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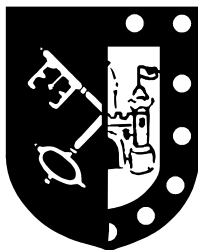
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Welcome to the March issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

As usual at this time of the year we are in the season of Lent. As Robin Figg points out, in Lent we can take on extra endeavours (for example increased prayer and bible reading) or/and we can give up something we enjoy in order to sharpen our focus on Easter.

Can we ask you to take on an extra (actually a very constructive and quite painless) task of definitely attending the annual parochial church meeting at 8:00pm in the Court House on Friday 23rd March? This is your special opportunity to have your say, ask questions and express your choices.

Give up abstinence for Lent; come and vote for your churchwardens and PCC members. You may wish to serve yourself: now is the chance. Don't let others make these important decisions for you. The message is: there is a role for you in the Church and everyone will benefit if you take it up. Do come to the meeting on 23rd March. Do vote.

David Woodward

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review leader

**Fr Robin Figg
reflects on the
purpose of Lent
and on our own
response.**

At last March is here and with it the prospect of Spring, light at the end of what feels to have been a particularly gloomy tunnel. I don't mean purely the awful weather we have endured and the subsequent flooding of many areas. The news has been full of disaster and tragedy of late. The last few months have been plagued by natural catastrophes such as the earthquakes in India and El Salvador and the man-made tragedies of Sierra Leone, the Congo and the Holy land. Dark days indeed.

Our Saxon forebears called March '*lencten monath*' as in this month there is a discernable lengthening of the days. Since the chief part of the great fast, which was undertaken by devout Christians in those days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, falls in March it received the name '*Lencten-faesten*' or Lent. I find this a particularly appropriate and moving provenance for the name of a time during which Christians, whilst mostly not undertaking strict fasting, are looking ahead to Easter and the resurrection of the one we call the Light of the World.

During Lent many people 'give up' a favourite treat, echoing the rather more severe self-denial of the '*Lencten-faesten*'. Others take on a discipline of Bible study or prayer. 'Giving up' and 'taking on' are two sides of the same coin, both focus the mind and heart on our journey of faith through the dark days of Lent and Holy week to the light and exuberance of Easter day. The '*Lencten-faesten*' of 36 days was first observed in the fourth century but by the sixth century Lent was fixed at 40 days to reflect the time Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism by John. This

episode in Jesus' life, although weakening him physically, strengthened him spiritually. Having passed through this time of darkness he was able to go on to fulfil his destiny.

This is the key to understanding Lent. Just as Advent is a preparation for Christmas, Lent gives us the opportunity to prepare for Easter and, as Christ did, spend time strengthening ourselves spiritually to deal with life. God doesn't promise that our lives will be one long round of fun and laughter. We all, individually and communally, suffer dark times but God does promise to be with us through these.

Our reaction to the vagaries of life is what is important. We can stand and wring our hands, bemoaning the sorry state of our lives, the country and the world, or we can try to achieve something, small and insignificant as it may seem to us.

There is an old story of a boy on a hot day, standing at low tide throwing jellyfish back into the water to stop them drying out and dying. Each time he threw one back several more were washed up by the waves. When a passer-by pointed out the futility of his endeavours, the boy replied, "I know I can't save them all, but think of the ones I can!"

A Chinese proverb says, 'Don't curse the darkness – light a candle!' This *lencten monath*, may the Light shine ever more brilliantly in our lives.

See you on the beach? ❖

Cover: The new housing development at Castle Quay at the east end of Berkhamsted High Street. The development occupies the site of the old Wellcome complex and is now nearing completion. Ian Reay comments on the alternative property development plans for the town currently being debated in Council News & Views on page 11 of this issue.

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A Sporting Field

On a walk recently I stopped to watch two men with a ferret and a pair of whippets trying to catch rabbits in the warren that has appeared and expanded in Kitchener's Field just above the cricket ground. In the few minutes while I stood there a couple of rabbits did emerge and run off at speed, just managing to scramble down another hole before the whippets could get them. This cameo of traditional rural activity all happened within ten minutes walk of the centre of the Town.

There was quite a coincidence when a few days later I was reading about the strict observation of the Sabbath and the prosecution of people in Berkhamsted for not going to church in the 17th century. I came across a reference to one incident in 1680 when Jeremy Potten, spoonmaker, with several others appeared before the Berkhamsted justices for coursing and killing a hare with two greyhounds in Castle Field during the time of divine service. I am not sure where Castle Field was but it could well have been what came to be known as Kitchener's Field after soldiers in Kitchener's army camped and trained there in the 1914-18 War.

Perhaps it is because it is so conveniently close to the Town that

Kitchener's Field over the years has become a popular venue for sporting activities. This culminated in the Cricket Club taking the bottom part when it moved from its old ground in Lower Kings Road, what must be 20 years ago now.

In January's snow the upper part of Kitchener's Field came back into its own as Berkhamsted's favourite toboggan run, made easier now that there are no cattle left on Castle Hill Farm and there is no longer the hazard of cowpats buried under the snow, as was the case when I last tried my hand at it, a good time ago now.

Royal Pleasures

Most weeks the section in the *Gazette* called *Heritage Extra* features the stories of one or two historic places in Dacorum, and it is always worth reading. One week in January it dealt with Berkhamsted Place, the Elizabethan house that stood on top of what we now call Castle Hill until it was demolished 30 years ago. Some of us can still remember it, at the end of its life empty and in a sorry state.

The *Gazette* article mentioned that at one time Berkhamsted Place belonged to Prince Charles, later Charles I, and although he did not live there he visited it in 1616 and spent some time hunting in the grounds. In those days Kitchener's Field would have been part of the grounds of Berkhamsted Place, later known as Berkhamsted Park. Incidentally, a part of the Park survived with that name until Trevelyan Way, Gaveston Drive and Murray Road were built on it in the 1960s.

