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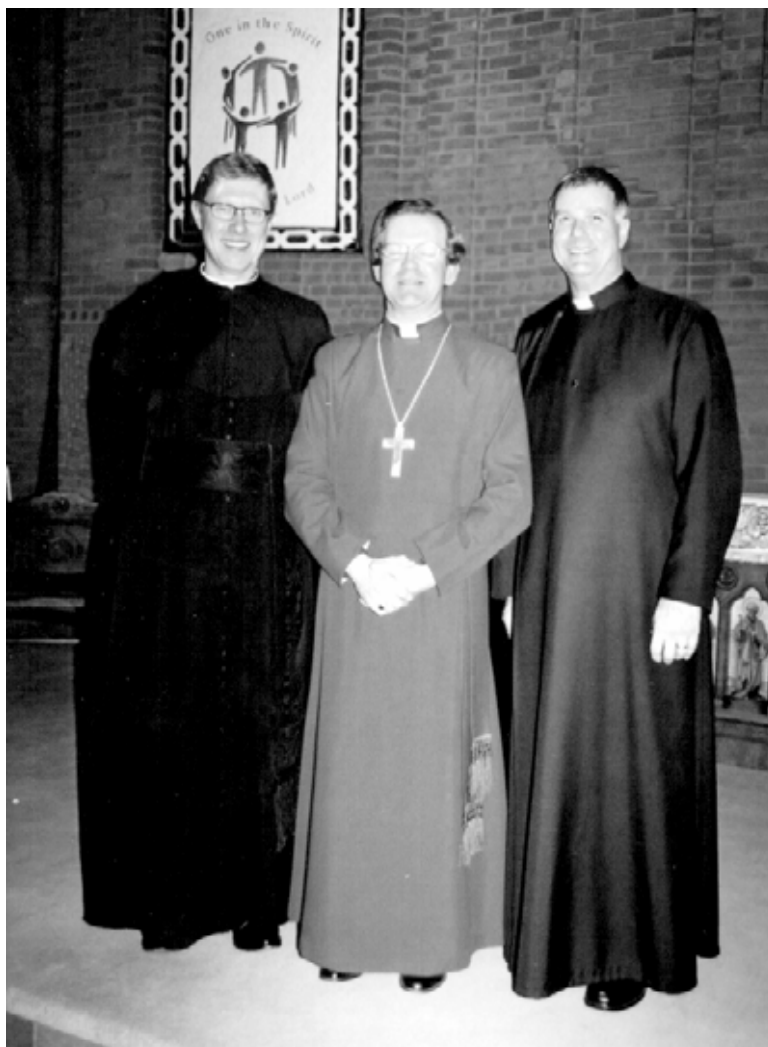
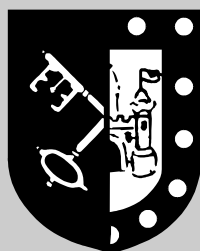
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Welcome to the March issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

This is an odd time of year, particularly this year when Easter happens to fall quite early. On the one hand, as I write the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City are in full swing, with images of cold white snow-covered mountains set against ice blue skies, with winter sports being the order of the day (I write rather wryly, with my leg in plaster following a rather less athletic event involving a toboggan!). By contrast, the evenings are getting lighter, the green daffodils shoots are poking through and our thoughts are turning to spring.

Our issue this month reflects this contrast. When you read this, we will be well into Lent and our writers this month pick up the mood associated with the season. But then we have Easter to look forward to – only a few weeks away, and surely the gateway to both spiritual and physical renewal and optimism. Other articles in this issue look further on, to exciting summer events – the Petertide Fair and Golden Jubilee celebrations being cases in point.

So, don't let grey skies and, as Rev. Peter Hart says this month, the 'grimness' of Lent dishearten you – Spring and Easter aren't far away!
Chris Smalley

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Joyful Eastertide

Fr Mark Bonney says that sharing the joy of Easter is much more than just a duty of membership of the Church.

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Stephen Halliday wraps up his survey of the dubious financing of the early Tube.

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Ian Reay questions the latest proposals for reform to the planning system.

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Liz Baxendale recruited a human steamroller to show her around Germany.

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Local Fairtrade initiatives, aiming to help third world producers, are explained by **Ruth and Keith Treves-Brown** and **Angela Morris**.

The grimness of Lent

Rev. Peter Hart explains why it's necessary for us to bear the season of Lent with fortitude.

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

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**Fr Mark Bonney
points out what
membership of the
Church of England
is really about.**

review leader

As I hope everyone knows the Church electoral roll is undergoing its six yearly renewal. We start again, and if you are eligible to be on it, and wish to be so, a form has to be completed and signed (you have to be baptised, over 16 and either living in the parish of Gt Berkhamsted or a regular worshipper at St Peter's or All Saints.) The electoral roll will be closed for a fortnight before the annual church meeting on 22nd March. There are further details in this issue of the *Review* about this (see page 11) – but this is a reminder that forms are available in both churches.

One of the many enigmas about the Church of England is that for better or worse it has a very fluid concept of 'membership'. If you are over 16, baptised and live in the parish you can sign the electoral roll form and declare yourself a member of the Church of England yet *never* darken the doors of the church building for worship. You can be over 16, baptised and confirmed and a regular worshipper, yet not on the roll... a member or not, the boundaries aren't clear. Ideally if you're baptised and over 16 and attending worship regularly in an Anglican church you'll also be confirmed and on the electoral roll and an active member of that worshipping community.

There are one or two 'myths' around about the roll which I might dispel. If you live in this parish you have a legal right to a baptism, marriage (unless one or other person has been divorced with a previous partner still alive) and funeral service in St Peter's or All Saints'. You don't need to be on the roll for that. Whatever some may think of these rights, it remains the

case whilst the Church of England is 'established'. There are plans afoot to change the 'rules' as far as marriage is concerned, but such changes are some way away.

