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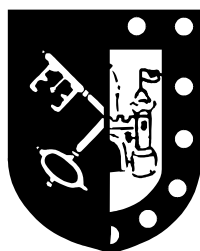
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Welcome to the December issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

Contrasts. If there is one word which sums up a theme to this month's issue, it is that. We're at a time of year where contrasts are brought into sharp focus. As I write Remembrance Sunday draws to a close, and 'remembrance' is picked up by several writers this month. But by the time you read this Advent will be upon us, and with it the Christian hope it brings (not to mention more secular ways of enjoying the Christmas season).

But here again there are stark contrasts. The gulf between the riches we claim in this part of the world and the abject poverty which overshadows populations elsewhere on the planet; the spiritual divide between those who have come to know Christ and those for whom the Christian message falls on deaf ears. The contrast between those for whom the aftermath of 11th September will mean that Christmas rings somewhat hollow, and those of us for whom a traditional Christmas surrounded by family is in prospect.

So, however you may be preparing to celebrate the Christmas season, may I and the *Review* team wish you a peaceful, enjoyable – and a thoughtful – time.

Chris Smalley

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**Fr Mark Bonney
ponders on the
dangers faced by
Christians in the
Holy Land today.**

review leader

No doubt one of the carols that will be sung many times over the next few weeks will be *O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie*. Nothing could be further from the truth in our world at the moment. Bethlehem has witnessed many scenes of violence over recent months and years. The town in which the Prince of Peace was born knows no peace; the city of Jerusalem outside which he was killed is a place of enormous tension. The situation between Israel and Palestine is incredibly complicated, as we all know. The whys and wherefores of Israel taking no notice of over 200 UN resolutions against its settling in Palestinian territory, the whys and wherefores of the fanatical activity of Palestinian groups and the lack of control over them are beyond the unravelling of most of us (so some rush for simplistic answers – beware!). A group that is suffering enormously and often gets forgotten is the Palestinian Christians – Christians in the Holy Land are getting fewer and fewer day by day.

There's a real danger that faced with the anguish of our world at the moment we'll use the sentimentality of Victorian Christmas carols to anaesthetize ourselves from the present pain and agonies of the world, and not least that part of it where Jesus was born, lived, preached, was killed and was raised from the dead. As I write this I'm preparing for the forthcoming meeting of General Synod at which there's going to be a debate about the international situation. One of the background papers is about the Israel / Palestine situation, and I was particularly

struck by its urging those who go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land to continue to do so, but to do so in an ethical way: 'Too often pilgrimages explore the landscape of the Bible and see ancient archaeological sites, but never take steps to engage with indigenous Christian communities... To many people the Middle East is a land of Muslims and Israel a land of Jews. Yet this area is the birthplace of Jesus and of Christianity and ever since Pentecost there have been Christians in the Middle East. Too often Christians from the western world travel in the Holy Land as tourists and sightseers. They may run where Jesus walked, explore the landscape and see the ancient stones – but never meet any of the community of Christians, which has for centuries welcomed pilgrims and visitors.' Just the other day someone told me with a lovely smile that they'd just come back from a wonderful trip to the Holy Land (going in September and October this year). I asked whether they'd met any local Christians – the answer was 'no', and a look as if that was something of an extraordinary question to ask.

Just as pilgrimages to the Holy Land so easily sentimentalise, so can our celebrations of Christmas. 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us' is a deep mystery and truth – it's earthy, materialistic, rooted in reality, deeply human and deeply divine. We sentimentalise Christmas and the Incarnation if we simply see it as a past event. It is that, but equally it's a present reality – the Word is enfleshed in every person who follows Christ today. Let's pray that by God's grace each and everyone of us who follow Christ may be channels of his peace – as we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for the peace of Bethlehem and for the peace of the world.





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Bean Roasting in Berkhamsted

Gerry Morrish has sent me an extract from an article in *History Today* on children's games in mediaeval England, which contained the following:

A further autumn custom, roasting beans, occurs in a unique reference among the miracles of Henry VI, relating to the late 15th century. A house in Berkhamsted was nearly burnt by a bonfire in September before being saved by the dead king's intervention. This fire, says the miracle recorder, was the result of a 'children's game', 'for children are accustomed in the autumn to burn beans or peas in their stalks, so that they may eat them half burnt.'

Gerry says he has never come across any reference to this incident and wondered if I had, commenting that roasting beans doesn't sound a particularly enthralling 'game'.

I had not heard this story before, but it got me wondering why the dead king should have bothered to intervene to stop a fire in a house here in Berkhamsted.

The *Concise Dictionary of National Biography* says that Henry VI was too weak to rule men but was genuinely pious and a liberal patron of the arts. He founded two great educational establishments: Eton

College and King's College, Cambridge - a fact we are reminded of every Christmas in the bidding prayer in the broadcast of the Nine Lessons and Carols service from King's. This and other good works earned him the title of 'royal saint', although he was never properly canonised.

The local connection is that he resided in Berkhamsted Castle for some of the most important years of his reign. So perhaps he took to the grave with him, and beyond, fond memories of the Town and an inclination to keep a watchful eye on the place, for a while at any rate

Vermin

Canon Basil Jones tells me that he enjoys working his allotment off New Road, Northchurch, although the greatest beneficiaries of his labour are the rabbits. There are hundreds of them there. Further afield, on a walk over Castle Hill farm you are likely to see them there too in larger numbers than ever before.