The next king, Charles II, in the same year that he gained the throne issued a Royal Warrant requiring the Earl of Bridgewater to take measures to preserve the game and drive out the poachers from about here. It proclaimed:

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Private Affluence/Public Squalor

Who could argue with Stanley Sharpe when in January's *Review* he contrasted the pleasant features of life in Berkhamsted with the untidy and neglected condition of our open spaces and streets. It seems that the more prosperous the Town becomes the less gets spent on public facilities – the private affluence / public squalor syndrome. Stanley puts this down at least partly to the fact that for the last quarter of a century the power to do anything about it has lain in Hemel Hempstead – Dacorum Borough Council – rather than here in the Town. The borough council would claim in its defence that it is restricted by the government as to how much it can spend and that Berkhamsted gets its fair share; but do we really?

If only we could return to the time when you could walk into Berkhamsted civic centre to make a point and see someone with the power to do something about it. We do of course these days have our Town warden who is approachable and helpful. He can probably make sure your query, comment or complaint is directed to the right desk, but that desk is in Hemel Hempstead or even Hertford, not here.

The Government is talking about devolution of power to the English regions; but in my view that is not what is wanted. It is devolution at the much more local level that we need so that towns such as Berkhamsted could manage ordinary things like their own street cleaning.



A new pedestrian crossing courtesy BUDS.

Photo: DBC

BUDS

Anyway, to end on a brighter note. When it was dreamt up I rather feared that the Berkhamsted Urban Design Study – BUDS – would turn out to be one of those well intentioned projects that would end up on the shelf, having failed to attract enough resources, money or managerial drive to get any worthwhile results. But as Ian Reay mentioned a couple of *Reviews* back, this is not how it has turned out.

BUDS never set out to make more than modest improvements, but thanks to those involved, particularly the architect Percy Mark and the surveyor Rob Martell, real enhancements of the Town centre have already resulted, especially in providing improved access from the Waitrose area to the High Street and a tidying up of the properties backing onto the Waitrose site.

BUDS was a Dacorum Borough Council initiative, so credit should go where credit's due. If you want to know more or would like a copy of their leaflet with colour photographs of what has been achieved, Emma Adams, head of conservation at the borough council in the Dacorum civic centre, is the person to speak to. ❖

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

Margaret Burbidge has been commissioned as a diocesan vice-president of the Mothers' Union.

Lunchtime on the third Saturday in January saw two members of Berkhamsted Mothers' Union being chauffeured by David Burbidge across a snowy Ashridge en route to Bedford. The purpose of our journey was to take part in the service of thanksgiving and commissioning of the trustees and diocesan council for the Triennial 2001-2003 being held that afternoon at St Mary's church, Goldington, just outside Bedford, and in particular to support Margaret Burbidge as she was commissioned for her three year service as a vice president for the diocese of St Albans.

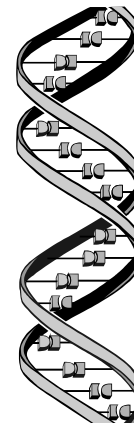
St Mary's proved to be an attractive little church with a light and airy

extension. The service was led by the vicar while Bishop John carried out the commissioning and preached the sermon. After the trustees and members of the diocesan council had made their promises, the diocesan president and each of the four unit co-ordinators lit candles as a token of their commitment to their respective responsibilities for the coming three years.

Bishop John's sermon, based on the reading from Colossians 3:12-17, included some of his experiences of the clothes shopping habits of the members of his family - all female. Needless to say this was attention gripping for the predominantly female congregation, and enabled him to get over his text without any difficulty - urging us, as we put on our clothes each morning, to consciously put on Christ so that he will be part of us and our lives throughout the day. Certainly this gave us all a new avenue for reflection as we made our way to the church hall for the obligatory cup of tea and chat to fellow members.



Genes, Genies and Dilemmas



A series of services of Compline and addresses by Dr Michael Elves will take place on Wednesdays in Lent, beginning on 7th March at 8:00pm in St Peter's Lady Chapel.

We are very fortunate in having Dr Elves to talk with us about some of the issues surrounding science and technology, and the choices facing us in such areas as genetic research, cloning, GM foods and so on. Dr Elves worked for many years for Glaxo and Glaxo Wellcome - including posts such as head of immunobiology, director of external scientific affairs, and director of scientific and educational affairs. Recently retired from Glaxo Wellcome, he continues to be a specialist adviser to the House of Commons select committee on science and technology, and a member of the Nuffield Council on bioethics' working group on The Ethics Clinical Research in Developing Countries. Dr Elves is also a reader at St Saviour's church in St Albans.

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Readers will be aware that, despite pressure on development in the town and on the surrounding green belt, which has led to the conversion of two factory sites to housing, the unused land at Stag Lane, formerly East's timber yard, remains a vacant plot.

The present county structure plan provides for an additional 65,000 homes in Hertfordshire, particularly smaller and affordable units. The most recent government proposal for housing development would mean increasing this total by nearly a third – to 85,000. That's as much as a town the size of St Albans. Because of this pressure on housing there has to be greater use of urban sites. Otherwise we would simply see more urban sprawl and the loss of the valued green belt land. The Glaxo Wellcome factory and laboratories in the High Street have been replaced by housing and planning permission has been granted for the rebuilding of the Cooper's site into flats, despite fears about the quality of the buildings to be constructed in the conservation area (and also local fears about the pollution risks caused by the demolition works on a site contaminated by arsenic). Almost every month a planning application is submitted for back filling of one of the many large properties with substantial gardens in the town. Recently the BMG garage in the High Street was closed and an application to build thirteen two bedroom flats on the site has been submitted.

During all this activity the Stag Lane site remains empty while the shrubs and young trees that have become established there grow taller. This site, just half a mile

council & news views

Town councillor **Ian Reay** ponders the future of Stag Lane – whether to build a supermarket or housing?

nation of the plot. The appeal is by its owner - Tesco. Tesco would very much like to build a 35,000 square foot superstore on the site and are willing to compromise by putting 125 residential units there as well.

Tesco tried to get planning permission for a superstore at this location in 1993. This coincided and conflicted with plans that were being drawn up to put a large store at Kingsgate. The planning inspector turned down the Tesco application on appeal because he took the view that a development at Kingsgate was to be preferred as it would maintain the viability of the town centre, whereas an edge of town site would draw life away from the centre. I think that was the right decision.