But in many ways this is dry legalistic stuff. We know in our hearts that if we're *really* a member of anything then that membership will have responsibilities with it as well as privileges. All who are baptised have the *enormous* privilege of being members of Christ's Body – members of the Church Universal through time and space – united with Christians in all places and at all times. Worshipping with and being a member of a particular denomination is a local expression of that, and without it we deny ourselves the channels of grace that God has given through the sacraments and teaching of the Church for growth as Christian people. And such a denial is sheer folly!

We are now in the season of Lent and preparing for the wonderful celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The Church of England makes very few real demands upon those who call themselves members – but *one* thing it tells us is that it's our duty to receive Holy Communion at Easter. It's our duty and, as the Eucharistic Prayer says, our 'joy' to do that. This joyful Eastertide is the heart of our faith and I hope and pray that celebrating it and sharing it with others is never a mere duty of membership but a real joy in the risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Mase

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A Visit from a Migrant

A born-and-bred Berkhamsted resident, Bill Buckland, has told me of a remarkable coincidence. One day last year at the Kings Road traffic lights he just happened to fall into conversation with two visitors to the Town. It turned out that they were from New Zealand, and after talking to them for a while Bill realised the man was someone he had known as a boy but hadn't seen since - a school chum from before the war. It was Graham Martin on his first visit to Berkhamsted since he had left with his mother and emigrated to the other side of the world well over 60 years ago.

Bill was able to take them to their old house in Montague Road and afterwards to the Legion Club, where they reminisced at length. They had many memories to share, and on his return to New Zealand Graham wrote to Bill, putting a few of his recollections on paper.

Some things had particularly stuck in his memory from the time of his boyhood here: the visit to Berkhamsted of the Prince of Wales, soon to be Edward VIII – a slight figure with straw-coloured hair – when the children were lined up on either side of a path and the Prince walked between them; the Silver Jubilee train with the streamlined front rushing non-stop through Berko in the evening; the barges passing on the canal and the grim-faced children staring out at you.

When he arrived in a well-to-do suburb of Wellington all those years ago Graham tells of how he was struck by the high standard of living there compared with what he had left behind. He had to go to school in his hob-nailed boots and felt very ashamed as none of the other children wore boots and they were all well-dressed compared with him. But he was befriended by another boy who helped him through a difficult time, and they stayed friends for life.

Kites

When I recently suggested that the growing numbers of red kites in the Chilterns might help to keep down pests like rabbits and grey squirrels here, I had not expected that they would arrive in Berkhamsted quite so soon. But now Patrick Lepper has told me he had actually seen one over the Town.

In medieval times kites were common scavengers in the streets of London. Could it just possibly be that before long they will be joining the crows and magpies that are now common in St Peter's churchyard and round about, and perform the same cleaning-up role here?

Rather surprisingly there are growing numbers of some much smaller scavenging birds in the centre of the

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Town, particularly in the early winter mornings, up and about even before it gets light. These are pied wagtails, quite a flock of them. I counted 18 one morning along the High Street, fluttering around, then darting along the ground, looking for scraps of whatever the barren pavements has to offer.

Using the Castle

The Castle is a great asset to the Town - at least it could be - but who visits it these days? There are the dog walkers, who usually follow the path that circles the Castle on the raised part between the two main moats; a few mums with push-chairs who chat while their toddlers play on the large expanse of lawn; one or two earnest exercisers; occasional parties of school children with note books scrambling up the slopes; the odd tourist or two; a lady who feeds the ducks.

Not so long ago it was regularly used for public events. The Round Table and the Lions held their fêtes there and in many ways it is the ideal site for them. But in recent times health and safety requirements and the restrictions imposed by English Heritage meant that there was all too much expense and hassle in using the place for such functions, and the Cricket Club ground is now their regular venue. That is where the Town's Jubilee celebrations are to be held on 3rd June.

This is really regrettable, in my view. The Castle is a lovely setting for major

open-air events, and in the past has been the scene of memorable occasions. Pageants were held there and many people will remember the last one, orchestrated by David Sherratt, when William the Conqueror processed in a cavalcade down Castle Street and rode into the Castle where there were banners, braziers, barons, bishops and buxom beauties. Surely it was never the wish that all the regulations that have been brought in the last few years should put such a complete damper on the enjoyment of public spaces such as this?

The Castle belongs to the Duchy of Cornwall (that is to say Prince Charles) but it is managed remotely by English Heritage, which seems unduly fearful that the ancient monument might get damaged. On the face of it this is a bit of a laugh, seeing that it couldn't be much more of a ruin than it is today. Is now the time for a small working group to be set up to see if ways could be found for more use to be made of this major local feature?

Quote of the Month

A member of the production team for the hugely successful Harry Potter film was interviewed the other day. He talked about the problems of constructing the sets for it and finding appropriate props. He said 'The furniture had to be horrible of course. Eventually we found a lot of it in Watford'.



The expanse of green space in Berkhamsted castle: a wasted resource for the Town?

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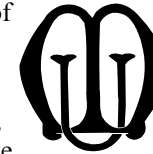
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overseas. However, with the bulk of the readers coming from Britain and Ireland, issues concerning family life here predominate. Last year *Home and Family* included a series of debates. Topics that can provoke controversy were discussed by two people; one for and the other against. Their positions were outlined and carefully argued.

Topics debated have been as diverse as whether children should be allowed to read the Harry Potter books, the abolition of school league tables and encouraging breastfeeding in public. Another was about allowing children to have TVs in their bedrooms. This was not a significant issue when our daughters were teenagers

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Margaret Burbidge describes the constructive debate in the M.U.'s magazine *Home and Family*.



sentful of parental restrictions, yet conscious of what freedom to watch anything at any hour can mean. For her, agreeing was the lesser of two evils, but this became, with a little common sense, 'a surprisingly good idea'. For the second mother, freedom of TV viewing presented many problems. She resisted the 'but everyone else has one' argument, and believed her decision was based on the parents' responsibility for disciplining their children. She accepted that her teenage children needed freedom and their own space, but felt that the TV as permanent company in the bedroom was not in their best interests.