Then this year there must be a record number of grey squirrels: they are everywhere, in the country and in the Town. I counted seven in St Peter's churchyard the other day and five under the horse chestnut trees on the Moor. At least two have been squashed under the wheels of speeding traffic in Castle Street (understandably, as it is difficult enough for people to cross this road safely, let alone rodents), and they even get into our high walled little garden.

Of course there is plenty to nourish them these days: quantities of discarded half-eaten kebabs and pizzas for example; but that doesn't stop them digging up the crocus bulbs in the churchyard. In the circumstances it hardly seems worth bothering to plant any more. The little blighters are as bold as brass and you can get almost close enough to touch them, but one is too squeamish to bash them over the head.

Someone I know very well had a squirrel trap, but instead of finishing off the pests she captured in it she would take them to the other side of the canal and

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release them there in the fond hope that they would not find their way back. They seem to have no predators: the local foxes are more interested in the contents of dustbins than pursuing prey. Has anyone any ideas what to do about this plague?

In last month's *Review* David Simmons mentioned that the red kite has had a very good year locally, and I have seen one as close as Pitstone Hill. My bird book tells me that although they are partial to carrion they will also take rabbits. Will they take squirrels too? Perhaps there are grounds for some hope there.

Mystery Questionnaires

What are they really trying to get at, I wonder, when we are asked to fill in yet another questionnaire that came through the letterbox.

In the latest one in *Herts Direct*, the newsletter produced from time to time by the county council, our views were sought as to what we think should be the council's top priorities over the next year, and asked to tick three boxes. Then the form said 'Please tell us about yourself', with again boxes to tick about age, whether male or female and so on. Fair enough, but most of the boxes are to do with what ethnic group we claim to belong to. We are given a choice of no less than 16 boxes to tick so that our precise ethnic group can be identified.

Perhaps in the next edition of the newsletter we will be told first of all what response they had (I doubt if it was more than ten percent) and secondly what they are using this information for.

Hoardings

There are so many hoardings in the town at the moment that a visitor might be excused from thinking that the place was undergoing major reconstruction. The

Bottom: The new development in Ravens Lane on the old Coopers site.

Right: What it will look like when the wraps come off. Photos: Chris Smalley



sites of two of the car showrooms that used to exist along the main road, together with the *Rex* cinema, are surrounded by well-built, high wooden hoardings. But far more impressive than these is the great plastic shroud that now surrounds the old Coopers' buildings in Ravens Lane and Manor Street. It is as high as the buildings themselves and must have cost Laing's a mint.

Soon, hidden behind this giant screen the demolition will begin under strict control, to ensure that any pollution from toxic substances from the old chemical works is contained within the site.

So we have now seen the last of the Town's only major industrial buildings. I shall miss particularly the painted sign high up on a gable in Manor Street which said Coopers in big letters, the barley sugar brickwork details in Ravens Lane and the big chimney which still pokes up above the sheeting.

When the tall chimneys of the old Pitstone cement works were demolished three or four years ago a great event was made of it, and they were blown up spectacularly one after the other. But I imagine ours will go not with a bang but a whimper. ❖

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CHILDREN AND COMMUNION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

Fr Mark Bonney writes with news of progress towards welcoming children at Holy Communion.

Following an application to the Bishop by the PCC permission has been given for the parish to admit children to Holy Communion before confirmation. In our application we showed how we would meet the guidelines laid down by the bishop. Some of these affect children and their parents in a particular way. The main features of the guidelines are as follows.

The child must:

- be baptised
- be at least seven years of age at the time of receiving communion
- him/herself wish to receive communion
- be regular at worship
- attend a preparation course before admission
- come to confirmation in due course.

In order to discuss these guidelines and particularly the arrangements in hand for a preparation course, parents and children who wish to consider this move should have received letter inviting them to a meeting on Saturday 15th December at 4:00pm in the Court House. If you haven't received an invitation and would like to attend, I firstly apologise for the oversight, and secondly warmly invite you to attend.

We plan to have a ten session preparation course broken up into two five

week groups either side of Easter, with the intention of First Communions taking place at Pentecost 2002 (19th May). ❖

THE MOTHERS' Union

Judy Clegg asks you to welcome the Mothers' Union travelling crib this Advent.



Are you able to give a young man and his pregnant wife a room for the night on their long journey through Advent?

The Mothers' Union are again organising travelling cribs – one at St Peter's and one at All Saints' – to represent Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The journey starts in church on the first Sunday in Advent (2nd December) and finishes in church at the crib service on Christmas Eve. Each participating family accompanies the crib to the next family and hands the crib on with a prayer.

If you would like to take part, please contact Tracy Robinson (863559) at St Peter's, or Jenny Wells (870981) at All Saints'. Everyone is welcome to join in, but do not delay as it is always popular. ❖



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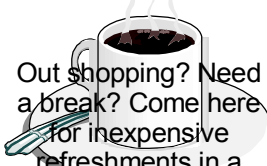
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Should Berkhamsted have its own information centre? Hemel Hempstead has one, run by the borough council, and Tring has one, run by Tring town council. In the Government's rural White Paper, published a year ago, the provision of an information centre was suggested as a useful role for local councils, providing

answers to questions on such things as bus and train timetables, housing issues or planning applications

Like other good ideas mooted in last year's rural White Paper, little or nothing more has been heard from the DETR about how they propose to carry this forward in practice. Nevertheless, the town council has picked up the idea and is now looking at whether it is actually needed, how it could be achieved and what it would cost. There are already several information points in the town: the post office, the library, the civic centre (which is a point of access for the borough council's housing department) and the Citizen's Advice Bureau. But there does seem to be scope for a centre which would provide a source of information on such things as local tourist information, local charities, local shops, doctors, dentists and solicitors as well as an outlet for local councils; county, borough or town. It could provide access to local government web-sites and give people the opportunity to send e-mails.