Tesco is a popular and valued retailer. It already has major stores in Jarmans Fields and Tring and a small supermarket in the centre of Berkhamsted. No doubt Tesco would like to close their small shop and replace it with a bigger one which would attract a lot more people who currently do their main food shopping outside Berkhamsted. But I don't believe the town needs two large superstores. What the town definitely does need is more affordable housing at a reasonably central location and the Stag Lane site would deliver that. ♦

from the town centre would be ideal for affordable houses. For many years this plot has been identified in the local structure plan for light industrial use. With the pressure to build more homes in the area growing, this is now being reviewed and the intention is to re-designate the area for housing. However, there is an appeal against this re-designation of the plot.

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PCC Finances

The REAL picture!

Michael Robinson sheds light on the background to the PCC accounts.

Those planning on attending the annual parochial church meeting on 23rd March will have the opportunity of considering and discussing the parish's financial accounts for the past year. On the face of it these accounts show a healthy picture: words like 'surplus' and 'gain' figure prominently. However, to regard our financial position as healthy would sadly be to delude ourselves. Let's look at why this is. Note that this is an overview – the PCC accounts contain a full narrative.

We 'own' a number of properties, such as the Court House. Like your own house, the value of these has increased substantially over the last few years. Yet would you really sell your property to pay your bills? Of course not; neither can the parish.

In the accounts you'll see a number of funds which are used for particular purposes. Money we receive is distributed across these funds. Three of these are worth particular comment:

- The **Youth Work Fund** was set up to pay for a dedicated parish youth worker. The aim was to put sufficient into this fund each year for this purpose. However, based on current prospects this cannot be done to anything like the level needed.
- The **Buildings Fund** pays for the upkeep of the property for which the PCC is responsible. Our two churches, with an insured value of many millions of pounds, carry with

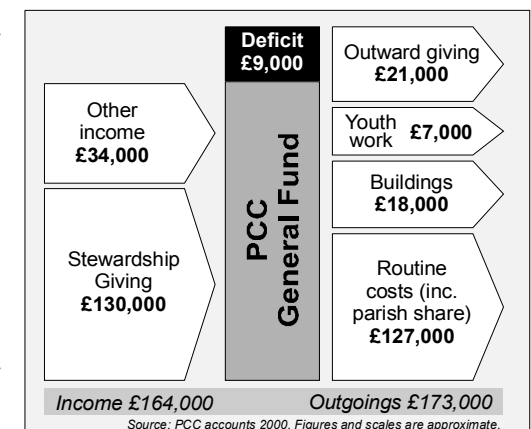
them substantial maintenance bills. In some years these bills are lower than average, in others they can be far higher. It's true that in 2000 these bills were lower by around £12,000 than the money put aside, and the buildings fund increased accordingly. However, not making a sensible provision for future years would be neglecting our duty.

- The **General Fund** is our main operating fund. Last year the total income was some £164,000. But wait: taking account of our 'routine' costs of nearly £150,000, transfers to the funds above and our outward giving, the General Fund's outgoings were around £173,000 – *substantially more than our income*.

Predictions for the coming year show another substantial deficit is likely, and that's even without providing funding for a parish youth worker.

The General Fund began the current year with an accumulated surplus. This, though, mainly arose from lower costs in 1995/97 when we were without one or both of our stipendiary clergy, so is strictly a one-off, the value of which is being rapidly eroded by the current deficits. We cannot balance our books by depending on this.

We really do need more income in order to maintain our present level of expenditure, let alone increase it! ♦





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In the second of a series of articles **Stephen Halliday** looks at early ideas for moving huge numbers of people around London.

Charles Pearson's Arcade Railway

However during their deliberations the Commissioners heard of another plan with a similar vision of taking a railway into the heart of the City. This was the plan of Charles Pearson (1794-1862), solicitor to the City of London and, from 1847-50, MP for Lambeth. Pearson presented to the Commissioners a blueprint for what was, eventually, to become part of London's first underground railway. It was described as an 'Arcade Railway' which would run from Farringdon, in the City, north towards the projected Great Northern Railway terminus at Kings Cross. The railway would run just below street level in an arcade, following the line of the river Fleet along what is now the Farringdon Road. In the years that followed, Pearson developed and promoted his plan with single-minded determination in a series of pamphlets and public meetings. In 1852 he published a pamphlet calling citizens to attend a meeting at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate, a popular meeting place for such events. He proposed to explain his 'City Central Terminus' at Farringdon which would link the City:

'by means of a great trunk line capable of maintaining a frequent, rapid, punctual and cheap inter-communication between the City and the suburbs without courting dangerous collisions by commingling on the same lines, creeping goods wagons with flying expresses and mixing up erratic excursionists with the migratory population of the City. Mr Pearson will explain and illustrate his project by models and maps of immense size'.

Floods, cyclones and earthquakes prove all too often our vulnerability to the forces of nature. Within the month of January alone, earthquakes struck in El Salvador and in India's north-western state of Gujarat. At the time of writing, death tolls are unknown but are certain to be tens of thousands. Surviving villagers and urban dwellers alike are homeless without shelter, food or water.

Oxfam has been working in El Salvador and India for decades. In India, Oxfam's continuing work is in response to severe droughts, to the devastation of the Orissa cyclone, and now to the Gujarat earthquake.

We may have some idea of Oxfam's work gained from its shop in the High Street in Berkhamsted. Run entirely by volunteers, the shop sells Fair Trade goods, accepts clothing, books, and household articles of many kinds for "recycling", and receives money donations in response to appeals. Contrary to perhaps a popular perception, Oxfam rarely sends clothing to disaster zones. It raises money by their sale, which funds the work to be done.

The shop, and over 800 like it across the country, is vital to supporting the work of Oxfam. New vistas of the work and operations of Oxfam are opened, however, if you go and see their warehouses at Bicester.

