement as he read it with the help of a magnifying glass! He later gave us a personal guided tour of the staterooms of the castle, undergoing restoration after years of neglect under the communist regime. The castle complex is architecturally the most significant in North Thuringia.

Prince Günther Friedrich Carl I was noted for being somewhat of a lad and, although he is recorded as having a mere three mistresses and fewer than ten illegitimate children, local legend claims a far higher score. Whatever the true facts, it is certain that descendants of the prince are still to be found in the area.

But what of the subject of our patent of nobility? Güntherine Friedericke Caroline married August Johann Adolph von Weise, Hofmarschall and Oberstallmeister at the castle, whose older brother was Kammerpräsident. The couple supposedly had three sons, although I have been able to trace the life of only one of them, Günther Ludwig Carl Adolph. In 1835 the prince was forced to abdicate in favour of his son. As a favourite of the deposed prince it is thought that the Kammerpräsident took refuge in the village of Thierbach, where he was lord of the manor, later to be joined for a while by

Güntherine and her family. In any event Günther Ludwig Carl Adolph married Therese Henriette Marianne von Reiboldt, who sadly died shortly after giving birth to a daughter, Therese.

Two years after this sad event the three generations of the family moved to Naumburg an der Saale, where both Güntherine and her husband died. In the week of her grandmother's death, in June 1870, Therese married Friedrich August Curt von Ebart who was then premier lieutenant in the Uhlan regiment in Fürstenwalde. Awarded the Iron Cross for his part in the 1870/71 campaign against the French, he later transferred to the Hanoverian Uhlan regiment and on his retirement became a reichsritter of the Johanniter Orden. The couple apparently died childless, Therese in 1904 and her husband in 1917. Here my research into the direct descendants of Güntherine appears to have come to an end. Apart from trying to follow up relations of the von Weise, von Faßheber, von Ebart families, in other words the von Watzdorf, von Reiboldt and von Seebach families, I appear to have reached the end of the road.

Can anyone help? Do any of these names strike a chord? Who donated this fascinating document to the History Society? Was it wartime booty, or did it reach Berkhamsted legitimately? If we cannot solve this mystery it is felt that this document should return this summer to the town from whence it came. I know it would be received with open arms. First, however, I should like to seek the consent of the donor or of his or her descendants. If anyone can help please contact me on 865158. ❖

The PCC's Finances

The PCC treasurer,
Michael Robinson, gives
us a progress report.

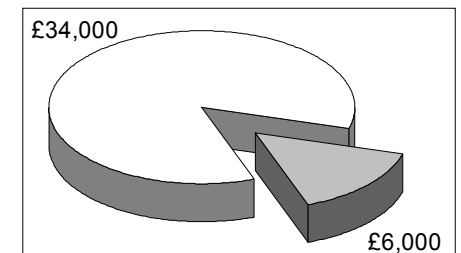
At the time of writing at the beginning of May, we are now one-third of the way through the PCC's financial year. So how are we doing?

As was indicated in last year's accounts, the forecast expenditure from the PCC's general fund for this year is almost £174,000 – some £19,500 more than in 1999, including an increase of £12,500 (to over £76,000) in the 'parish share' payment to the diocese.

To ensure that all planned commitments can be met without depleting our limited reserves, a 21 per cent increase in stewardship income is required.

This year's net stewardship income (before allowing for anticipated income tax recoveries on giving under deed of covenant or by Gift Aid) needs to average nearly £10,000 per month. The first four months of this year have only produced a total of £34,000 rather than £40,000.

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On 12th April a group of 53 people left St Peter's church by coach to visit Lambeth Palace. The tours of the Palace are timed, and our party was divided into two, so there was plenty of time to visit the Museum of Garden History, which displayed photographs of yesteryear, old tools and a set of children's tools, including a wonderful wheelbarrow. The inevitable gift shop was there too with the added opportunity to purchase seeds.

We were warmly greeted to Lambeth Palace and invited to watch a short video of welcome by the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey. We were then given a short history before being handed over to our guide.