It was interesting to read their arguments and experiences and to be reminded that nothing is black and white about bringing-up children. The issues need to be explored and the best solution worked out for each family. And by the way, *Home and Family* is an excellent magazine! ❖

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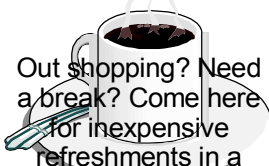
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By popular demand, as an associated event, St Peter's will also be open for Cook's Tours and climbing of the tower on Sunday, 14th July between 1:00pm and 5:00pm.

The success of the fair, both as a community fun event and achieving its financial targets in support of good causes depends on people like you volunteering to help in many ways. The end of June may seem a long way away, but it is never too early to start collecting and saving some of those material things that are so important for fundraising. Please put aside bric-a-brac, books, bottles, toys and tombola prizes for later delivery or collection.

The Petertide Fair 2002

Alex Evans urges us to start collecting for this year's fair and to help in other ways.

Plants and seedlings on the plant stall are a great attraction. Please also pot-up some of those thinnings and self-seeded plants in your borders, which are surplus to your requirements.

The prize draw was a financial record breaker last year, thanks to the exciting

prizes and the efforts of those who sold tickets to friends, neighbours, and the public. Brian Bennett, former president of the Royal Society of Oils, will again generously be painting a local scene as the first prize. Expected to be of the castle, Brian's work of art will be a treasured possession for the lucky winner. It could be you: make sure to buy your tickets!

Team leaders have agreed to run the major stalls. Volunteers are always needed and welcome to help them and to man other attractions. If you can help, please phone Chris Clegg on 875818. ❖

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And this year we have a special presentation by Dr Christopher Green, chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, entitled *Church Buildings - Who Cares?*

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The appeal against the decision by the borough council not to grant planning permission to build in the gardens to the rear of 10, 12 and 14 Anglefield Road will be heard in the Civic Centre on the 27th March. There have been many attempts to build in the gardens to the rear of these houses. Planning applications have been prepared regularly over a period of more than 20 years. The first, for two detached houses, was made in 1979 but was refused as being out of character and with poor access. A similar application was again refused in 1989 for similar reasons. Several further applications followed and were each turned down, with the borough council refusing the latest application in August 2001, hence the appeal.

How is it possible for there to be such uncertainty around the application of planning policies that a site like this could be disputed for so long? This site and the attempts to build on it appear to be very 'borderline' where the applicability of policies, such as controlling the density of housing and the character of the area, become a matter of subjective judgement. It lies, for example, just outside the boundary of the Berkhamsted conservation area. If it could be brought inside this boundary a refusal would be much less contestable.

The government wants to alter fundamentally the way the planning system operates and has just published a green paper. The purpose of their proposals is to speed up and simplify the planning process. However, the tenor of the paper leads to the impression that the outcome is to be a planning framework that leans more in the direction of the developer than the conserver. A quote from the green paper particularly struck

council & news views

Local councillor **Ian Reay** reflects on the purpose and complexities of the local planning process.

and our heritage while recognising that time moves on.' I am all in favour of economic prosperity but not at the expense of other forms of prosperity. Another quote from the same paper: 'The planning process is too often perceived to be a set of rules aimed at preventing development rather than making sure good development goes ahead. . . .Business finds planning delays frustrating and potentially damaging to their competitiveness'.

The proposals include the abolition of the county structure plans and the strengthening of regional planning by the (unelected) regional development agencies. The number of statutory consultees for an application will be reduced. The approval of major infrastructure projects such as airports and reservoirs will be approved in principle by parliament with only the details to be worked through at a public enquiry. The paper states that local communities should participate more in the planning process – saying that the present system is very 'consultative' but 'often fails to engage communities'. But taking a planning role away from elected county councils and giving it to unelected regional agencies, whilst at the same time speeding up the process so that plans can be developed in 'months' instead of 'years', will not increase the engagement of communities. Protest will become louder but less effectual. ❖

my eye: 'A successful planning system will promote economic prosperity by delivering land for development in the right place and at the right time. It will encourage urban regeneration by ensuring that new development is channelled towards existing town centres rather than adding to urban sprawl. . . . It will value the countryside

When Charles Yerkes, assisted by Sir Edgar Speyer, raised the initial £5,000,000 to form Underground Electric railways of London their methods aroused many suspicions in the financial community. In January 1903, as work proceeded on the electrification of the District Line and the construction of three tube lines, Yerkes had been faced with the need to raise more

capital. An attempt to do so by selling £2,000,000 of shares was badly received, barely 40% of the offer being taken up. Yerkes therefore resorted to the ingenious device of offering £7,000,000 of 'profit sharing notes'. They were released at a discount of 4% (thereby supposedly giving an instant profit to the fortunate owners); they would bear interest at 5% (substantially more than the dividends then being paid by underground railways); and they were to be redeemed by 30th June, 1908. By this time, it was confidently anticipated, the company's profits would enable this commitment to be met.

This extraordinary arrangement succeeded, with much of the stock again being taken up in the USA. In 1904, a further £775,000 of 4% debentures were issued against the security of the Lots Road power station and in 1905 a final £2,500,000 was raised from the sale of more debentures. Thus over £15,000,000 had been raised since Yerkes and Speyer first launched the company to electrify the District, which was losing money, and to finance three tubes which had not been built. As an exercise in raising finance it was magical but it burdened the forthcoming enterprise with some unsustainable commitments. These included annual interest payments approaching half a million pounds and an

CREATIVE AMERICAN FINANCE

Concluding his topical look at how the Tube was financed, **Stephen Halliday** tells how someone picked up the pieces.

obligation to redeem £7,000,000 of 'profit sharing notes' by the end of June 1908.

The ability to meet these commitments rested upon a belief that electric traction would prove to be much cheaper than steam, as well as cleaner; and upon some very optimistic forecasts of passenger revenue for the three tubes. The first hope was dashed

by the cost of building and equipping the tubes since heavy interest payments on the capital invested cancelled out any savings from the use of electric traction. The forecast of passenger traffic revenue proved to be even more disastrous. Less than half the forecast revenue was achieved in the early years and more than twenty years passed before the three lines reached the levels of traffic anticipated. Dividends were minimal or non-existent during the early years. Yerkes had tried cutting the fares but nothing could disguise the fact that the company was not making enough money to pay its debts.