The logistics warehouse there, the size of a football pitch, is stacked full of wooden boxes containing emergency supplies, ready to be sent anywhere at a moment's notice. The warehouse is manned by only five staff, multi-skilled, so that staff of both sexes load lorries and drive forklifts. They are on call 24 hours a

FROM BICESTER TO BHUJ, GUJARAT

After visiting Oxfam's warehouses in Bicester, **Alex Evans** describes the charity's response to disasters.



day, and work long hours when a disaster strikes. An air of well-organised calm foresaw the intense activity which will follow the report from Oxfam's field staff assessing the damage and needs in Gujarat within hours of the disaster.

We perhaps expect that an emergency response will be immediate and plane loads of obviously needed supplies will be on their way the moment a disaster is reported. It is not quite like that. The needs of the victims must be assessed, and the funding of the emergency work agreed.

The logistics warehouse is the largest store of response equipment for shelter, water, and sanitation in the world. Nearly two million pounds worth of equipment is stored ready for immediate dispatch. It includes pumps, pipes, storage tanks, tap stands, buckets, latrine plates and other equipment to provide clean water and sanitation to prevent the all too great risk of contagious diseases. The majority of the equipment is made to Oxfam's own specifications in England. For example, 90,000 litre water storage tanks, large enough to supply the daily water needs of 5,000 refugees are 'flat-packed' for loading into chartered aircraft ready to fly to the disaster scene. Over a million specialised buckets have been sent worldwide since 1997, designed to collect, safely carry, and store water. Carried on the heads of women in many countries, the bucket's moulding "dimple" is smoothed on its specially shaped bottom for the comfort of the user! Local customs and needs must be taken fully into account.

Oxfam is pre-eminent among the aid agencies in its water and sanitation capabilities and leads the field in these

areas so that aid is provided without the confusion of divided responsibilities between the international agencies.

The team in the logistics warehouse does not sit waiting for work between disasters but keep busy assembling malnutrition assessment and feeding kits for children under five. These kits are made for use by other agencies such as UNICEF and Medecins sans Frontieres. Malnutrition is measured at the child's upper arm where less than a stick-thin 12cm diameter is the crisis level. When you see children being fed from Oxfam's unique orange plates and beakers in pictures from famine zones you will know that the malnutrition kit has been assembled by Oxfam at Bicester.

As well as providing emergency disaster relief, Oxfam also has long-term programmes to provide opportunities for work and social development in impoverished areas through its FairTrade company. Today it has over two hundred 'producer groups' supplying it with food, particularly coffee and tea, and crafts for sale under the FairTrade label. Oxfam seeks out village craft, and funds and advises the village worker groups so that their products are of a design and quality that makes them attractive to western purchasers. Oxfam acts as an intermediary

between the villagers and the market until the producer group is able to support its own production and marketing efforts.

The small buying group for FairTrade seeks to ensure that items for sale are contemporary in style and colour, and that customers want to buy them. Work is already in hand, for example, to analyse the sale of year 2000 Christmas cards so that the cards for 2001 match our buying preferences. Last year Oxfam sold £3million worth of Christmas cards, reportedly the best in trade, through its own shops, and through retailers who make royalty payments.

If you are moved and impressed by the work of Oxfam, you can help more directly. The Berkhamsted shop urgently needs volunteers to work for a few hours a week. Audrey Hope, volunteer shop manager, would be delighted to meet you at the shop, or telephone her to find out more on 01442 864225. ❖

If you wish to donate to the India Earthquake appeal you can phone Oxfam Supporter Services on 01865 313131, donate money through the shop, or through Oxfam's website at www.oxfam.org.uk/atwork/emerg.India.earthquake (this is one continuous address with no spaces).

Transport In London *(continued from page 15)*

In his pamphlet Pearson argued, with remarkable foresight, that building more roads would simply generate more traffic and that sub-surface railway projects of the kind he was advocating were the only solution to London's overcrowded alleys and congested streets. Much of the area through which the railway was projected to run had recently been cleared by the City Corporation. In 1852 the Corporation had acquired seventy-five acres in Copenhagen Fields, just north of Kings Cross, to which it proposed to re-locate the Smithfield cattle market whose continued presence in the City was alarming to

shopkeepers whose premises were regularly wrecked by livestock running wild, often with the encouragement of their drunken drovers. A Clerkenwell Improvement Commission, established in 1840, had set about extending Farringdon Street north of Holborn viaduct to create what is now Farringdon Road and, in the process, had demolished a lot of semi-derelict property but the area still accommodated some of London's worst slum tenements and sweatshops. Charles Pearson was soon to propose ridding the city of these embarrassments. ❖



Victoria School NEWS

All the children at Victoria are now settled into school and already the first half term of 2001 is looming. The children have been working very hard and the bouts of snowy weather have caused lots of excitement.

Last term was a very busy time for everyone at Victoria. The children took part in an end of term nativity play which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the Victoria School Association held a very successful Christmas fair which raised lots of money for the school. We really appreciate all the support we get from our parents and the community.

Last term in November the school had a full Ofsted inspection, which lasted most of the week. It was a very pressured time for all the staff, but the results were a cause for celebration. Ofsted found the school to be full of strengths and the report was very positive indeed. The very good progress since the last inspection was noted by Ofsted and this is due to the hard work of all the staff and governors. Our lovely Victoria children impressed the inspectors and their behaviour was described as very good. A parental summary of the report is available at the school for those who would like to read it.

Some of you may have met Victoria children in the weeks before Christmas as we had carol singers performing at the British Legion, the Court House and Gossoms End. The community links are very important to us and our children love to see visitors and go visiting.

Janet Robinson, Head teacher

A New Window for the Millennium at St Mary's

Rev. Peter Hart describes
St Mary's new addition.

On Tuesday 14th December, a new stained glass window was installed at St Mary's. It had been designed by Alexander Sidorov, a Russian icon painter and stained glass artist who lived locally.

The project was the fruit of a group of local people who had decided to find ways of marking the new century for the people of Northchurch. One initiative was to install a stained glass window in the west window of the church's south transept.

The design brief was that the window should show the variety of locations and activities that characterised the village - church, almshouses, canal, railway, agriculture - within the context of celebrating 2,000 years since the birth of Christ. The final version which gained all round approval contains the words 'Jesus Christ, yesterday, today forever' superimposed over a gold cross, out of which the sun rises and whose rays flood into the other sections of the window.

