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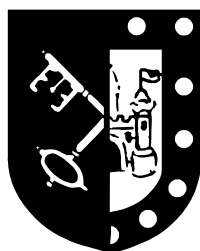
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

### **Welcome to the April issue of the Berkhamsted Review.**

'Forward from Easter' might be our theme this month. Martin Wright reviews the many other names of Jesus and focuses on His crucial identity as the resurrection and the life. Peter Hart explores the central Christian theme of resurrection on many different levels.

As always we describe and commend ventures which give opportunities for service, and describe some initiatives which will help our community such as the new hospice shop.

Sadly we commemorate the passing of Harry Sheldon, a prolific and stalwart contributor to these pages over many years. The pictures Harry drew which featured on the cover of nearly every issue from the early Eighties to the middle Nineties illustrate perfectly what it was like to live in the Berkhamsted area in those days. He showed us how fortunate we are to live in an area which epitomises England's green and pleasant land.

We also try on some pages to look forward to the future, even if our deadline this month is too early to allow us to include the results of the elections and decisions of this year's annual parochial meeting. You will have to wait until next month for those!

*David Woodward*

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

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**Fr Martin Wright** offers some interesting answers and insight.

#### **Burden of care**

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**John Cook** looks at an early cottage industry in Berkhamsted.

#### **The parish pilgrimage**

The pilgrimage to Walsingham made a deep impression on **June Douglas**.

#### **What resurrection means**

**Rev. Peter Hart** looks at the central tenet of Christian faith.

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

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***Fr Martin Wright  
asks, “What’s  
in a name?” and  
reflects on the life  
Jesus offers us.***

## ***review*** leader

What’s in a name, we are often asked. I was always a little amused when I was teaching and received cards or letters from children at school, and sometimes parents, to find that my name had as many spellings as it had letters. The examples I remember being rite, write, and right. I even had a letter once addressed to Mr Riot, which caused immense hilarity in the school office. When you have a name that has three silent letters out of six, it’s not surprising that people make mistakes.

It can often happen that a name given to someone is like a one-word summary of what he or she has done in their life. This is especially the case with names that were not given at birth but as titles given by virtue of people’s deeds. So the impact of Alexander on the world is summed up in the title Alexander the Great. William the Conqueror and Bloody Mary were two other rulers whose names were synonymous with their deeds. In the Bible, the name John the Baptist simply allowed people to know what he did, and the name Simon the Zealot affirmed the character of the man. In the New Testament we find people giving Jesus many different titles.

The name Jesus itself is the commonest title for our Lord, being used almost six hundred times. It is surprising to know that in the four Gospels, the expression Jesus Christ appears only four times (in Mark 1:1, Matthew 1:1, John 1:17 and 17:3) We then have many titles for Jesus such as Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, The Servant of God, The Good Shepherd, Saviour, Prophet, The Lamb of God, Teacher, Rabbi and at least a dozen others. Jesus gave himself several names and it is, as we

celebrate the wonder of Easter and the weeks following, that we need to look at one of the most important titles. Jesus had been summoned by Martha and Mary to save their brother Lazarus, who was dying. Jesus arrived after his friend had died and had already been buried and was able to astonish his friends and followers by raising Lazarus to life. Jesus then said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in me shall not die but have everlasting life and I will raise him up on the last day.”

What is this life he offers and how do we find it? Firstly, it is obtained by following. The person who follows Jesus will not be in darkness but in light. We don’t have to understand everything in order to begin following. If we follow the light then understanding will come. Secondly, life is found by listening because the energy of action must proceed from the stillness of listening. Most teachers will have told their pupils, “How will you know what to do unless you have listened to the instructions?” The same applies to us when trying to find out about the life that Jesus is offering us.

Thirdly, life will come from giving. Self-preservation may be our first natural law, but not for the spiritual life we are being offered. Life is not about self-protection but about self-giving. Lastly, and above all, life means believing. We know that many people only succeed in what they want to achieve in life by believing in themselves, other people, an idea and, in many cases, God. For Christians, Jesus is the guarantee that death is not the end because through him we can enter into a life with God, which nothing can ultimately destroy. So following the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day, we need to follow, listen, give and believe and then the name that is above every name will give us eternal life. ❖



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One thing the statistics reveal is how dependent Berkhamsted was in those days on the making of straw plait. By 1851 this had almost completely replaced lace-making as the cottage industry of the district. Of those with a job at the time of the census, 20% of men and 45% of women gave plait-making as their occupation. Because it could be done at home a lot of women took it up rather than work in the fields, and one farmer complained that the independence women gained from earning money by straw-plaiting made them saucy. Children were taught to plait at school, and the census suggests that some of them were at it as early as the age of four. What they produced was largely used in the hat trade in Dunstable and Luton.