Dealing with Yerkes' Legacy

The task of dealing with Yerkes' disastrous legacy fell first upon his collaborator, Sir Edgar Speyer. He recruited George Gibb, a university-educated Scottish lawyer who had been general manager of the North Eastern Railway since 1891. Gibb became deputy chairman and managing director of Underground Electric Railways of London at the enormous annual salary of £8,000.

Gibb quickly set about reversing some of Yerkes' fare reductions, which had cut revenue without noticeably increasing the number of passengers. Speyer and Gibb now faced a pressing problem bequeathed to them by Yerkes: the redemption of the

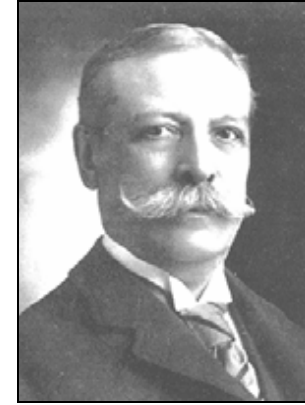
£7,000,00 'profit sharing notes' whose profits had failed to materialise.

Speyer first tried to sell the company to the London County Council, then dominated by the Progressive Party who were thought to be sympathetic to the idea of municipal ownership. This proposal came to nothing and, as the redemption date approached, the value of the £100 'profit-sharing notes' fell to £35 and Speyer Brothers had to pay £175,000 interest on them from the bank's resources to stave off the holders who were threatening bankruptcy proceedings.

Eventually Speyer and Gibb put together a proposal to exchange the notes for a mixture of fixed interest bonds, due after 25 years on 1st January 1933, and a kind of preference share redeemable after 40 years on 1st January, 1948. Intensive and often acrimonious negotiations followed between shareholders' groups and panels of financial experts in London, Amsterdam and New York. Two tense extraordinary general meetings were held on 11th and 25th May 1908 as the deadline loomed and Gibb was appointed to act as liquidator of the company. The scheme was finally accepted by 96% of shareholders, the unfortunate owners of the profit sharing notes agreeing to the plan at the eleventh hour, on the date of redemption, 30th June, 1908. They had little choice, the alternative being bankruptcy. Speyer addressed the meeting, pointing out that his own bank was the biggest loser as holder of many of the notes.

A thankless task

Sir Edgar Speyer was ill-rewarded for his services to the London Underground or for other philanthropic services to his adopted country. Besides his role in rescuing the Underground from bankruptcy he was a generous patron of the arts, subsidising the



Charles Tyson Yerkes

Whitechapel art gallery and the early promenade concerts at the Queen's Hall as well as giving his support to medical charities. He was fund raiser and chief contributor to Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition in 1910-12. In 1906 he had been created a baronet and in 1909 he was appointed to the Privy Council, but none of these distinctions protected him from spiteful anti-German prejudice after the outbreak of the first World War. He

was accused of trading with the enemy and, ludicrously, of signalling to German U-Boats from his Norfolk home. He offered to resign his titles and offices but King George V declined his resignation assuring him, via Asquith the prime minister, that 'these baseless and malignant imputations upon your loyalty' were no reason to resign. The charges against him were thrown out by every court to which they were taken but the campaign, involving some MPs, continued and Speyer was driven into exile. He lived for most of the remainder of his life in New York and died in 1932.

Déjà vu?

As it entered the twentieth century the London Underground passed briefly through the hands of a colourful Englishman, Whitaker Wright and an unorthodox American, Charles Yerkes. Without them the network might not have been built. As it enters the twenty-first century it is once again in the hands of an Englishman, Ken Livingstone, and an American, Robert Kiley. Both are undoubtedly robust personalities and they have their own views on the ways in which the network should be managed and financed. It is comforting to reflect that neither of them is tempted to copy either the lifestyle or the financial machinations of their flamboyant predecessors.





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I n my teenage years I made friends with a German au pair who came to work in Bolton. She arrived from a small town in the Black Forest and over many years I visited and got to know her family and friends very well. They were all extremely kind and hospitable to The English Visitor, *ie* me!

One person who was always very eager to entertain me in her home, and to speak English with me, was one 'Aunt' Anna. She was a distant relation of my friend's father - very distant, so distant in fact that nobody seemed to know exactly what the relationship was. But whatever, she clung to it, like sheep's wool to barbed wire, and always insisted that I spent time with her during my stay. When she came to the UK (generally with a party of students) we met up somewhere in England for a good chat. Built like a brick outhouse, Anna had a quiet and gentle husband, a gracious man who was head of the local gymnasium.

They had five children, and all the family achieved academic greatness, each having a string of degrees in a wide variety of subjects, echoing the braininess of their parents.

However all were totally impractical. Washing up, dusting, tidying and general household chores just played no part in their lives, and none seemed to notice the utter chaos which surrounded them at home.

Aunt Anna's passion, apart from English proverbs (of which she knew several hundred I had never encountered) was hats. "You know,

Travels with someone else's Aunt

Liz Baxendale regales us with her experience of 'Aunt Anna' whose fascination with English hats knew no bounds.

post off to Germany. They arrived, I was told, in a variety of conditions, all of which were 'sorted' by the local milliner.

The postage always cost more than the hats, as they were charity shop buys... and the shops were usually glad to be rid of them.

Anna wore these creations to church, the supermarket, the kurpark, theatre and cinema. To make sure that they never blew away she would wear them with *black* elastic under her ample chins. Combined with her usual footwear of dark green ankle socks and high-heeled shoes these 'Escott' hats made her a memorable sight!

Her total devotion to the needs of her English Visitor often led to quite remarkable behaviour too.

I well remember one Easter Day when she took me to her local catholic church.

Determined that I should see everything, she carved a path through the crowds both outside and inside the church, by using her bulk like a runaway steamroller. Waving a large umbrella, she cried out something in German which had the effect of moving folk very rapidly aside. At last

Miss EEElizabet, zee ones like at Escott".

I knew. Large, flowery, or perhaps feathery, with bows and roses... the more extreme the better as far as Anna was concerned.