The pictorial sections are rich in detail - an LMS steam train thunders south alongside the canal where a bargeman sorts out his load, while ducks swim alongside his narrowboat; every timber of the Tudor almshouses is detailed, a flag flies from the church flagpole, families work in the surrounding cornfields.

The window was paid for by public response to an appeal which had gone to every house in the parish and Rt Revd. Robin Smith, Bishop of Hertford, dedicated the window on 17th February. It is truly a worthy addition to St Mary's and a fitting way to mark the new century. ❖

The Petertide Fair 2001

Alex Evans writes with an
update on the planning for
this year's event

Although it may seem distant, planning for the Petertide Fair is in full swing. There will be no startling innovations, only minor changes and additions to what has proved a tried and tested event over many years.

The media vividly brings the agonies of the victims of earthquake, cyclone, flood and drought home to us all too regularly. Any problems we have fall into insignificance by comparison.

The Petertide Fair enables us to make a difference. We have now selected an international cause, a social development initiative of the Anglican diocese of Capetown. The cause, HOPE Africa, works to relieve the plight of people living in shanty towns, in particular Brown's Farm on the outskirts of Capetown. The minister in charge has written to us: "Let me say it makes our hearts leap when we experience our Anglican community at work". He suggests that our contribution could buy a container fitted out to be used as the medical centre at Brown's Farm. It is humbling to think that a container would be gratefully received and have a value beyond anything we can imagine from our positions of relative comfort and affluence!

Over the coming weeks, we will invite your support for the fair and the causes. Whatever form your support takes, we look forward to working together to make a difference to the lives of those so less fortunate than ourselves. ❖



The Children's Society's
Berkhamsted Walk
Sunday, 13th May

For this year's walk there will be a choice between a 10 mile route and one of 16 miles. The longer route will pass through Frithsden, Great Gaddesden, Studham and Little Gaddesden. The first route will take a short cut between the Gaddesdens. Both routes are endowed with hostelries, carefully selected to be at mid-route, for such further uplifting of spirits as may be necessary, and refreshments!

Sponsor/entry forms will soon be available at Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts, 258, High Street, Berkhamsted, and from the Complete Outdoors, Bourne End. To make it even easier, a call to 864968 will result in one in the post to you by return.

The walk has two objectives. The first is to give lots of people the pleasure of a beautiful walk in the countryside, made easy by way-marks, walk descriptions, and checkpoints with refreshments, and lifts back if necessary. The second is to raise money desperately needed by the Children's Society so that it can be a positive force for change in the lives of young people whose circumstances make them particularly vulnerable.

If you can, please work hard at raising as much sponsorship as possible; otherwise a donation would be really appreciated. The prize for the most sponsorship is again a top quality pair of walking boots, value £100, or equivalent, to be selected at the donor's shop, the *Complete Outdoors*. ❖



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Let's start by looking at Cllr Sharpes' article in the December issue of the *Review* where he suggested that the town should be given more responsibility for items such as repairing lighting, potholes or just general cleansing. One of the things I found

out as a borough councillor was the existence of a fund for town and parish councils to carry out 'concurrent services'. The largely Independent council of 1995/99 subscribed to a 'parish partnership' agreement in which towns and parish councils could choose which functions they would like to have devolved to them. Naturally this opportunity was turned down by the, by now, Conservative/Lib-Dem controlled town council. Then we had an election in which the Lib-Dems were suddenly in the position of overall majority. Did they rush out demanding that they should be allowed to carry out as many as possible of the functions in either the concurrent services or parish partnership schemes? Not likely!

During my stint as a councillor, I was on a course at Birmingham University. One of the things that came up was a 'local committee' scheme in Dorset and parts of East Anglia. The idea is that once

CUTTING COMMENTS

In series of occasional articles, **Norman Cutting** takes an acerbic look at local events and democracy.

a month, a borough / district council committee meets in a locality to address issues that are the responsibility of the higher authority. The difference is that local councillors of whatever political views sit on the committee. They discuss and decide on local planning

applications, environmental issues and indeed are, in practice, the borough council complete with responsible officers but locally based. OK, so it costs money and officers hate leaving their cosy HQ in the evening, but it works and public attendance and participation is excellent. The concerns that having 'opposition' councillors making decisions proved unfounded and the rate of acceptance of decisions made by these 'local committees' is no different than the 'in house' committees. Mind you, with the new super efficient and streamlined borough council soon to be finalised, democracy seems to be at the bottom of the pile.

I can recall the council discussing a festival on the canal way back in 1998/9 and to be held in July 2000. In best town council fashion, it might happen in early September this year. If the weather holds, it could be quite an enjoyable weekend.

An event which will definitely go ahead in July is the Ashlyns School 50th anniversary. As far as I am concerned, the family picnic being held on Sunday, 8th July will be worth attending. It is hoped that 'year' tents will set up in the grounds where past pupils will be able to go and meet some of their contemporaries. The trouble is that many ex-pupils are spread all over the world, but many of us still live locally and have no excuse not to be there on the day.



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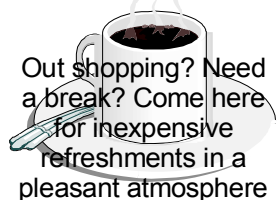
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discuss plans for enhancing our work
with youth in our parish.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

8:00pm Friday 23rd March 2001

The Court House

Normal Service

By Liz Baxendale

Going to Church on Sunday
Is not what it used to be
First we had 'Common Prayer'
As lovely as can be.
We knew just when to sit or stand
And when to bend our knees,
We knew the prayers, recited them
With pleasure and with ease.

We addressed the Lord as 'thee' or 'Thou'
A little quaint I know,
But it was Common Practice
And it always had been so.
But then the ASB appeared
With language 'of the Day'
With 'YOU O God,' instead of 'Thee'
As we knelt down to pray.

We couldn't mention fellow men
Or pray for all MAN kind
'Cos that seemed oh so sexist.
(I wonder... did *you* mind?)
We had to learn a new Lord's Prayer
And offer folk The Peace,
We tried to learn the service
But it didn't come with ease.