If it is decided that we need one, the other two decisions that need to be made are: where should it be? and, how much should it cost? Two sites present themselves immediately: the civic centre and the library (although there may be others). In the foyer of the civic centre there is already available space that is used for occasional displays. The library is

council & news views

Should Berkhamsted have an information centre?
Local councillor **Ian Reay** examines the issues.

already a source of information and providing a role as an information centre would be natural extension of what it already does, but there may not be the space to expand.

The cost of such a centre is quite easy to estimate. The town council is already spending £5,000 evaluating the need and looking at possible

sites. If it is decided to go ahead it will need to be staffed and a running cost of £15,000 – £20,000 a year looks very likely. This would add more than 15% to the town's annual council tax precept.

Putting an information centre in the town would actually fit with new plans from the borough council to extend what is called, in the ugly modern jargon, e-Government. The council is looking at the use of web-sites and other electronic forms to deal with people. A survey has shown that two thirds of households in the borough have access to the internet at home and more are expected to link up during the next few years. People with such access could use it to report faults and to complain, to buy tickets for local events or book a slot at the sports and leisure centre.

The problem is that there are many people who will not have such access, either because they cannot afford it or are reluctant to do so because of fear or aversion to new technology. These are often the people that the local council most needs to support. I would not like to see a new method of contacting the local services forced on people against their will when they would much prefer to talk to a human being who is personal and flexible. An information centre in town could become a personal point of contact between local government and the people in the town who need to talk to it. ❖

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Victoria School Association

THE GIVING TREE

Janet Foo introduces a new initiative at Victoria School aimed at raising valuable funds.

In the November *Review*, Alex Evans described the trials and tribulations of trying to fund updating of the buildings of Victoria School from a tightly controlled public purse. Enter stage left, the Victoria School Association, the VSA.

All parents, teachers, governors, and any others interested in the life of the school form the association. It is active and lively and does a marvellous job both in fund raising and promoting a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Regular events as diverse as a May ball and a Christmas Fayre raise thousands of pounds each year. Workdays save costs when members don overalls and wield paint brushes. There is enthusiasm for the cause of providing better equipment and surroundings for the children.

The VSA has set itself some challenging objectives and is impatient to achieve them. The playgrounds are to be resurfaced by the governors, but black tarmac is not conducive to creative play. In response, the VSA has initiated a playground project with a price tag of many thousands of pounds. Thermoplastic markings, equipment and attractive railings will change the ambience for play, and the appearance of the school.

Enter stage right, hopefully, modern day philanthropists.

Since 1897 a stream of children have spent their formative years at Victoria School. Its ethos has shaped attitudes and beliefs, which make for valued members of society. Now is an opportunity to show our appreciation of the benefit to our community of good schools.

In the teachers' common room a gilded stone plaque records the foundation of the school by public subscription, underpinned by donations from Victorian philanthropists. Social change makes it unlikely that memorial halls, schools, and almshouses will today be named after wealthy benefactors. The VSA has, however, created a modern equivalent to the stone plaque, a 'giving tree', to record the generosity of companies, former pupils, and individuals.

The metal tree is prominently displayed at the school entrance. 'Leaves' in the form of plaques will be added to the tree to record permanently the donations made and the generosity of the donors.

Investing in our children is an investment in the future of our community. Please support them and the VSA, and add your leaf to the tree. ❖

If you wish for further information or want to respond directly to this article, please contact me, Jan Foo, on 872502, or Alex Evans on 386328.

APOLOGIES! Some typesetting gremlins crept into last month's article on Victoria School on pages 16 and 17. Apologies to the authors and our readers – Ed.

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London entered the twentieth century with five underground railway companies. The Metropolitan Railway, opened in January, 1863, had enjoyed some modest prosperity under the iron rule of Sir Edward Watkin but was struggling to find the means to electrify its lines and thereby eliminate the steam locomotives which had turned its tunnels into choking chasms.

The Metropolitan District Railway (1868, later the District Line), had proved to be a bad investment for its shareholders, rarely paying a dividend and often at war with its supposed partner, the Metropolitan, with which it ran the inner circle. The City and South London Railway, London's first deep level 'tube' (later the southern part of the Northern Line) had opened in 1890 from King William Street, in the City, to Stockwell. Although popular with travellers, heavy interest payments on its bonds had never made it a good investment for its shareholders. The Central London Railway (later the Central Line) opened in 1900 between Shepherd's

CREATIVE AMERICA FINANCE

Stephen Halliday moves on to the 20th century in his analysis of the financing of the Tube.

Bush and Bank but its dependence on travellers in the centre of the metropolis, where it faced heavy competition from buses, meant that it was never more than modestly profitable. The only underground railway which was consistently profitable was the Waterloo and City railway which was virtually an extension of the London and South Western Railway.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, therefore, much unfinished business remained for the management of London's underground railway system. The first task involved converting the Metropolitan and District 'Circle' from steam to electric traction. The second concerned a number of proposed new lines whose promoters had gained the sanction of Parliament for their construction but who had failed to attract the interest of investors. These challenges were taken up by unconventional entrepreneurs without whose doubtful and often dishonest financial manoeuvrings much of London's underground railway network might never have been built.

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The Bakerloo Line

Plans for a link between Waterloo and Charing Cross went back almost thirty years. In 1863 a proposal had been made for a railway between Waterloo and Charing Cross driven by pneumatic power. The scheme made little progress despite an illustration printed in the *Illustrated London News* in June 1863. In 1893 Parliamentary authority had been gained for the Charing Cross, Euston and Hampstead Railway - later to become the northern section of the Northern Line; and for the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway - later to be known as the Bakerloo Line.