"You send!", she would demand. So I did. I would collect three or four at a time and box them up to



'Escott' HATS



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she planted me at the very north end of the altar... to the surprise of the priests who soon arrived, and my great embarrassment. I was supposed to merge in with a dozen or so lace-trimmed, golden haired little boys, who were bearing censers and other religious props. Some hope!

As many regular worshippers had been unable to get into the church and were outside in the now snow-covered churchyard, I felt just a little uncomfortable, and more so when about twenty minutes into the service, Anna grabbed my arm and with a loud cry of "Enough!", pushed our way out again and took me to her home for three large slices of cake and some excellent red wine.

She once took myself and three friends for a tour of Stuttgart. At 1pm she led us into The Old Chancery, now a restaurant. It was obvious from the number of waiters that greeted us that it was an expensive eatery.

We sat at a table at the furthest end of the long room. As the waiter brought us grand leather-covered menus, Anna jumped up. "Guten Appetit!", she bawled, "and now I go to find somewhere cheaper to eat", and to our amazement, she left.

She returned in time for coffee (wonderful timing), and in a restaurant that served only pots of coffee with two cups in each Anna insisted for a full five minutes that the waiter bring her *one cup* of coffee... at half the price!

The poor man tried his best to stick with the house rules, but in the end she was too much for him and he gave in and brought the cup. She thanked him and then said, "And now I'll have some hot water". So she got two cups out of it for the price of one anyway! We cringed and hid behind the menus.

After lunch our guide took us to a nearby church. A crowd had assembled outside to

listen to a string quartet playing Mozart in the porch. Adopting her steamroller attitude, Anna plunged us through the crowd, knocking the viola from its player's hands as she went. We entered a lovely baroque church with many side chapels and altars, each ablaze with myriad candles. Anna took us to a particular altar. "I *always* pray *here*", she told everyone in the place. Before the altar the brass rail, holding the votive lights, was full. Anna blew out three or four of them and placed them on the floor. She took a candle from the box, dropped in her 20 pfennigs and lit a candle, placing it in the space she had made. "And now, here ist mine", she announced.

As she fell to her ample knees people around smiled at us, sympathetically (I think). We tried to hide behind a nearby pillar as we cringed again.

Between my visits Anna moved house. She rang and invited me to tea. "How will I get to you?", I asked. "Vell, there are *five* possibilities", she said and went on to confuse me with a catalogue of bus stops and times until in the end I said, "I'll take a taxi. It will be easier".

And so I did. Halfway through the tea party, in the garden because all the chairs in the house were filled with a wide variety of items (and it was a very hot day), a very elderly lady appeared.

She was dressed up to the nines and wore high heeled shoes which you could see were killing her.

"This is Frau Brunner", said Aunt Anna. "I am pleased to meet you", I said smiling. "I am Elizabeth". "Yes", gasped Frau Brunner, "I have been waiting for you... at the bus stop... for one hour, I wait...".

I cast an agonising look at Anna. "Have another sausage", she beamed! ❖





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Ruth and Keith Treves-Brown explain the Fairtrade initiative, and **Angela Morris** describes how Fairtrade is making a difference in Gujarat.

“Make a conscious effort to buy Fairtrade products in the New Year and your purchases could change lives across the world.”

So said Barbara Baker on BBC Good Food in January this year. She meant doing so throughout the year, of course. But Fairtrade fortnight - 4th to 17th March - gives us an opportunity to raise the profile of Fairtrade. In that fortnight we are asked to ‘Share the Passion’ so that ever more shoppers and producers can join in Fairtrade.

Do you recognize the Fairtrade mark? It indicates a food product where the price to the primary producer is guaranteed sufficient to cover his cost of production and allow a living wage. The mark can already be found on some brands of coffee and tea, bananas, mangoes, chocolate, honey, sugar, cocoa, fruit juice, snacks and biscuits.

Where can you buy Fairtrade goods in Berkhamsted? St Peter’s, St Mary’s, St Andrew’s, All Saints’ and Northchurch Baptist are among the local churches which hold Traidcraft stalls periodically. The Way Inn and Oxfam have a small range. You can also find some items in our supermarkets: a cursory look at Waitrose and Tesco shelves revealed bananas, coffee and tea, one brand of organic cocoa, some chocolate, and two of the three types of ‘Fruit Passion’ fruit juice. But the full range is not available here. Supermarkets stock whatever people ask for and buy, so we, the shoppers, do have the power to make changes.

The Fairtrade Foundation is a national organisation which exists to issue certificates allowing the use of the Fair-

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Making a Difference in Gujarat

As you read this, will you use the power of your imagination to see what the power of your eyes cannot? The difference *you* can make to the quality of life of disadvantaged, sometimes disabled, farmers, producers and crafts people in Africa, India, South America and the Philippines. The difference you can make bears little relationship to the effort involved.

Buying Fairtrade goods, food, crafts, stationery and clothing shows you care about our global neighbours. Fairly traded goods with the Fairtrade logo are those of a guaranteed quality for which the producer was paid a fair price and where any employees enjoy reasonable working conditions. In addition, a small co-operative, for example, may be helped to buy essential equipment, tools or seeds.

A year ago our community responded generously to the Gujarat earthquake appeal. Among those affected by that devastation were Dominican Sisters who run a dispensary and a small maternity home, as well as classes in cooking, sewing and embroidery and typing for women. They established the St Mary’s Mahila Shikhan Kendra, third world woman’s organisation which aims to give employment with fair wages to women. Traidcraft sells many of the fine crafts made by these women and all profits are shared with them.

Over the last year, St Mary’s have been working hard to overcome the damage done to their building, - so why not decide *now* to support their efforts and those of many like them by adding a few Fairtrade items to your shopping list?

Look out for special displays during Fairtrade Fortnight from 4th to 17th March. For further information ring Angela Morris on 866992.

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The Berkhamsted Golden Jubilee Summer Party

In January, few were aware that the celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee was to be on Monday, 3rd June, a special bank holiday. It is not surprising that an event over four months away had yet to enter the forefront of consciousness.