Four Eucharistic prayers there were
A choice of oh, so many.
Was it really any wonder we weren't
Very sure of any?
At first we got The Creed all wrong,
And muddled the Lord's Prayer,
But most of us just persevered
And eventually 'got there'.

But NOW we've Common Worship,
In books both red and blue,
We use them both from time to time,
ONE should at least suit you.
But it isn't quite unheard of
For a Priest to get confused
And one orning we were wondering
Just *which* service he had used!

But there's a question that keeps nagging
As to my knees I fall
OH I WISH
Someone could tell me
What GOD thinks about it all!



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**Revd Peter Hart
reflects on whether
disagreement and
debate in the
Church is healthy.**

To some people, it is shocking that those who follow Christ could possibly find anything on which they differ - Christ's teaching is absolute, therefore by following what he says, there can be no disagreement. To others, shades of opinion are natural, as they are an expression of our freedom, a mark of our God-given intelligence and imagination.

The history of the Church is littered with fatal disagreements and try as we might, efforts towards greater unity all too frequently founder on an inability to live with difference within the Church at large. However, Jesus coped with a very motley group of disciples - fishermen, a quisling tax collector, at least one terrorist and someone with his hand in the purse - so why can't the Church accept a range of opinions and practices? Differences of opinion are healthy when they grow out of informed study and debate: knee-jerk reactions and unthinking acceptance of all that is handed down do not advance any cause.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to spend some time looking at ourselves, our churches, our opinions and the world around us as we seek discipline in our lives in the run up to the retelling of the

Passion of our Lord and his glorious resurrection. At St Mary's this Lent, we will provide opportunities for debate on issues that require thought and information. Just what is involved with genetic modification of crops? Who or what do we believe about climate change? Does globalisation reduce or enhance the role of the individual within society? These issues need to be talked through within the context of the Church and examined in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We shall set aside Thursday evenings in March for this exploration - let's be prepared to have our thinking stretched, our ideas challenged and our differences aired, constructively!



The new millennium window at St Mary's, Northchurch. The window was designed by Alexander Sidorov, a stained glass artist who lived locally and who had painted the icon in St Mary's Lady Chapel. The window was recently installed in south transept of the church and celebrates 2,000 years since the birth of Christ. See the article on page 18.
Photo: Chris Smalley

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Northchurch based company Ambrit Ltd has just launched a brand new local interest website at www.berkhamsted.co.uk

Ambrit is hoping that with the help of local residents it will become the ultimate directory of business, entertainment and community services for the people of Berkhamsted and the outlying villages of Aldbury, Ashridge, Bourne End, Frithsden, Great Gaddesden, Little Gaddesden, Northchurch, Potten End and Wigginton.

Project Manager James Olney, said: "We have been developing this site for the past few months and unveiled it just before Christmas. The response has already been incredible and that is even before we have started promoting it! berkhamsted.co.uk should continue to grow every month in terms of content and readership and hopefully before the year ends local people will consider it to be as indispensable as the Yellow Pages or the *Berkhamsted Review*."

He went on to say: "We are hoping that the community will interact with the site as much as possible and as such we are looking for contributions: Interesting news and details of events pertaining to Berkhamsted and the local area, historical facts about the town and entries to the business directory can all be submitted from the site."

The site is designed to complement the local press (including the *Berkhamsted Review*) and council websites, aiming to provide as complete a service for Berkhamsted and the surrounding area as possible. With the help of the community this should become a reality, Ambrit has already received contributions and the Police have endorsed the site and will be submitting a monthly column starting in March.

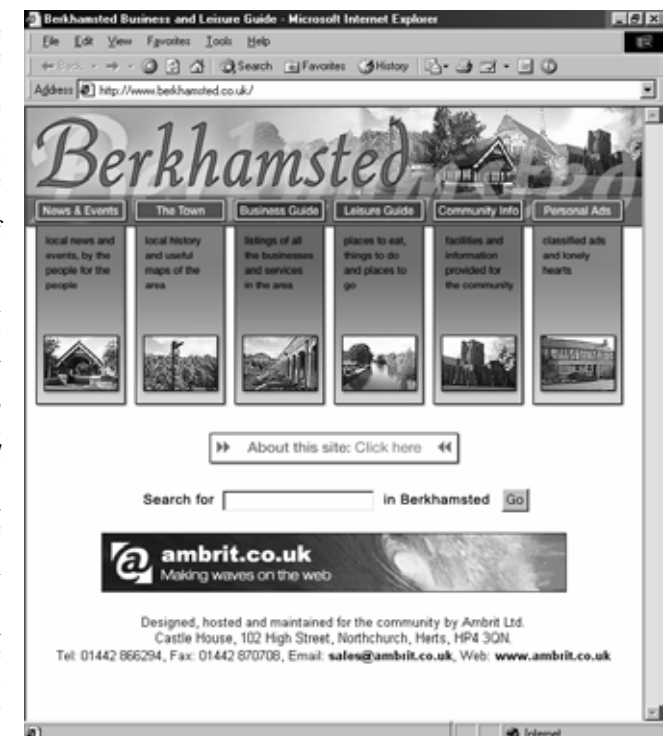
Ambrit has been based in Northchurch for 13 years and involved in the Internet for the last five. They have developed the Berkhamsted site as a free service for the community and as a showcase for their web design and database capabilities.

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THE LEPROSY MISSION AT WORK

Samten Doyi is a smart-looking schoolboy who lives in the village of Gomphu, Bhutan. He comes, like many in the village, from a poor uneducated family. Samten was diagnosed with leprosy when he was only six years old. The soles of his feet were so badly cracked that he could not walk, and his parents believed he would never lead a normal life. The double tragedy of poverty and leprosy seemed to be insurmountable to the family. When a Leprosy Mission team visited Samten to bring multi-drug treatment, the villagers would raise their eyebrows and the family became increasingly isolated from the community. Samten's future looked bleak.

The staff from the mission spent time with the family and listened to their concerns. They arranged leprosy awareness education for the whole village. All the teachers and senior students were given a leprosy awareness class at the school. When Samten was ready to attend school he was accepted without any problems, and the family suffered no stigma in the village.