The poor financial returns earned by investors in earlier tubes ensured that the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway had little success in raising money so in 1897 the directors of the fledgling line were relieved when they were approached by

Whitaker Wright. He was the first of a line of colourful characters who were to play a critical role in financing the construction of the Underground. Whitaker

Wright (1845-1904), an Englishman, had made a fortune from mining in the USA and was a millionaire by the time he was thirty-one. In 1897, having returned to England, he became managing director of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, in which he owned almost one third of the shares. Operating from a small office in the City he proceeded to acquire interests in mining and other activities, one of these being the Baker Street railway which thereby acquired seven hundred thousand pounds of badly needed finance with which to begin building.

Death in the Law Courts

Construction of the new railway began in August 1898, and proceeded for eighteen months at a cost of about £650,000 when the London and Globe ran into difficulties as a result of the collapse in the share price of one of its other investments. An attempt by Wright to 'rig' the market by buying up London and Globe shares resulted in further disastrous losses whereupon he tried to unload on to the market shares in the still embryonic railway. This, predictably, failed as did a wildly optimistic speech to shareholders as the company plunged further into chaos. On 28th December, 1900, the London and

Globe was declared bankrupt and railway construction work ceased as contractors waited to be paid.

Wright prudently fled to France. A determined creditor succeeded in obtaining an arrest warrant from a judge in March

"You go to penal servitude for seven years." (Mr Justice Bingham, sentencing Whitaker Wright, the financier of the Bakerloo Line).

1903 but Wright, anticipating this event, had fled from France to New York four days earlier. He was arrested in New York and returned to England

where he was arraigned for larceny, the prosecutor being the celebrated QC Sir Rufus Isaacs. On 26th January, 1904, Wright was convicted of defrauding investors to the value of five million pounds and, in the words of Mr Justice Bingham, sentenced to 'the severest punishment which the Act permits, that you go to penal servitude for seven years'.

Wright left the courtroom proclaiming his innocence and his intention to appeal. A few minutes later he collapsed in the Law Courts, dead from a cyanide capsule he had been carrying. More alarmingly, when the police searched his body they found a loaded revolver which he had kept in his pocket during the trial. He was buried in the grounds of his palatial mansion at Lea Park, Witley, Surrey amidst his landscaped gardens, private theatre, observatory, lakes and an underwater billiard hall encased in glass.

"Buy up old junk, fix it up a little and unload it upon other fellows". (Charles Tyson Yerkes, founder of Underground Electric Railways of London, describing his business methods)

His entry in the *Dictionary of National Biography* observes that 'his abilities as a public speaker were turned to good account at shareholders' meetings and inspired confidence in his most disastrous undertakings'. Upon such men was the London Underground dependent in the early days of the twentieth century. His place was soon to be taken by another.





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review Christmas quiz

A. WHO?

1. Is a mother?
2. Is a sister?
3. Was a finance director of a fish farm?
4. Worked in a life assurance and pensions company?
5. Was a company consultant on telecommunications?
6. Was a postman?
7. Was a research chemist?
8. Was an officer in the Royal Artillery?
9. Was an officer in the Royal Navy?
10. Models an advertisement for recruitment to the clergy?

B. WHY IN BERKHAMSTED?

1. Coram Close
2. Cross Oak Road
3. Egerton Road
4. Gaveston Drive
5. Gilpin's Ride
6. Mortain Drive
7. Murray Road
8. Prince Edward Street
9. Priory Gardens
10. Tresco Road

Answers to the Who and Why quiz are on page 23.

name the SAINTS

Here are twelve groups of people each of which has a patron saint. Can you pick the correct saint for each group from a list of candidates which tells you their name, dates and feast day? The best of luck! You'll find the answers on page 28.

Who was the patron saint of:

- (a) Brides and pawnbrokers
- (b) Jewellers
- (c) Those suffering eye maladies
- (d) Porters
- (e) Cloth workers and tailors
- (f) Librarians
- (g) Swordsmiths
- (h) Fishermen
- (i) Healing, and also of Winchester
- (j) Scholars
- (k) Servants
- (l) Blacksmiths, lighthouse keepers and locksmiths

The candidates are:

1. St Andrew (1st cent.) 30th November
2. St Maurice (1141-1191) 22 September
3. St Lucy (d. 304) 13 December
4. St Eligius (590-660) 1st December
5. St Jerome (342-420) 30 September
6. St Dunstan (910-988) 19th May
7. St Nicholas of Myra (d. c350) 6th Dec
8. St Christopher (died 251) 25th July
9. St Brigid (450-525) 1st February
10. St Swithin (d. 862) 15th June
11. St Homobonus (d. 1197) 13th Nov
12. St Zita (1218-1278) 27th April

Sent in by Jane Campbell



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The Cowper Society and Chiltern Chamber Choir are members of the Berkhamsted Arts Trust
which is supported financially by Dacorum Borough Council.

IMAGES OF CHRIST

8:00pm Monday 10th December
in St Peter's church.

Christopher Herbert was consecrated a bishop in November 1995 and enthroned as Bishop of St Albans in January 1996.

Born in Lydney in the Forest of Dean, he was educated at Monmouth School and read biblical studies and philosophy at the University of Wales, Lampeter. In 1967 after attending Wells Theological College and obtaining a P.G.C.E at the University of Bristol, he served as curate at St Paul's, Tupsley in Herefordshire.