The media claimed 'a tide of apathy'. It predicted the day would be a flop. The media were wrong with the same predictions in 1977, the Silver Jubilee.

In Berkhamsted, the town's biggest ever afternoon and evening of entertainment is in an advanced stage of planning. The committee of members of service clubs under the auspices of the town council has organised a day of entertainment, food, fun and music in the grounds of Berkhamsted Cricket Club. A prestigious souvenir publication will mark the occasion in Berkhamsted. A raffle with major prizes will help fund the event.

The day will provide great entertainment for all sections of our

Make a note in your diaries now for a day of fun and festivities in June to celebrate the Golden Jubilee.

community at a modest cost, with some sponsorship. Any surplus will be donated to the Hospice of St Francis, and home care nursing.

So let's prove the media wrong. Monday, 3rd June will enter the history books as the day of Golden Jubilee summer parties, celebrating 50 years since the accession to the throne. The Queen has served the nation well. Let us give thanks for her life of service.

Some will wish to organise their own garden or street party. The community alternative is to bring a picnic to the cricket ground, or to enjoy the catering provided for you there. Whatever you decide to do, enjoy the fun. And if you want to help, to help others and make the day a success, then let us know. Contact the town council on 228945 or Adrian Wollacott on 07956 535346.



The Fairtrade Initiative *(continued from page 21)*

trade mark and in this way it makes the link between producers and consumers. Obviously publicity about their existence and aims is an important aspect of their work. Among the ways they are doing this are through their newsletter, 'fair comment', and by encouraging the development of Fairtrade towns or areas. The first Fairtrade town was Garstang in Lancashire, where there is now a 70% awareness of the Fairtrade mark and its significance; and Chester and Salisbury

are well on the way to becoming Fairtrade cities. Activists in Chester have found that a big boost to their programme has come from a direct approach to retailers, businesses, schools and churches.

Can the churches of Berkhamsted put us on the way to becoming a Fairtrade town? We could use the Fairtrade Fortnight to try. The small extra cost of buying Fairtrade foods is a cost-effective way of helping marginalized third world producers.





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**Rev Peter Hart
explains why we
need to bear the
grimness of Lent
with fortitude.**

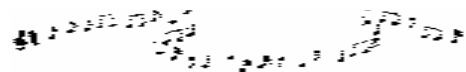
We're halfway through Lent, nature is bursting all around us, but still we keep to the grimness of no flowers and no *Gloria*. Must things really be this miserable? Purposeless misery, imposed and unrelieved, is hard to bear, but Lenten discipline does have a purpose, so must be borne. When, on Ash Wednesday, the joy-filled baptism cross on our foreheads was replaced with a doleful cross of ash, we were made terribly aware of our shortcomings, of our human frailty. We have worked on those shortcomings, we have prayed for strength to reflect more fully the divine image within us, and yet still the guilt remains. Must we cast the net wider for our remorse?

One element of global self-examination since the dreadful events of 11th September has been a re-assessment of communal responsibility. Institutionalised debt and the resultant grinding poverty are now seen as contributory factors in the growth of civil dissent and international terror. Grievances that are left unaddressed, so the thinking goes, breed disaffection, lead people to opt out of the democratic process and direct their sense of alienation into anti-social activities in their quest for personal meaning and fulfilment. Yes, other catalysts are required for such feelings and emergent ideologies to give rise to acts of terror, but the basic thesis is sound. However, it leaves us as individuals with a sense of powerlessness and frustration, as no matter how much we may support the justice of the Palestinian cause or struggle for realistic levels of debt relief to the countries of sub-Saharan Africa, our voice and our actions are not

being recognised. Do we need to feel *guilt* about these issues, as well as outrage?

Out Lenten discipline is a regular, yearly event: we know it is coming, we acknowledge its purpose, so we must embrace its consequences. The guilt expressed on Ash Wednesday is overcome by resurrection joy on Easter Sunday. Likewise, our communal guilt or recognition of our national involvement in other nations' perilous plights must also lead to a resurrection of hope and opportunity for these countries. Uganda and Mozambique are demonstrating the clear benefits of debt remission: we must continue to press for more. Fairtrade commodities are increasingly available within our shops: we must encourage their availability. Justice, freedom and peace will be the true marks of resurrection for the Palestinian state: we must not give up praying for them.

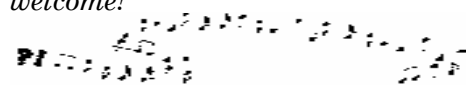
May our self-examination this Lent be fruitful, positive and lead us rejoicing to our Easter celebrations. ❖



ORGAN RECITAL

On Saturday 2nd March at 5:00pm at St Mary's Northchurch there will be an organ recital by Hilary Norris to mark the third anniversary of the New School of Organ Studies in Berkhamsted. The recital will be followed by refreshments.

*Everyone is
welcome!*



LENT AT ST PETER'S AND ALL SAINTS

There is still time to join in some of the meetings being held at 8:00pm in the Lady Chapel in St Peter's each Wednesday in Lent. The background is the Anglican Methodist Covenant, a document of great importance to be debated later this year by the General Synod and the Methodist Conference. The themes of the meetings are:

- 20th February **Mission Impossible?**
What are we about?
(Fr Mark Bonney)
- 27th February **The Tory Party at Prayer?**
What is an Anglican? What is the Church of England?
(Fr Mark Bonney)
- 6th March **By What Method?**
Why is there Methodism?
What is distinctive about it?
(Rev. Paul Timmis)
- 13th March **Bishops or No Bishops?**
(Rev. Flora Winfield of the Council for Christian Unity of the Archbishop's Council)
- 20th March **An Anglican-Methodist Covenant**
What are they suggesting?
(Fr Mark Bonney)

BERKHAMSTED CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Berkhamsted Citizens Association will hold its annual general meeting in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall at 8:00pm on Thursday, 21st March. The association's environment awards will be presented and an open forum will be held.

ROME AND ASSISI PILGRIMAGE

We still have room for more pilgrims for the projected trip to Rome and Assisi on 5th-12th April 2003. Twenty deposits are needed before a firm booking can be made. Please contact Fr Mark Bonney on 864194.