But the extension of help from the Leprosy Mission doesn't end there. To this day, TLM are assisting the family with the cost of Samten's education and uniform. His parents acknowledged that without this help Samten would not have been able to go to school. They have asked TLM to thank supporters for helping their son to have a future.

The purpose of TLM is to minister in the name of Jesus Christ to the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of individuals and communities disadvantaged by leprosy, working with them to uphold dignity and eradicate the disease. On Saturday 31st March a coffee morning in aid of TLM is being held at All Saints church from 10:00am to 12 noon. Easter cards and items made at rehabilitation centres will be available, as well as cakes, bric-a-brac and so on. Please support this important work.

I tell you this: anything you did for one of my brothers here, however humble, you did for me.
Matthew Ch 25 v40

Meg Harper, Pat Hearne

COURT HOUSE COFFEE BAR

Saturday 10th March marks the reopening of the Court House coffee bar. Coffee will be served from 9:30am to 12 noon (please note the slightly later opening time) every Saturday each month *except* for the *first* Saturday. Please tell your friends and come along!

A great vote of thanks is due to Joan Morris who has retired from running the service after 17 years of valiant and successful service. The coffee bar has come to have a very special role in our parish life and this is entirely due to Joan and her band of helpers. Thank you!

OXFAM – CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

The doors of the main hall at Berkhamsted civic centre will open at 9:00am on Thursday 29th March to welcome eager customers to the 12th Oxfam children's wear event. These events, held in the spring and autumn, have established a well earned reputation for the high quality of the children's clothes on offer. Oxfam strives to ensure customer satisfaction!

A wealth of bargains will be available including spring and summer outfits for 'bonny babies to towering teenagers', plus all the appropriate gear for school, the holidays, 'out to play', and special occasions. In addition there will be a variety of nursery equipment, and copious quantities of children's toys and books, all in pristine condition. Do come and be part of the fun. Bring the toddlers - there will be many willing hands to assist with their supervision.

Your valued support at the forthcoming event would be greatly appreciated as there is a desperate need to raise money to alleviate the suffering of the hapless victims of disasters such as those experienced in the recent Indian earthquake.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH ACCESS

The access path to the buildings at All Saints' has been widened and a turning area provided. Please note this facility is strictly to provide access to less mobile people or heavy goods. Please do *not* park in the new turning circle.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Normally in this column we give you the dates and times of the services for the yearly Women's World Day of Prayer. Sadly, due to lack of attendance last year, we decided not to go ahead with it this year. Last year we tried an outreach programme and included pre-school children. For those who were there it was a memorable time. Maybe a better way forward would be to call it just a World Day of Prayer, so opening it up for everybody. We would very much welcome any opinions and suggestions of how to go about it next year.

If you have a view on the future of the Women's World day of Prayer, please send it to the editor who will pass it on and would be very happy to publish any ideas set out in detail in next month's *Review*.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION

A really big thank you to all those who have contributed so generously over the last year through house collecting boxes. The total raised by St Peter's and All Saints' was £603. If you would like a convenient home for your heavy copper or fiddly 5p coins why not consider having a collecting box and I will empty it for you once a year, or when it is full. Give me a call on 863526. *Kathie Lally*

POST VACANT

The job of hall manager at All Saints' is now vacant and a new manager is a urgently needed. The job is not onerous but is vitally important to the life of All Saints'. Please contact Fr Robin Figg (866161) if you can help or want more details.

ROTA REVISION

St Peter's church cleaning and sidesmen's rotas are being revised during March. Can you spare a little time one week in six to clean? Or would you like to serve as a sidesman? Please contact Jean Green (878227) or Barbara Conway (865798).

TUESDAY GROUP

Our last meeting took us to the other side of the world, where one of our own members, June Douglas, told us about the Maoris of New Zealand and their customs.

We had a full house, and as this was our birthday evening we celebrated with a cake and plenty of scrumptious food.

Our next meeting is to be the AGM when chairman, Angela Morris, will be stepping down. We all say a big thank you for all the work she has done for us.

We meet in the Court House on the first Tuesday of each month. New members and visitors are always made very welcome.

NEWS FROM THE

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Being the last meeting of the current PCC and with the annual parish meetings in prospect on 23rd March, the agenda for the February council meeting was unusually full.

Much of the meeting focused on the important area of youth work in the parish. We welcomed Gill and Simon Faulks, the youth workers at St Michael's, Sunnyside, who gave us a valuable insight into their experience of youth mission in the town. Several options seen as attractive for our parish were picked up from the last PCC meeting and developed further. At the APCM in March there will be an opportunity for wider discussion of these important issues.

On perhaps a more mundane – though nonetheless essential – front, various financial matters were tables including a discussion and approval of the annual parish accounts. It was noted that the worrying deficit predicted earlier in the year had materialised and, while it was not quite as bad as early forecasts suggested, it was nonetheless a significant cause for concern (*see page 13 of this issue*). The chairman, Fr Mark Bonney, concluded the meeting by thanking the retiring members for their service over the year.

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BERKHAMSTED W.I.



Berkhamsted W.I. members have had an interesting series of meetings since November's general meeting at which president Jane Crellin was re-elected.

We have become very body conscious! We kicked up our heels at a 'sit down and keep fit' session led by physio-therapist Mrs Pam Elphinstone (it could be that the wine and nibbles enjoyed before our exercises helped these efforts!)

In December we looked at our hands, scrutinising shapes, mounds and lines under the expert guidance of Vic Botterill, the 'five-minute palmist'. The long history of palmistry is fascinating, covering many varied cultures and thousands of years. The member who had her hand 'read' confounded the sceptics among us by confirming the accuracy of what she was told. We all found Mr Botterill a lively, amusing and stimulating speaker.

In January, we went from hands to noses. We were all sniffing, not with cold but at the behest of John Bailey, artisan perfumer and scent maker. We recognised smells, identified them and tried to describe them. We gave this sense, the first we develop and the last we lose, more conscious consideration than we normally afford it. We learnt that aromas, from those in mundane household items to luxury items, are big business and Mr Bailey encouraged us to note just how they are used. It was a privilege to hear an international expert in his field speak with such knowledge and enthusiasm.