First we went to the crypt chapel, which is the oldest surviving part of Lambeth Palace. We passed through a courtyard, the restoration of which was completed in 2000, a marked contrast to the crypt whose lower walls date back to 1199! It is a stone vaulted crypt, and was used to store wine and firewood. It is now used daily by the archbishop, his family and household for prayer. It contains a simple altar and very little else. There are pillars of Purbeck marble supporting the ceiling (and another chapel above it).



All smiles at Lambeth Palace during the recent parish visit.

A String of Pearls

Thelma Harris tells of a recent visit made by a group from our parish to Lambeth Palace.

The south front of the palace, built in 1830, replaced the original buildings. To make way for the new work, a fig tree planted in the 1550s was removed and was re-planted outside the great hall. Its gnarled branches and trunks were magnificent and our guide assured us it still produces figs!

Then into the great hall and Lambeth Palace library. It was awesome to see huge leather-bound tomes in Latin, packed on shelves all round this large room. The shelves and bases for the glass topped showcases were adorned with beautiful wood carving. The showcases contained medieval manuscripts and early printed books. The guide explained that the official records of archbishops were bound and on the shelves. Much of the library was roped off but we could see the wonderful hammer-beam roof and were told that the heavy carved 'balls' at the end of the beams act as counterbalances to keep the walls upright. There were many carvings of the arms of Archbishop William Juxon who had the great hall rebuilt after 1660. Even more interesting was a small glass case containing a pair of gloves King Charles I wore to the scaffold and handed, by him, to the archbishop. The gloves were of soft leather and the deep cuffs were exquisitely embroidered with silverwork and glass beads (or were they diamonds?!).

We moved then to the guard room which is a poor name for a magnificent hall in which, long ago, archbishops held meetings and ceremonies. Round the walls of this



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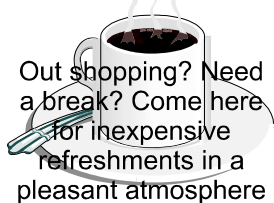
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A String of Pearls (continued from page 21)

great room hung the portraits of successive archbishops. Three archbishops were beheaded and one burned at the stake, reminding us of how deeply political they were!

We glimpsed the splendour of the state room which I thought looked unusually comfortable as well as opulent. The dining room was small. Prince Charles had recently dined there during his visit in March. He would have looked upon a painting which still bears the marks of a sword slash when an attempt was made to erase a dove during Cromwell's time.

We stood in a small hall which had steps leading down to where the archbishop would board his barge to cross the river to the Palace of Westminster. Then into the post room, so named because it once contained a large post (a tree trunk) which supported the centre of the ceiling.

The chapel was the last point of the tour. A beautiful yet simple room, it stands above the crypt and was built in 1218, although has been greatly altered and damaged by incendiary bombs in the second world war. The black and white floor tiles still showed evidence of this. The ceiling is vaulted and painted with scenes depicting the history of the archbishopric. It concludes with a large painting of Christ's face, above the altar. To the left in the high gallery is a room which Thomas Cranmer used when he wrote what was to become the Book of Common Prayer. Upon leaving the chapel we passed through an ante room which displayed resplendent ceremonial regalia worn by Archbishops Fisher and Carey.

Lambeth Palace is part of the millennium festival's *The String of Pearls* and I do thank the Tuesday Club for organising the visit and allowing many of us to see what surely must be the largest pearl of all. ❖

The 32nd Berkhamsted Walk

Walkers taking part in this year's Berkhamsted Walk – the thirty-second – enjoyed bright warm sunshine on a glorious spring day. Exercise and raising money for a good cause were the themes of the day. Exercise in terms of a gentle (or maybe not so gentle!) stroll over 13 or 20 miles through the glorious countryside which surrounds us. And raising money: once again the Children's Society will benefit from the £5,400 pledged in sponsorship.

A plea: if you took part in the Walk and have a sponsorship form, could you please return your sponsor money to Miles Nicholas as soon as possible – then it can be put to good work in helping children deprived of many of the things we take for granted. And thank you!