His interest in, indeed, passion for art, and in particular the depiction of the Christian faith in art, was afforded an opportunity for expression late in 2000 when he committed a three month sabbatical leave to research on *The Image*

An illustrated talk on the depictions of Christ in Renaissance art is to be given by the Bishop of St Albans, The Rt Revd Christopher Herbert.

of the Resurrection in 15th Century Northern European Art. His thesis, the first known to address this specific area of art history, is now nearing completion, and much of the material in the lecture on 10th December is drawn from it.

Bishop Christopher has established himself as an authority in the field of medieval Christian art, and his lectures and addresses on the image of the Resurrection and other more specific areas such as the Isenheim Altarpiece are in increasing demand. Most recently, he has been invited to speak on the depiction of the Magi at the National Gallery in December. ❖

All proceeds from the talk (tickets £5) are in aid of the Hospice of St Francis.

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e humans are a small minority among the inhabitants of our planet. We are greatly outnumbered by the animal population. These fellow-creatures of ours are to a large extent entrusted to our care - either directly, as with farm animals, or indirectly, in the case of animals whose welfare is dependent on man's sensitive stewardship of the environment.

Yet our responsibility is largely ignored in our anthropocentric church services. We are encouraged to pray for oppressed people, for the human victims of wars and disasters, for men and women suffering through no fault of their own. Of course it is right and natural that we should do so. But what about the animals? Are they not oppressed? Are they not victims? Do they not suffer?

Think of chickens packed tightly together in cages, treated as a mere egg-producing machines. Think of rabbits kept in laboratories and forced to endure painful chemical tests. Think of the suffering of the animal victims of foot and

ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW

Gerry and Shirley Morrish
want us to be less human-centred in our worship.

mouth: how often we prayed for the farmers who were losing money, how seldom for the cattle and sheep who were losing their lives!

Why should the Christian ethic be interpreted solely in terms of humans? Surely we are called to exercise compassion

towards all the disadvantaged and maltreated ones in this world, of whatever species. Cruelty is cruelty, whether the victim be a neglected child or a woodlouse deliberately trodden underfoot.

If you are concerned about these issues and would like to see them addressed in church, help is at hand! The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals (ASWA) is a non-violent campaigning organisation which numbers several bishops among its patrons. You can write to the society at PO Box 7193, Hook, RG27 HGT, or you can e-mail AngSocWelAnimals@cs.com, or phone 01252 843093. There is also a web site at www.aswa.org.uk. ❖

FUNNY HOW...

Barbara Fisher submits some home truths found in a church magazine in East Sussex.

Funny how big a £20 note looks when we take it to church, but how small it is when we take it to the shops.

Funny how long it seems when we pray to God for 45 minutes but how quickly a team plays 45 minutes of football.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a neighbour.

Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scrabble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the bible says. ❖

review letters

Born in Berkhamsted

Peter Morgan writes:

Just a short note to congratulate you on November's edition, which was a very interesting read. I must confess that I read it from a purely secular outlook and especially enjoy *Around the Town* with John Cook.

His figures of people born in Berkhamsted were very interesting, especially for a relatively newcomer to the town. The only negative issue I have found in letters to the local press since I have been here is the unwillingness to welcome those who have dared to move here and perhaps these figures suggest that there has always been inward migration. I find the figure of 43 per cent in 1851 much lower than I would have imagined, with most new mothers giving birth at home in those days and a journey to Watford or Aylesbury for many being an adventure.

Mr Cook mentions that it would be interesting to compare these figures with today. With home births now being rare,

very few people under 30 who have lived in Berkhamsted since birth will actually show their home town as their birthplace and with the maternity unit at Hemel Hempstead moving to Watford, future generations won't even be born in the borough.

Your article by Muriel Lander, reminded me that one of the major factors for moving to Berkhamsted only six years ago was that new housing was affordable! I know that I would struggle to arrange a big enough mortgage now to do so, even if I could afford it. To blame this on newcomers alone, as some suggest, is simplistic, with many new houses being built, but prices continuing to rocket. Migration to towns and cities has been a feature since the industrial revolution - the only problem with Berkhamsted is that it is too nice a place to live!

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review quiz answers

A. WHO?

1. Rev. Jane Wade, St Andrew's URC
2. Sr Nora, Sacred Heart
3. Pastor Billy Milton, KREC
4. Rev. Paul Timmis, All Saints' (Methodist)
5. Rev. James Neve, Berkhamsted Baptist
6. Fr Peter Grant, Sacred Heart
7. Rev. Dick Clarkson, Sunnyside
8. Preb. Stephen Wells, All Saints' (Anglican)
9. Rev. Robin Figg, until recently All Saints' (Anglican)
10. Rev. Mark Bonney, St Peter's

B. WHY IN BERKHAMSTED?

1. The Foundling Hospital was started in 1739 through the initiative of Capt. Thomas CORAM. In 1935 it was reopened in Berkhamsted in the purpose-built premises which are now Ashlyns School.
2. There was once an oak tree at a crossroads to which folklore attributed magical properties. If one had the ague one could get rid of it by nailing a lock of hair to the tree and then pulling the head away leaving the hair behind on the CROSS OAK.
3. EGERTON was the surname of the family which owned Ashridge. The heads of the family were ennobled first as Baron Ellesmere, then as Earls of Bridgewater and finally as Dukes of Bridgewater.
4. King Edward II granted the manor of Berkhamsted to Piers GAVESTON.
5. William Cowper, born in Berkhamsted, wrote a poem (epic, ballad or both?)

about John GILPIN who borrowed a horse to RIDE from London to Edmonton but the horse took him all the way to Ware.