OXFAM SPRING CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

The civic centre in Berkhamsted's High Street is expected to be under siege between 9:00am and 11:30am on Thursday, 14th March as thrifty parents and grandparents seek the bargains on offer at the next Oxfam children's wear event!

The organisers are currently in over-drive preparing generously donated stock for the event and can promise all our customers, regular and new, that there will be something for everyone, from the newest baby to the lanky teenager.

Baby wear in particular has been flooding in. Often unworn, it reflects that peculiar instinct to provide for the new baby but not taking into account that every friend and relative will want to do likewise! We particularly appeal to expectant mothers to come and look at what is on offer as current supplies are highly recommended, with a wide choice.

All other ages will be catered for and there will be a plentiful supply of school clothing, spring and summer casual clothes, often with the currently favoured brand names, and swimming costumes.

Toys, books, games, play equipment, and baby equipment will be available in quantity. Whatever the need for your baby or child, it is the aim of the event to have a choice available.

The event is an outlet additional to the Oxfam shop on the High Street. The takings on and at the event have increased year on year, helping Oxfam to fund its life saving operations in disaster areas. Please come to the event, and if 14th March is too far away, call into the shop and let us know what it is that you are looking for. We can guarantee that you will be doing yourself a good turn, while also helping those in desperate need in the all too frequent disaster areas.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's services will be at St Mary's, Northchurch at 1:30pm and at Berkhamsted Baptist church at 8:00pm. All are welcome.

DAY OF PRAYER

On Thursday, 29th March there will be an opportunity to give thanks for our life together at All Saints', to pray for all those involved in our activities and for our local community and other matters of concern. The church will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm for prayer, meditation and silent reflection. There will be readings, some music and short addresses at intervals and the opportunity to light a candle for commemoration. Come and go whenever you wish! Further details will be available in the pew leaflet.

APOSTLE

Do you like singing, dancing, acting or playing an instrument? If so, come and enjoy some fun and fellowship with *Joyful News*, the group you may remember from the musical *Snakes and Ladders* at the Pavilion, Hemel Hempstead in April 2000. They will perform a new musical, *Apostle*, the story of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus and they are inviting you to join in. The performance is at 5:00pm on Saturday, 9th March in the Community Church, Haven House, London Road, Hemel Hempstead. The performance is preceded, for those taking part, by a workshop at 10:00am.

The author/composer and also the conductor is Roger Jones who some readers may remember from the shows *Saints Alive* and

While Shepherds Watched at All Saints' back in the Nineties. The proceeds of the day will go to the children's charity *HOPE for Children*.

If you would like to take part please fill in the form which you can get from either of our churches. Please send the form to the address given on it. Further details from Viv Dottridge, 3 Kitsbury Terrace, Berkhamsted HP4 3EE (862145).

CALLING GARDENERS

I would like to thank all those who assisted with the garden and maintaining the grass at All Saints' in the past year. The church grounds are now looking the best that I can recall in the 20 years that I have been attending All Saints'. A special tribute is due to Rita Hodges and Jayne Harris for their inspired design of the millennium garden.

The growing season is almost upon us again. I hope all those who helped last year will be able to help us this time. It would be very helpful if we could have some more volunteers for grass cutting, hedge trimming and strimming the bank. We will have to wait until after the bulbs have subsided before we can cut the grass on the bank. Please let me know if you could help to keep our church such an attractive asset for our community.

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Someone to check the Court House after paid functions is needed at St Peter's. If you can help please contact Joan Morris (863780).

TUESDAY CLUB

We ended the old year in seasonal style. Our enjoyable Christmas party was well attended by members and husbands. There was plenty of home cooked food, and everyone enjoyed chatting together and solving the quiz.

We started our new year with a video evening on 15th January. Now we look forward to a varied programme for this coming year:

- 5th March A.G.M.
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Our meetings are held on Tuesdays at 8:15pm and we would love more ladies to join us on any of these evenings held in the Court House.

SIDESMEN

The sidesmen's rotas are being revised in the period up to the annual parochial meeting on Friday, 22nd March. Please let the churchwardens or the parish office know if you wish to either join or to leave the rota.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM VERA AND JIM PULLEN

Vera and Jim would like to thank all their friends and relations who supported them during their recent 'time of trial'. We were both very aware we were being carried along on a wave of prayer, goodwill and love which was almost tangible. Everyone was so kind and helpful in every possible way; we are eternally grateful.

Vera's sister, Winifred Marriott, died just before Vera went into hospital and her funeral was two days after Vera's operation, so it was a particularly difficult time for our family.

Thank you and God bless you all.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



Our president Liz Baxendale welcomed members and three visitors to our February meeting and with regret told us of the recent death of Olga Newton. A minute's silence was held for us to reflect on her life. She will be long remembered by us all for her enjoyment of life and her kindness at all times.

Business matters were quickly dealt with as we had a very special speaker to meet – Heidi Buckell. This delightful young lady has the disability of cerebral palsy, but with great courage and determination she has gained a university degree achieved in the standard three years. With slides she was able to explain to us the difficulties she meets in her life and how she copes from day to day. With her motto *Go for it* how can she not fail to manage her disability! An expression of thanks was given by Hazel Harle.

Competitions were judged for a useful gadget and for the flower of the month.

On 1st March we will meet Eve Davis speaking on *Fashion from 1900* at the Court House at 2:00pm. Why not join us? You will be made most welcome.

Mrs M A Banyard (865029)

BERKHAMSTED W.I.

There was a buzz in the air when Berkhamsted W.I. members met for the first time in 2002. The sales table did a roaring trade in books and CDs, and we all had plenty to talk about after the Christmas and New Year festivities. Angela Morris had entertained three Mongolian students through the Host UK scheme. Brought up during strict communist rule, these visitors knew nothing of Christianity – churches, church bells and the Christmas story were a revelation, as was Christmas dinner. Angela felt like a celebrity chef as the trio watched her every move in the kitchen!