What are our members doing in 2001? The bowls group continues to meet fortnightly, as does the play reading group. Craft days are planned. Thursday 1st March will see us tea-tasting and sampling as we learn the history of tea. A group will visit the Tate Gallery for a lecture on *Women in Art* organised by County W.I., after which Berkhamsted members will visit the Hermitage exhibition at Somerset House.

Regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Gable Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

It was nice to see nearly a full membership at our February meeting and to welcome a new member and a visitor to our institute. Our president Liz Baxendale and secretary Janet Mitchell took us through the business matters and were pleased to read out the various replies received relating to our last month's 'town topic'. This concerned the appalling state and upkeep of the pavements in our town - notably in the High Street, Lower Kings Road and Castle Street. We were very surprised at the delay in receiving replies to our letters to the relevant departments at Dacorum District Council and Herts County Council. Hopefully repair work to these pavements will be speeded up before any more pedestrians are hospitalised by a fall caused by the disgusting state and upkeep of Berkhamsted footpaths.

Our speaker this month was Hugh Granger who paid us a return visit to speak on *Infamous Highwaymen*. It was a brilliant talk which kept the audience enthralled with his well researched presentation about those daring men who waylaid their victims in the period 1600-1800. A display of pistols and a collection of coins was brought for us to see. An expression of thanks was given by Mary Harris.

On 2nd March Mr L Mitchell will talk to us on *Berkhamsted Photographs* at the Court House at 2:00pm. Do come and join us to learn about Berkhamsted in past years. A warm welcome awaits you.

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION CONCERT

This spring we celebrate 25 years of sharing All Saints' church and 21 years of joint use of the halls by Anglican and Methodists. There will be a grand celebration concert at All Saints' on the evening of Saturday 28th April. Please put this date in your 2001 diary now. If you would like to sing or suggest items for the programme please ring Pat Hearne (871270) or Ruth Treves-Brown (863268).



SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		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 Carole Dell 864706</i>)			
	MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	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	5:00pm EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm 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 VISTORS GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.					
Mondays (except 1st)	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm at 9 Hall Park. Contact Victoria Macdonald on 384953.					
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 Joan Gregory 864829.					
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or Short service as announced. 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: Margaret Barnard 862794					
Tuesday	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:15-3:00pm for informal Bible study. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm [alternate weeks] at 32 Hillside Gardens for <i>Bible study</i> . Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely 875504					
2nd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Margaret Barnard 862794					
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. Carole Dell 864706					
2nd Wed	MEN'S DINNER & DISCUSSION: 8:00pm at Peaches Bistro. For information and booking: Rodney Cottrell 384963 or Steve Spall 873470					
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. The meetings are usually addressed by a guest speaker and the group attracts senior members for whom lifts can be arranged. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
Thursday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804					
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 P (10:00am). Nicole Addy 381426					
Friday	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
3rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
Sunday	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Carolyn Gunn 875865					

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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 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (**please note the changed time**); there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

March / April 2001

MARCH

2	10:00am	Little Fishes Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
3	7:30pm	Berkhamsted Choral Society: Purcell <i>Dido & Aeneas</i> & other short works	<i>St Peter's</i>
5	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
6	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>A very big picnic</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
7	8:00pm	Compline & Address led by Dr Michael Elves	<i>St Peter's</i>
11	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
14	8:00pm	Compline & Address led by Dr Michael Elves	<i>St Peter's</i>
17	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	
20	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Come and see</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
21	8:00pm	Compline & Address led by Dr Michael Elves	<i>St Peter's</i>
23	8:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	<i>Court House</i>
25		<i>Mothering Sunday</i> ; start of British Summer Time	
	9:15am	<i>All Saints'</i> , 9:30am <i>St Peter's</i> Family Sung Eucharist	
28	8:00pm	Compline & Address led by Dr Michael Elves	<i>St Peter's</i>

APRIL

2	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
3	10:00am	Chuckles Service <i>The story of Easter</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints' Hall</i>
4	8:00pm	Compline & Address led by Dr Michael Elves	<i>St Peter's</i>
6	10:00am	Little Fishes Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	9:00am	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Blessing of Palms at <i>St Peter's</i> and Procession to <i>All Saints'</i> for Sung Eucharist	
8	6:00pm	JS Bach <i>St John Passion</i> (Chiltern Chamber Choir)	<i>St Peter's</i>
9	8:30pm	Compline with Devotion	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8:00pm	United Devotion (Anglican led)	<i>All Saints'</i>
10	8:30pm	Compline with Devotion	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8:00pm	United Devotion (Methodist led)	<i>All Saints'</i>
11	8:00pm	United Devotion (Anglican led)	<i>All Saints'</i>
	8:00pm	Compline with Devotion	<i>St Peter's</i>

**FULL DETAILS OF THE SERVICES FROM MAUNDY THURSDAY TO
EASTER DAY WILL BE IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE REVIEW.**

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

21 January William Philip Mears, Jude Alexander Geldart

Funerals

5 January	George Fellingham	Chilterns Crematorium
8 January	Donna Leanne Woodworth	St Peter's church (Chilterns Crematorium)
9 January	Elizabeth Tanton	Chilterns Crematorium
11 January	Gerald Atkinson	St Peter's church (Chilterns Crematorium)
30 January	Sheila Lewis	St Peter's church (Newhaven Cemetery, East Sussex)
31 January	Grace Brackley	All Saints' church (Kingshill Cemetery)

Lack of space in this month's issue means that we have had to omit the Review FactFile. It will be back next month, space allowing.



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Sundays	Weekdays
8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)	Holy Communion
9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Sunday Schools & Pathfinders (in the Court House) followed by coffee in the Court House.	Wednesday 6.45am Thursday 11.00am Friday 9.15am
11.00am Celebrate Together (2nd Sun)	Morning Prayer: Mon-Sat 7:30am
6.00pm Evensong & Sermon (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')	Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:30pm Sat 5:00pm
	Holy Days - see weekly Notices

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

All Saints'

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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