6. William the Conqueror gave the manor of Berkhamsted to his half-brother, the Count of MORTAIN. Mortain built the first castle here.
7. The MURRAY family acquired Berkhamsted Place from King Charles I, but only one generation later Anne Murray fled from it in the Civil War.
8. PRINCE EDWARD is the Black Prince, not the Duke of Wessex! He lived at Berkhamsted Castle when not fighting the French. Four centuries before Victoria School was built, his soldiers would have marched along Prince Edward Street to the archery practice ground.
9. PRIORY GARDENS were just that until the dissolution of the monasteries. The priory buildings were higher up the hill to the south. It was at the suggestion of the late Percy Birtchnell that the road now where the priory used to be was named after the priory.
10. Augustus Smith, born at Ashlyns Hall, financed the destruction of railings intended to 'enclose' part of Berkhamsted Common. He later went to live on the Scilly Isle of TRESCO.

So now, *WHY IN BERKHAMSTED?*

1. Augustus Smith School
2. Bridgewater Road
3. Butts Meadow
4. Cowper Road
5. Ellesmere Road
6. St Edmunds

A SENIOR CITIZEN DEFINED

So what do you think is
meant by 'senior citizen'?
Here are a few ideas!



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Government aids

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*And most of all – Monetary aids to
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WORSHIP TAIZÉ STYLE

There will be a Taizé-style
evening service in St Peter's
at 6:00pm on Sunday
9th December.

All are welcome to explore
this new form of worship.

A senior citizen is one who was here
before the pill, television, frozen
foods, credit cards, ball point pens, jet
engines, and supersonic flight, and the
moon was for courting under not walking
on.

For them time meant togetherness, and
chips were something you ate with fish
and bought in penn'orths. Hardware
meant hardware and there wasn't such a
word as software.

They were before panty-hose and drip dry
clothes. Dishwashers were husbands, not
an electric appliance, and they had hot
water bottles not electric blankets.

They got married first and then lived
together. How quaint!

Girls wore liberty bodices and Peter Pan
collars, and thought cleavages were
something to do with butchers.

They were before Batman, vitamin pills,
disposable nappies, pizzas, instant coffee,
Chinese takeaways and supermarkets.
Soaps were for washing with.

Cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass
was for sowing and pot was for stew and
dumplings.

Today's senior citizens are a hardy bunch,
when you think how the world has
changed.



**Rev Peter Hart
asks what sort
of world Jesus
Christ will return
to rule over.**

Remembrance Sunday last month took on a different emphasis due to the engagement of British forces alongside the Americans in Afghanistan.

Though we remembered the fallen of two world-engulfing conflicts, we were also sharply conscious of those from our and other nations who are currently engaged in warfare, even though the aims and methods are distinctly different. An act of remembrance, established to keep at the forefront of our memories the horrors of war and to encourage us to live our lives in ways that lead to peace, is made more poignant when lessons we thought we had all learnt many years ago are still proving hard to put into practice.

December brings Advent, a season of penitence and preparation for the return in glory of Jesus Christ as king and judge of all the world. What sort of world have we made for him to reign over? What actions do we have for him to judge?

We live in a world of plenty, of beauty and of balance, but we have squandered its riches, spoilt its glories and run it in such an unequal manner that the majority lives

on the edge of despair while an ever wealthier and controlling minority keeps the benefits to itself.

We have been taught radical ideas by Jesus Christ when first he lived among us - no revenge, love your enemies, pray for your persecutors, welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, house the homeless. Yet all the rhetoric after September 11th has been of revenge; fear of enemies has been raised; persecutors denounced; a drought-ridden land has been bombed and made even more dangerous, while perfectly good homes have been destroyed and thousands flee to under-resourced refugee camps. There is much to judge, and we can be proud of very little.

We cannot do nothing in the face of organised violence and terror. However, a Christian response, particularly during the penitential season of Advent, is to make real God's love in the world. This should give equal value to Jew and Palestinian, equal worth to Afghan and American, equal respect to Republican and Unionist, equal celebration of people of particular faith or none. It should work out that reality in political terms in our thoughts, our conversations, our prayers and our actions. Only then will the Christ-child of Bethlehem truly be the Prince of Peace.



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CHRISTMAS WALK

The Friends of Ashridge Christmas walk will take place on Friday, 28th December, meeting at Monument Green at 10:00am. The activity includes a stop en route for mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets may be bought from Steve Powell, 17 Redwood Glade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 3JT (01525 384139), costing £3 to members and £4 to non-members.

NEW YEAR'S WALK

The traditional New Year's walk of the Berkhamsted Citizens' Association will assemble at the railway station at 10:30am on New Year's Day, Tuesday 1st January 2002. The walk will be led by John Cook over the familiar route to Aldbury.

ROME AND ASSISI

There is just a day or two for you to sign up for the pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from 5th to 12th April 2002. The group will be led by Fr Mark Bonney and will cost approx £1,000. Deposits will be sent off as soon as 20 people have signed up. All are invited. Details and application forms are available in both churches. Please phone Fr Mark on 864194 for further information.

TOWN CENTRE ADVISORY FORUM

The date of the next town centre advisory forum has been changed to Wednesday, 12th December, not the 19th as previously advertised. The meeting will take place in the Sessions Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall at 7:30pm. Do come and take a unique opportunity to hear and to take part in a well-informed discussion of town centre issues. As well as members of the public and many councillors, there will be representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the BCA, the Berkhamsted Access Committee and the police. Do come along and learn about what is going on.