Peter Smith, our speaker, gave us an amusing but very informative insight into sex, violence and hard work in the beehive. Nobody has an easy life, not even the drone, and the

sophistication of the social structure of their society amazed us. However, he kept the best to last - lots of lovely, local honey for us to take away!

We meet in the Gable Hall on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Margaret Downey (879873)

NORTHCHURCH W.I.

Northchurch W.I. started their Christmas celebrations early in December and in great style when about twenty members made their way to the *Valiant Trouper* in Aldbury where they enjoyed a festive dinner, ably provided by mine host and his band of helpers, and made all the more enjoyable without the preparation or the thought of washing up afterwards.

The December meeting proper allowed members to welcome old friends from neighbouring institutes and members from the new group which had been formed in the previous month. The short business meeting preceded the break for coffee and mince pies and the serious tasks of purchasing from the trading table and raffle tickets.

Mrs J Naylor then opened her *Box of Crackers* before everyone chose a gift from the lucky dip and the evening drew to a close.

Members met in January in a more sober frame of mind. It was business as usual after the annual subscriptions had been paid. Mrs J Underwood welcomed Dr T May who gave the most interesting and informative talk entitled *Shaker Communities of America*. All now know the difference between the Amish and Shaker lifestyles and felt regret that the old ways had died out.

An appeal was made for suggestions for the venue for the annual outing in August. After the disappointment felt when the previous arrangements had to be cancelled due to lack of support, it was decided that a smaller coach would be more appropriate and an earlier decision more successful.

The February meeting was held in the social centre, Bell Lane when Ms Elizabeth Baxendale spoke about *Treats and Treasures*. Visitors are welcome to all our meetings.

Mrs M Pratt (825451)

PRIDE AND PERJURY

Jonathan Aitken, former Conservative cabinet minister, at one time tipped as a potential prime minister, is to visit Harpenden on Friday 8th March, speaking at High Street Methodist Church at 7:30pm.

Jonathan Aitken is the guest of The Salvation Army in Harpenden, and proceeds from ticket sales (all tickets £5 each) will go towards Salvation Army social work.

His talk will feature on his spectacular fall from grace, from the corridors of power in Westminster to bankruptcy a prison cell, and will be entitled *Pride & Perjury*.

Tickets are now on sale, and we would advise early booking. Tickets can be purchased from High Street Methodist Church (reception) or on (01582) 713778. Cheques should be made payable to The Salvation Army.

Further information is available from Captain Stephen Poxon on (01582) 713778.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE

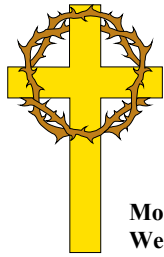
Hundreds of pilgrims are expected to make their way to St Albans Abbey for the diocese's annual Easter Monday Pilgrimage. The all-age event culminates with a short service in the Abbey. This year's theme is *The Wise Fool* to mark the 1st April date.

Pilgrims are invited to gather on Abbey Orchard at 1:00pm with a picnic and, at 2:30pm, to process singing into the Abbey. The event is expected to finish at around 4:00pm. More information from Jackie Reeves, one of the organising group, e-mail reeves@whipsnade.freemove.co.uk

ABBEY ON AIR

BBC TV will be broadcasting live the 10:00am Easter Sunday eucharist from St Albans Abbey, and will be returning on Easter Monday evening to record a *Songs of Praise* programme for broadcast during April.

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>Eucharist only as announced</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>	7:30am	Eucharist	7:00am	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	5:30pm	EP(AS)
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:45am	MP(AS) (<i>except 3rd Sat in month</i>)			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: 2:00pm fourth Tuesday at 17 Shaftesbury Court. 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 as announced. Contact Guy Dawkins 874108						
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.						



Holy Week Services

At St Peter's and All

Monday - Wednesday	25	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion (Anglican Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
		8:00pm	Eucharist with short address	<i>St Peter's</i>
	26	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		9:30am	Holy Communion	<i>All Saints</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints''</i>
		8:00pm	Eucharist with short address	<i>St Peter's</i>
	27	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Devotion (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
		8:00pm	Eucharist with short address	<i>St Peter's</i>
Maundy Thursday	28	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		11:00am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Vigil of Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	United Eucharist and Vigil of Prayer	<i>All Saints'</i>
Good Friday	29	9:00am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		10:00am	Good Friday Procession from market place, to	
		11:00am	Town Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
		12noon	Three Hours Devotion	<i>St Peter's</i>
			Preacher: Rev Canon Anders Bergquist	
Easter Eve	30	7:30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>
		9:00pm	The Easter Vigil	<i>St Peter's</i>
EASTER DAY	31	8:00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
		9:15am	Family Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		11:00am	Morning Service (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
		11:30am	Book of Common Prayer Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
		6:30pm	Evening Service (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>

Please see page 29 for a full list of regular services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

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MARCH

1	10:00am	Little Fishes Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
2	7:30pm	The Bridgewater Band Concert	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
9	3:00pm	District bellringers	<i>St Peter's</i>
10		<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
10	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	7:30pm	<i>Tenebrae</i> – Anna Crookes, Carys Lane & Terence Charleston	<i>St Peter's</i>
12	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Zacheus climbed a tree</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
17	6:00pm	Durufié <i>Requiem</i> (see p18) <i>No Evensong</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
19	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Easter Story</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
22	8:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	<i>Court House</i>
24	9:00am	Blessing of Palms – beginning at All Saints and Procession to St Peter's for Parish Sung Eucharist	

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APRIL

14	9:30am	Parish Confirmation service	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6:00pm	An Easter service of Thanksgiving & Commemoration of Departed Family and Friends	<i>St Peter's</i>

Space precludes including recent register entries this month. We will include March entries in the April issue of the Review.



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St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859
 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	7:30am
		Thursday	11.00am
		Friday	9.15am
		Morning Prayer: M-F 7:30am, W 7:00am	
		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 Anglican eucharist only as announced
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)
 6.30pm Anglican service only as announced (otherwise Methodist Evening Service)
Weekdays
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership.
 Anglican priest-in-charge Rev Martin Wright (see *Contacts* above);
 Methodist minister: Rev. Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road. Tel: 866324



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