Right: Walkers starting off from the Court House





***Revd Peter Hart
explains how we
can demonstrate
a love for God's
world.***

Where have all the ladybirds gone? Something is eating them: why? There is a large number of small frogs in the rectory garden, a hazard when mowing the grass - what circumstances have conspired to bring this about? Do all of these point to global warming or other worrying ecological trends?

Someone probably knows the answer to all these questions and we will be duly enlightened, but once we have those answers, the interpretation of them becomes problematic. Are we living through a particular part of nature's cycle, just as fruit trees seem to work to their own cycle of abundant cropping, reasonable cropping and then a rest year? Or is something else at work, caused by centuries of industrial development and technological advance, population growth and the contemporary throw-away society? Doom-merchants point to imminent disaster, free market economists point to growth and prosperity as providers of opportunity for more of the world's population than was previously possible, theologians ask questions about humanity's role within the created order and the responsibilities that come with that role. What of the individual's role within that, and the local church's role?

As a parish, we need to be demonstrating our respect for God's world, our delight in it and our involvement in the just distribution of its bounty. Our parish policies and practices should reflect God's perspective on his

Swifts appeared for the first time this year over St. Mary's bell tower on the evening of 7th May. Is this a record? April was incredibly wet - was this a record?

creation - a love-based overabundance that is to be shared by all that it comprises, for he declared it 'very good'. Sharing in the good things of this world results from a love-based perspective: love leads to sharing not greed, to caring and joint enjoyment, not personal benefit or self-gratification.

As individuals, we need to see our part in the overall picture. Our actions have both visible and invisible effects on others. If we are seen to participate fully in Dacorum's recycling initiative, then that will encourage our neighbours to be fully part of it. If we are seen to be careless and wasteful, that can legitimise other people's thoughtlessness. We do not need to be tub-thumping advocates of an eco-friendly lifestyle, although there is nothing to prevent us from being so, but by quietly choosing wisely what we buy and how we travel, our influence for good will spread.

The impact of our corporate and personal lifestyles upon God's world has continually to be analysed. It has to enter into our prayer life as well as into our day to day behaviour. If that analysis starts from God's viewpoint, then a love-driven sharing of his abundance will inform our actions, and swifts wheeling above the flagpole will be a cause of celebration, not just a cause of concern about global warming or species eradication. ❖





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

On *Sunday 11th June* the Friends of the Town Hall present a summer concert by the Dacorum Sinfonietta in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted town hall at 7:30pm. Tickets, from the trust office weekday mornings, cost £6 (concessionaires £4).

On *Saturday 17th June* the Cowper Society present a concert by the Bridgewater Band at 7:30pm in All Saints' church. Tickets cost £8 (concessionaires £7) at the door. The programme includes Brandenburg Concerto No.2 (Bach) and Italian Symphony (Mendelssohn).

On *Saturday 17th June* Berkhamsted Jazz present the Klezmer Swingers who play music 'from the dens of Odessa to the speakeasies of New York' in the civic centre at 8:00pm. Tickets cost £5.

BOURNE AND SALTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

If you are a student and under 25 years of age, preparing to embark on a period of extended study at college or university and would appreciate some financial help towards the cost of equipment or books, why not apply for a grant from the above foundations?

If you live in the ecclesiastical Parish of Great Berkhamsted or attended Victoria Church of England school you are eligible to apply for a grant. Although there is not a huge amount of money at the trustees' disposal, every little helps.

During breaks in your studies this year you may have had the chance to read either *Berkhamsted's Story – A Book for the Millennium* or *A Glimpse of our History*, both compiled by John Cook. These publications mention Thomas Bourne, a rich businessman

who paid for a new school to be built in the town. He also left money in his will to be invested and then allocated by trustees to young people of Berkhamsted engaged in further education. Grants will be allocated at the next meeting of the Trust in October.

For more information please contact the clerk to the trustees, Mrs B Johnson on 864453.

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If you can help, *Chuckles* and the team would love to hear from you. Please contact Gill Malcolm on 874993 or Jenny Wells on 870981.

BERKHAMSTED CHORAL SOCIETY AN APOLOGY

In last month's *Review* we unfortunately omitted the date and time of the performance of Elgar's *The Kingdom* from the advertisement on page 14. We apologise if this has caused unnecessary confusion.