INVITATION TO DINNER

The Young People's Fellowship of St Peter's and All Saints' invite everyone to a traditional four-course Christmas dinner at All Saints' Hall on Saturday, 1st December at 7:15pm for 7:30pm. Tickets cost £10 (£8 concessionaires) from Carole Dell (864706) or Rodney Cottrell (384963). All profits will go to support Natasha Judd's attendance at the World Scout Jamboree in Thailand and to YPF funds.

IAN RENNIE CHRISTMAS PUDDING

The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home is offering you the chance to buy one of their luxury Christmas puddings for only £5.00. You can also send one as a Christmas present to friends and relatives along with a personal greeting, all arrange by the IRHH at an extra cost for postage and packing of £1.50 for one and £2.50 for two. Please contact the IRHH office at 52a Western Road, Tring HP23 4BB, ring 890222 or fax 891276, or e-mail info@irhh.org.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Members (only) of the Berkhamsted Citizens' Association are invited to the association's annual Christmas celebration at 8:00pm on Friday, 7th December in the Great Hall, Town Hall.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

You are invited to partake of coffee and mince pies at the National Trust Ashridge visitor centre, Monument Drive from 10:00am to 12 noon on Saturday, 1st December. There will be a bring and buy table, raffle and plant stall and the centre's shop will be open. A charge of £1 is payable at the door.

ANSWERS TO NAME THE SAINTS QUIZ

The answers to the quiz on page 17 are:

(a) 7; (b) 4; (c) 3; (d) 8; (e) 11; (f) 5; (g) 2; (h) 1; (i) 10; (j) 9; (k) 12; (l) 6.

ASHRIDGE WALKS AND GENTLE STROLLS

The Friends of Ashridge invite you to take part in their 2002 programme of walks and gentle strolls. Map references given below relate to Ordnance Survey maps Land Ranger 165 and Pathfinder 1094.

Walks

On Thursday, 2nd May at 7:00pm you can visit the *Bluebell Woods in Spring*. Meet at the visitor centre on Monument Green (map ref SP 971 131). The cost is £3.00 (£2.00 for Friends).

On Sunday, 12th May at 6:00am look and listen for birds on the Ivinghoe Hills in the *Early Morning Birdwatch*. Meet at the Steps Hill grass car park, Ivinghoe Beacon end (map ref SP 963 157). The cost is £4.00 (Friends £3.00).

On Wednesday, 5th June at 7:00pm join the *Historic Parkland Walk*. Meet at Ashridge College car park (map ref SP 994 122). The cost is £3.00 (Friends £2.00).

On Wednesday, 19th June at 7:00pm look at *Wildlife on the Ivinghoe Hills*. Meet at the Steps Hill grass car park, Ivinghoe Beacon end (map ref SP 963 157). The cost is £3.00 (Friends £2.00).

On Saturday, 22nd June at 2:00pm Friends (only) are invited to take part in the *Friends Annual Tour* to examine recent developments in the Golden Valley and Parkland areas. The cost is £3.00. Further details will be announced nearer the time.

On Wednesday, 10th July at 7:00pm come and explore the woodland around Rail Copse and Aldbury Common in *A Walk in the Woods*. Meet at Ashridge Volunteer Basecamp on Tom's Hill Road close to the junction with the B4506 (map ref SP 974 118). The cost is £3.00 (Friends £2.00).

On Saturday, 20th October at 7:00am come *Looking at Deer*. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the B4506 road end of Monument Drive (map ref SP 978 128). The cost is £4.00 (Friends £3.00).

It is necessary to get tickets for the walks listed above from Steve Powell, 17 Redwood Glade,

Leighton Buzzard LU7 3JT. Children are welcome on all walks at half price. Dogs are welcome if kept under close control. Family and group tickets are available; for details ring 01525 384139.

Gentle Strolls

These offer a chance to discover the wildlife of the estate, and to examine animal tracks, deer and other items of interest.

Wednesday, 13th March at 11:00am (map ref SP 971 131). Meet by the visitor centre on Monument Green.

Wednesday, 10th April at 2:30pm (map ref SP 976 146). Meet at Dockey Wood car park, off Beacon Road (Ringshall to Ivinghoe Beacon).

Tuesday, 14th May at 2:30pm (map ref SP 971 131). Meet by the visitor centre on Monument Green.

Wednesday, 12th June at 2:30pm (map ref SP 982 143). Meet at Ling Ride car park, off Beacon Road.

Thursday, 16th July at 11:00am (map ref SP 963 157). Meet at Steps Hill grass car park, on Beacon Road.

Sunday, 18th August at 2:30pm (map ref SP 971 131). Meet by the visitor centre on Monument Green.

Wednesday, 11th September at 11:00am (map ref SP 993 139). Meet at Little Gaddesden village car park, off Church Road.

Tuesday, 15th October at 2:30pm (map ref SP 979 127). Meet at the B4506 road end of Monument Drive.

All are welcome to join these gentle strolls. No pre-booking is required but £1.00 per person is collected from those attending on the day.

Organising an event in 2002?

Then let our readers know what's going on! The *Review* is your magazine – use it to tell people of forthcoming events, and don't forget to tell us how your event went afterwards.

Send full details to **David Woodward,**
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(862723) (copy dates inside front cover)

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



Our president, Liz Baxendale, welcomed members and one visitor to our annual meeting and introduced Jean Curl, our guest speaker for the meeting.

During business matters we had reports of meetings and birthday parties which several members had attended during the past month, all having an enjoyable time.

Our president, secretary and treasurer gave their annual reports in which we had a successful year with an increased membership.