But a lot changed in the next quarter of a century. Cheap imported plait was

flooding into the country, to such an extent that the parish magazine in 1875 warned about the risks of training too many Berkhamsted children to be plaiters, in view of the growing competition, particularly from China. It said: 'The cheapness and excellence of the article called Canton plait enables the London houses to supply a very good hat at about one-third of the former cost. Thus they now sell from 2½d (1p in today's currency) to 6d, which was of unheard-of cheapness before Canton plait came on the market.' The magazine goes on at some length to warn parents that children then acquiring the art of plaiting, by the time they grew up would find the bread taken out of their mouths.

So what alternative did the magazine offer? This: 'The cry for good servants is heard on all sides, and the children now brought up to plaiting, with good home training and good home example, would supply the deficiency. Instead of being more dependent they would become less so, and in respectable service would enjoy comforts, not to say luxuries, which are now entirely beyond their reach.'

Today's parallel, I suppose, is Mr Dyson moving the manufacture of his fancy vacuum cleaners to Malaysia, where they can be made much more cheaply than in England. Some 900 jobs will be lost in this country as a result. What alternative employment will the young people in the area of its old plant find? Not, I suspect, the 'comforts and luxuries' of domestic service.

### Demolition

What a lot of old Berkhamsted has been taken away in the demolition contractors' lorries in recent months. Callaghan's Garage, Underhill and Young's Garage, the Cooper's buildings in Ravens Lane and Manor Street (I use the historic names rather than the ones they were known by in later years), the shops and flats in front of the Rex, and then the small block of flats and shops in the High Street just round the corner from Castle Street – all now gone.

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This last one was not at all old, except for the doorway and porch, which has been kept to be incorporated in the new building that will rise on the site, and part of the rear of the building, both of which were remnants of the old Pilkington Manor House that stood on the site for 200 years. One other feature of this old building uncovered by the demolishers was a big, well-constructed cellar with vaulted roof, which I imagine was the wine cellar. Having spotted this I went home to fetch my camera, but by the time I managed to get back it was gone – the vault smashed up and the cellar filled in.

### **Selling Houses**

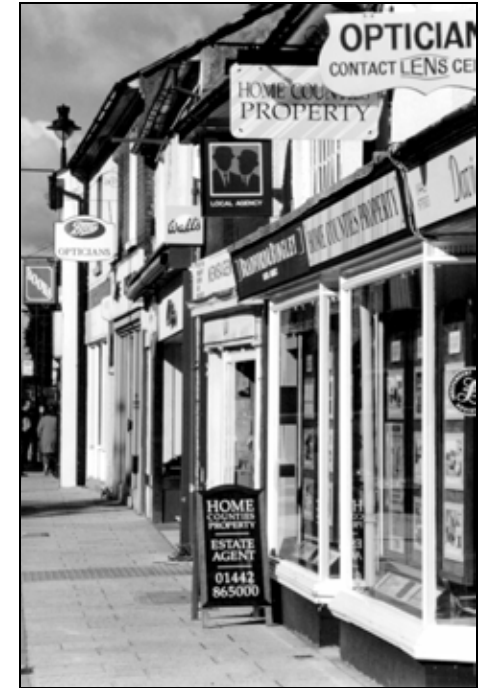
We are told that nationally 11% more houses were sold last year than the in year before, and there is no reason to believe that this figure does not apply to Berkhamsted : there seem to be an ever-growing number advertised for sale in the local papers.

And look at the way the estate agents' offices are expanding. Aitchison's acquired the shop next door – Flatt and Mead's of old - and no sooner had the small boutique *Cameo* closed a little further along the High Street than its premises were gobbled up by its next door neighbour, Castle's, so that now you would never know where it had been.

But as I write what has happened to Brown and Merry? They have disappeared from the same row of shops, leaving whitewashed windows but no notice to say what has happened to them. Why have they deserted Berkhamsted?

### **Harry Worth**

In last month's *Review* I asked if anyone had recollections of Harry Worth when he lived in Berkhamsted, and I was not disappointed. Several people have spoken to me about him. Mr Geoff Mothersole wrote to say that when Harry's daughter Jo was a member of the All Saints' 100 Club, on several occasions she arranged for him to pop into the Christmas supper, with entertainment, that the youth club put on for the older residents.



*A property boom in Berkhamsted?*

This was in the 60s at the height of his career, but he came along without any persuasion and would walk around the guests, chatting and joking – and in no hurry to leave. On one occasion he did an impromptu scene on the stage, adding something special to the evening for everyone there.