ALEXANDRA ROSE DAY SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Help! More collectors are urgently needed to hold a tin in the High Street. May I appeal to readers of the *Review* to consider helping for one hour, or even two, on the Berkhamsted flag day on Saturday, 5th August. The designated charities for Rose Day this year are Hertfordshire Action for Disability (HAD) and the Eyeless Trust.

HAD is a well-established local charity, making grants for equipment and for holidays for disabled people in Hertfordshire. The Eyeless Trust is a comparatively new charity which helps families with children who are born totally blind or with very limited sight due to anophthalmia or microphthalmia. It gives small grants and finances a national network of specialist social workers who can offer appropriate support. Both charities rely entirely on voluntary giving and both are very responsible over their use of funds.

Anyone who would like to find out more, or who might help with collecting, is invited to phone Mark Mitchell (824462) for HAD or Celestria Bell (381566) for the Eyeless Trust.

TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Court House. It is a friendly group of ladies who enjoy a varied programme.

The April meeting was a flower arranging evening, given by Gill Goss from the Berkhamsted Baptist Church. Many of us went home with not only good ideas on how to display flowers, but also with beautiful arrangements she had made during the evening (these had been raffled after the event).

The club arranged a guided tour of Lambeth Palace for 12th April and it went very well (see the article on page 21 of this issue).

The May meeting was *Getting the Court House Shipshape* so there were many Mrs Mopps crawling around all those awkward corners and also up on the beams. A fish and chip supper was enjoyed by all after we had cleaned ourselves up a little.

In June we hope to be visiting a theatre or cinema. then in July we have our *Summer Shenanigans*. Why not come and join us? All ladies are welcome, and we certainly have a good and varied programme booked for 2000/2001.

ASHRIDGE WALKS

The Friends of Ashridge invite you to take part in their walks and gentle strolls organised for 2000 around the Ashridge estate.

The specialist and general interest walks may include some rough and unlevel going and take two to three hours. Pre-booking is essential from Steve Powell, 17 Redwood Gate, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7JT (01525 384139). Start points given below include map references on Ordnance Survey Landranger Sheet 165 or Pathfinder Sheet 1094. Prices quoted below are for members of the public, 'Friends' pay £1 less.

Specialist and General Interest Walks

Historic Parkland Walk on Wednesday 7th June at 7:00pm from Ashridge College car park (SP 994 122), cost £3.

Downland Flora and Fauna on Thursday 29th June at 7:00pm from Steps Hill grass car park (SP 963 157), cost £4.

Walk in the Woods on Wednesday 5th July at 7:00pm from Frithesden Beeches (SP 999 109), cost £3.

Looking at Deer on Sunday 22nd October at 7:00pm from the road end of Monument Drive (SP 978 128).

Christmas Walk on Thursday 28th December at 10:00am from Monument Green (SP 971 131), cost £4 includes mulled wine and mince pies.

Gentle Strolls

These informal walks do not require pre-booking and take one to two hours. There is a collection of £1 per head.

Monday 12th June at 2:00pm from Steps Hill car park, Beacon Road (SP 963 157).

Thursday 20th July at 10:00am from Toms Hill car park, above Aldbury (SP 969 120).

Sunday 13th August at 2:00pm from Monument Green (SP 971 131).

Wednesday 20th September at 10:00am from Lady's Walk off Ringshall Road, B4560 (SP 978 120).

Wednesday 18th October at 2:00pm from Little Gaddesden village hall car park, off Church Road (SP 993 139).

ALDBURY GARDENS

For the eighth year in succession, the gardeners of Aldbury village are graciously opening their private gardens, great and modest, so that the public can share in the gardens' peace and beauty.

On each of the three days, delicious teas and homemade cakes will be served in one of the larger gardens. All the money raised will be donated to charitable organizations in the village, including the church, the village school, the village halls, the youth club and over 60's club.

Gardens are open from 2:00-6:00pm on:

Sunday 18th June

- Four of the largest gardens in the village, including
- an 18th century mini manor with sweeping lawns, waterfalls and views over the whole of the valley (teas served at this house).