Jean Curl presided over the election of the president and Liz Baxendale was re-elected for a further year. An expression of thanks was given to Jean Curl by Joy Lovell. Next month on 7th December we will hear the Bushey Concert Group perform for our meeting at the Court House at 2:00pm.

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WE NEED MORE GROWERS!

Despite difficulties caused by the foot and mouth epidemic, the National Trust Friends of Ashridge were able to stage a most successful plant fair in May. A record number of plants was sold, yielding £4,300 at the fair itself and a further £400 from sales at the Ashridge estate visitor centre, Monument Drive. As an indication of the crowds who attended, six pairs of cashiers took an average of £600 each in under 90 minutes. The money raised is being used for the benefit of the Ashridge estate and its visitors.

On Sunday, 12th May 2002 the plant fair will, if all goes well, return to the monument. The fair is sustained by a dedicated band of growers each producing and donating anything from ten to several hundred plants. Growers are the fair's lifeline and new ones are always needed to replace those who, for a variety of reasons, are no longer able to grow for it.

So if you have a garden and are likely to have some surplus plants which you are prepared to pot up and give to the fair, you are invited to become a member of the supporting team involved in this successful and popular local event.

If you are interested, or if you would like more information, please contact Anne or John Powell on 878640 or e-mail them on anne.jo@btinternet.com.

ALL SAINTS' JOINT CHOIR

Volunteers are still welcome to join the All Saints' joint choir to sing at the Christmas carol service at 6:30pm on Sunday, 23rd December. Rehearsals are planned for 8:00pm on Mondays 3rd, 10th and 17th December and at 5:45pm on Sunday, 23rd December. Please contact Ruth Treves-Brown (863268) or Pat Hearne (871270) if you would like to sing at this joint carol service.

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			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	<i>No Eucharist for time being.</i>			
		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	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.			
		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>					
3rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm in the Court House. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195, Ruth Treves-Brown 863268 or June Haile 873087.					
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Jean Bray 864532 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. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Kate Spall 873470.					
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm fourth Tuesday at 61 Kitsbury Road. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
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					
3rd 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 DISCUSSION GROUP: 8:00pm at Peaches Bistro or as announced. For information and booking contact Steve Spall on 873470					
3rd Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris 865785.					
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
Thursday	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm every Thursday. Contact Linda Bisset 862115.					
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 (10am). Nicole Varndell 828541					
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 Carole Dell 864706.					

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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; there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

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DECEMBER

2	6:00pm	Advent Carol Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6:30pm	Joint Advent Carol Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
3	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
7	10:00am	Little Fishes' Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	7:30pm	Britten's <i>St Nicholas</i> and Assorted Carols	<i>St Peter's</i>
		Berkhamsted Choral Society	
9	6:00pm	Taizé Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	8:00pm	Bishop Christopher <i>Images of Christ</i> (see page 19)	<i>St Peter's</i>
11	10:15am	Chuckles Toddler Service <i>Christmas Story</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
14	9:15am	Victoria School <i>Thomas Bourne</i> service	<i>St Peter's</i>
15	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Berkhamsted Baptist Church</i>
18	7:30pm	Thomas Coram School Carol Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
22	7:30pm	GF Handel <i>The Messiah</i> candlelit (see page 18)	<i>St Peter's</i>
23	9:15am	Family Service with Sunday School Nativity	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9:30am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School Nativity	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6:00pm	Evensong and sermon	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6:30pm	Joint Carol Service	<i>All Saints'</i>

**For services from Christmas Eve to Epiphany
please see panel opposite**

JANUARY

9	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	
10	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	
16	8:00pm	Anglican and Methodist Joint Council	
30	8:00pm	Licensing of Revd Martin Wright	<i>All Saints'</i>

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

21 October Andrew Edward Jones, Alice Anne Jones

Baptisms (*All Saints'*)

28 October Joseph Gabriel Drury

Funerals

9 October	Joan Amelia Lilley	Chilterns Crematorium
11 October	James Brian Sidford	Chilterns Crematorium
24 October	Robert Lardi	Chilterns Crematorium

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SERVICES FROM CHRISTMAS EVE TO EPIPHANY

Monday 24th December: CHRISTMAS EVE

<i>St Peter's</i>	4:00pm	Children's carols, procession and blessing of the Crib
	11:30pm	Procession to the Crib & Midnight Mass of Christmas
<i>All Saints'</i>	4:00pm	Children's carols, procession and blessing of the Crib

Tuesday 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY

<i>St Peter's</i>	9:30am	Procession of gifts to the Crib & Sung Eucharist
	11:30am	Eucharist (BCP)
<i>All Saints'</i>	9:15am	Family Eucharist

Sunday 30th December – FIRST OF CHRISTMAS

<i>St Peter's</i>	9:30am	Sung Eucharist
	6:00pm	Evensong (said)
<i>All Saints'</i>	10:00am	Joint Morning Service (Methodist Rite)

Monday 31st December – NEW YEAR'S EVE

<i>St Peter's</i>	11:50pm	The bells will ring out the old year and ring in the new year
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Sunday 6th January – EPIPHANY

<i>St Peter's</i>	9:30am	Sung Eucharist for the Epiphany of our Lord
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St Peter's

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 Organist: Terry Charlston Tel: 01582 462024

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
		Morning Prayer:	Mon-Sat 7:30am
		Evening Prayer:	M,W,Th 5:00pm
6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon		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

All Saints'

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894

Sundays
 8.00am No Anglican service until further notice
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)
 6.30pm No Anglican service until further notice (*see Evensong at St Peter's above*)

Weekdays
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
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Methodist minister: Rev. Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road. Tel: 866324



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