Then Harry's daughter herself rang up, and although she no longer lives in Berkhamsted I hope to arrange to meet her soon and learn more about her father .

### **Thought for the Month**

One statistic that stuck in my memory from a recent trip to India was that only 1 in 15,000 Indians has a car. Berkhamsted has not many more than that number of inhabitants; so if we had the average number of cars here that the Indians have there would be only one in the Town between the lot of us. On the other hand they have more sacred cows.



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The local branch of the Mothers' Union held their annual meeting on 19th February. Ever since Jenny Wells stepped down as leader last year after her statutory three years we have run the branch with a committee. This has worked very well as we function as a good team. Having Margaret Burbidge on the committee as a member is very helpful. Margaret is one of the vice-presidents of the M.U. in the St Albans diocese and can help us with matters of protocol and give us advance news of forthcoming events.

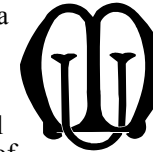
We had a good attendance at the meeting with twelve members present. We reflected on the past year which had celebrated 125 years of the M.U. with a wonderful service in the Abbey. A fun day had been organised at Knebworth but

# THE MOTHERS' UNION

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**Margaret Barnard** reviews the achievements of the past year of our local M.U. branch.

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a good year and has maintained a good balance between prayer, worship and social concerns. Kathie Lally's visit with her family to Zambia had been a very special event, as had our fund raising supper and Christmas party.

We all enjoy our M.U. meetings and especially find the social concerns of the organisation of great importance. Please do come and speak to me or any other member if you would like to find out more about us. ❖

sadly this had to be cancelled due to the foot and mouth outbreak. This year it has been reorganised but on our Petertide Fair day! However, the overseas contribution of the funds raised from the fair will be going to the M.U. literary and development fund for Africa, which will be a consolation.

Our branch has had

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## Oxfam Children's Wear Event - Thursday 14th March

*Didn't they do well!* Hundreds of mums came and bought clothes, books, toys and baby and toddler equipment. The event took over £2,550 - a record, and £500 more than last year (which was itself a

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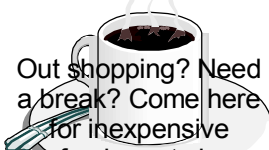
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hen it was announced that the special care baby unit at Hemel Hempstead hospital would not, after all, be transferred to Watford, it was a relief to people in Berkhamsted, who might otherwise have been placed in the difficult situation of having to travel through traffic jams, in labour and in a hurry, to get to a maternity unit in Watford. The health trust attempted to close the unit because of staff shortages in Hemel Hempstead and tried to save money on maternity units by combining them on fewer sites. The special care baby unit is now to be kept open but with 'networking' arrangements with hospitals in Watford, Luton and Dunstable. What sort of networking is unclear but since at least part of the problem is staff shortages at Hemel Hempstead hospital it may be that it will not be possible to deal with all cases there and some may have to be sent elsewhere.

It is common knowledge that the health service is in crisis but this is not a financial crisis – it failed to spend all of its available budget last year – rather it is a crisis of management. The health service is not focussed on the needs of patients. If it is like the large public sector organisation I work for it will be preoccupied with internal arrangements and departmental lines of responsibility, and in such a large organisation there will be few people looking at the wider picture. Those that do may not be heard amidst the urgency to get things done.

But the health service is also being burdened by problems not of its own making. Last year there were 650 fewer nursing homes in England than there were in 1998 and that means fewer beds in nursing homes – nearly 22,000 fewer. As a result elderly people who should be

## council & news views

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Local councillor **Ian Reay** points out that the burden of care is growing for us all.

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discharged to a nursing home are being kept in hospital longer than is necessary. The closing of the nursing homes is making the shortage of beds in hospitals much worse.

The burden of caring for elderly and frail people is growing because people are living longer. But because of the inexplicable closure of nurs-

ing homes, the burden of caring is falling not only on the health service, exacerbating the shortage of beds, but also, for those that can't afford to pay for private care, on relatives and charities. The Hospice of St Francis is such a charity in Berkhamsted whose work is only made possible because of the committed time of unpaid volunteers. The hospice will soon have to leave its present building but will hopefully move to a new site near Berkhamsted. The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home is another local charity, with an office in Tring, which provides support for patients and their families at home. This has been the Mayor of Dacorum's charity for the last year and the Mayor's fundraising events will culminate in May at the Mayor's May Dance with the Pepper Foundation.