- Festival of flowers in the church (part of the patronal festival).

Sunday 25th June

This day includes

- a three storey tree house,
- a well-known local artist with an open studio,
- Norwegian ponies, various breeds of lambs, and
- a model railway that runs around the garden where teas are being served
- Festival of flowers and exhibition of millennium kneelers in the church, Songs of Praise with the Caduceus Brass Ensemble 6:00pm.

Sunday 9th July

- A number of cottage gardens are open, as well as
- A restored Victorian manor house garden and
- A garden created out of the grounds of the former isolation hospital (teas served here).

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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



Our president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed members to our May meeting and after the usual business matters introduced us to Mrs. Margaret Pearson who guided us through the public affairs resolutions selected for

TGM 2000. The resolutions were:

1. The meeting urges upon HM Government the importance of allowing people to continue to collect their pensions and benefits in cash at the post office beyond 2002.
2. The meeting urges HM Government to start funding children's hospices in accordance with the same principles by which hospices for adults are funded.
3. We urge HM Government to greatly improve the treatment and therapies available to stroke sufferers to achieve a far higher national standard of care.

All three resolutions were passed by the meeting. Our delegate to the TGM 2000 will be Janet Mitchell.

On 2nd June our speaker is Isobel Leek, her subject being *Not just Berlin Work – 19th Century Social Changes* at the Court House at 2:00pm. New members and visitors are most welcome to our institute.

BERKHAMSTED W.I.

Our April meeting was opened by our president, Mrs Jane Crellin. In the absence of our Secretary, Mrs Margaret Downey, the minutes were read by Mrs Anne Braddick.

A report was given on a wellwoman conference, attended by two of our members at Imperial College, South Kensington. This was organised by the National Federation of Women's Institutes and Research into Ageing, a registered charity.

There were many eminent speakers including Tessa Jowell MP, Minister for

Women, and numerous medical experts on ageing and its accompanying disabilities. Our own W.I. delegates were given an excellent wellwoman pack. Some of the literature was on display at the April meeting.

Mrs Crellin then introduced our speaker, Mr Stephen J. Hoole. Mr Hoole, who is a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society, gave us a talk on British coinage, concentrating on one in particular – the half-crown. This coin dated from 1745 and was made from silver captured by the Royal Navy, when treasure belonging to Spain was 'collected' by our sailors.

The man responsible for the ship that brought the silver back for our particular coin was George Hanson. He was a sanctioned privateer who happened to be available and so was put in charge. A sanctioned privateer was a vessel that was part private and part government owned. After many years away he returned to England with much gold and silver worth around £500,000, with only 145 men left from an original crew of 800. He was rewarded by the government by being made Admiral and given a large house. Mrs Jean Bray thanked our speaker.

Our May meeting was held on 17th May. We always meet on the third Wednesday of the month, have an excellent programme and a very friendly and welcoming group. Please come and join us. ❖



Victoria School

At Victoria we have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. The hours are 12:00-1:15pm every weekday (term time only). The job entails supervising the children at lunch time both in the dining hall and playground, and would suit someone who enjoys being with children and has a friendly and caring disposition. The rate of pay is £4.59 per hour. Please contact Mrs J Robinson, Headteacher, Victoria First School, Prince Edward Street, Berkhamsted HP4 3HA (865781)

SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's:</i>	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		11:00am	Celebrate Together (2nd Sunday only) - A service for all ages			
		6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	Eucharist [except 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>)			
	MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)
	TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		
		<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist		
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm EP
FRIDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		5:00pm	EP
1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>					
Mondays	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.					
3rd Sunday	OPEN HOUSE: 11:30am - 5:00pm with the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park <i>Stay for five minutes or five hours; unlimited coffee; lunch; tell a friend, bring a friend.</i>					
Mondays (except 1st)	BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP: 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park					
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Angela Morris 866992 or secretary Margaret Barnard 862794.					
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time 1st & 3rd Tuesdays; Short service 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Special activity weekly. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Jenny Wells 870981.					
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 61 Kitsbury Road. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
2nd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
Wednesdays	MEDITATION GROUP: meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268					
Wednesday	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 385566.					
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. The meetings are usually addressed by a guest speaker and the group attracts senior members for whom lifts can be arranged. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
Thursday Tuesday / Friday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804 TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS: Tues 1-3pm / Fri 9:30-11:30am. Two separate weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Tuesday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday					
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 864194					
Friday	CHOIR: Boys 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
3rd Saturday	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. Meetings rotate between local churches.					

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There is Eucharist every Tuesday (9:30am) at All Saint's and every Wednesday (6:45am), Thursday (11:00am) and Friday (9:15am) at St Peter's. At St Peter's there is 7:30am Morning Prayer every weekday and 5:30pm Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

June / July 2000

JUNE

1	8:00pm	Ascension Day Parish Sung Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
2	10:00am	<i>Little Fishes</i> service plus activities in Court House	<i>St Peter's</i>
5	8:00pm	Service with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
6	10:15am	<i>Chuckles</i> toddlers service <i>The Sower</i> plus activities	<i>All Saints'</i>
13	8:00pm	PCC	<i>All Saints'</i>
17	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Andrew's URC</i>
17	7:45pm	The Bridgewater Band: Mozart, Fauré & Mendelssohn	<i>St Peter's</i>
18	6:30pm	Choral Evensong (<i>none at St Peter's</i>) <i>St Mary's Northchurch</i> (<i>St Peter's choir will be joined by the choir of St Mary's</i>).	
20	10:15am	<i>Chuckles</i> toddlers service <i>The Lost Sheep</i> + activts	<i>All Saints'</i>
24	10-3pm	PETERTIDE FAIR in and around St Peter's	
29	8:00pm	St Peter's Patronal Festival Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>

JULY

4	10:15am	<i>Chuckles</i> toddlers service <i>An Invitation to a Party</i> plus activities etc.	<i>All Saints'</i>
9	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
15	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast (breakfast in Court House)	<i>St Peter's</i>
18	10:15am	<i>Chuckles</i> toddlers service <i>Surprise summer event</i> plus activities etc.	<i>All Saints'</i>

Baptisms (* *St Peter's* ** *AllSaints'*)

22 April *	Alexander Joseph Ludwig
30 April **	William Edward Storey, Austin Howard Pembroke Lee

Weddings (*St Peter's*)

29 April	Martin Beck & Rebecca Priest
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Funerals

4 April	Muriel Kathleen Murison	Chiltern Crematorium
11 April	David Wilson	St Peter's church (Kingshill Cemetery)
13 April	Margaret Murdoch Bisset Bird	Chiltern Crematorium
19 April	Emma Jane McNee	Chiltern Crematorium
2 May	John Mackenzie	St Peter's church (Kingshill Cemetery)
4 May	Sidney John Charles Tetchner	Chiltern Crematorium
5 May	Esme Gladys Poll	West Herts Crematorium

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Contacts

CONTACT LIST

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

St Peters

All Saints

Altar service	Keith Middleditch (862423)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Chalice rota	Martin Macdonald (872002)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Sunday school	Angela Dunsford (875726)	Kathy Beaumont (384453)
Youth activities	Carole Dell (864706)	Christina Billington (385566)
Church maintenance	Christopher Green (863241)	Martin Judd (865691)
Church cleaning	Jean Green (863241)	Cathline Blundell (862897)
Flower arrangements	<i>Sarah Dawson (871614)</i>	Jayne Harris (873974)
Sunday morning coffee	Rene Dunford (862420)	Sylvia Banks (871195)
Service recordings	Vacant	Vacant
Intercessions	Rev. Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	Ron Fisher (865846)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Electoral Roll	<i>Judith Limbert (873626)</i>	Pat Hearne (871270)
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	Felicity White (866223)
Sidesmen	Barbara Conway (865798)	Peter McMunn (874894)
Social events	Currently vacant	Jayne Harris (873974)
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	Rodney Cottrell (384963)
Hospice contact	Angela Morris (866992)	Vacant



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 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road. Tel: 864485
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 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894
Parochial Church Council: Secretary: Richard Foster, Vandykes, 29 Ashlyns Road. Tel: 863359
 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way. Tel: 863559

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 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

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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