When we are young we live in a house. Outside that house blow the cold winds of poverty, sickness and old age. For many people as they grow older it is only the kindness of friends, families and volunteers that keeps the roof on the house and stops the wind blowing in. Nowadays, with the sense of civic duty waning and with many of us leading very busy lives it is tempting to think that the 'government' and the welfare state will take care of everything. Sadly, that is getting less and less likely and the responsibility that we all have for each other is becoming clearer.



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# Thank you, Colin Stevens

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A naval expression is appropriate for a school named after a sea captain, which has a ship as part of its emblem. However, Colin might prefer a cricketing analogy in any appreciation of his work!

Although I don't begrudge Colin the opportunity to hang up his mortar board (or his apron) and spend lazy summer days listening to the sound of leather on willow and gentle ripples of applause...

The idea of being responsible for finding a replacement for a head teacher of such stature as Colin is quite daunting. He is patient, kind, understanding, caring, wise, has a great sense of humour, is an excellent English teacher and a superb 'lunchtime supervisor'!

As the captain of a team (more Brearley than Botham) he has encouraged individuals to work to their strengths, develop their own skills and has enabled many to gain promotion within the team and elsewhere.

He is leaving us with a strong, lively and imaginative team, temporarily in the very capable hands of his deputy Tony Jeffries. As I write, old friends, colleagues, pupils, parents and governors are taking the opportunity to say thank you and farewell.

All that remains for me is to say thank you to Colin on behalf of the school and the parish for his complete dedication to all the children who have passed through Thomas Coram in the past eleven years. I

wish him a very long and happy retirement. I'm sure his wife, Jacqi, and daughter, Jeni, will keep him busy – if not there is always supply...

*Julie Wakely, Chair of the Governors,  
The Thomas Coram Middle School*



## The Cowper Society Piano Fund

The Cowper Society announces that its current fund-raising efforts are for a new grand piano in St Peter's church.

Readers of the *Review* will know that St Peter's church has become widely appreciated as a venue for fine music. Choral and orchestral concerts are frequently performed in church by the Chiltern Chamber Choir, the Bridgewater Band and the Berkhamsted Choral Society. These choirs and orchestras have established themselves in the calendar of our Berkhamsted life; and, increasingly, other groups from further afield and from London have enjoyed singing and playing in our church because of the acoustics, the enthusiastic audiences and the facilities that we are able to offer.

St Peter's, however, does not possess a piano that meets concert requirements. There used to be a good grand piano but that was privately owned and is no longer available. Our present electronic piano has its uses but is inadequate for professional needs.

Now, the Cowper Society wishes to support Adrian Davis, whose work in establishing our fine church choir we recognise, and whose enthusiasm and inspiration have been so much at the heart of the music in the town. In this endeavour we shall have the approval of all those who play and sing, and of those who attend concerts with such loyalty.

Our aim is to raise some £8,000 which will enable us to buy a grand piano and a stand on which it can easily be moved for use in Lady Chapel and main nave. Some £1,000 of that has already been raised by

the society, and we simply ask that you should be aware of our intention, and respond however you can. The treasurer of Thomas Coram (c.1668-1751) was a man of compassion rather than tolerance. The sight of

unwanted babies abandoned on rubbish heaps near his home in Rotherhithe moved him to heroic efforts to raise money for a home for these 'foundlings' which opened its doors in 1741 as the Foundling Hospital. Yet on at least two occasions in his life he became involved in sharp disputes with his peers which appear to have been out of all proportion to the issues at stake. Who was this strange man to whom so many orphans owed their lives?

Thomas Coram was born in the Dorset town of Lyme Regis which at that time was the principal port for trade with Newfoundland. Thomas's father, John Coram, was a sea-captain, probably engaged in trade with Britain's North American colonies, a vocation which his eldest son was to follow. There is no record of Thomas's baptism in the local parish registers but his brother, three years younger, was baptised in 1671 so we may conjecture with some confidence that he was born in 1668. In about 1680 he followed his father into the merchant navy, trading with the American colonies and four years later he was apprenticed to a shipwright in London, where he lived in the parish of St Botolph's without Aldgate. In 1693 he sailed as a ship's master to Boston.

#### **A narrow escape**

In 1694 he was living in the small town of Taunton, Massachusetts, where he was prospering as a shipwright. In 1700 he married Eunice Wait in nearby Boston. Taunton was a stronghold of puritans and Thomas Coram, a devout member of the Church of England, soon found himself in

## THOMAS CORAM AND THE FOUNDLING HOSPITAL

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**Stephen Halliday** tells the  
story of the early years  
Thomas Coram, one of our  
town's prominent benefactors.

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*David Pearce,*  
*Chairman*

contention with his  
nonconformist neigh-  
bours. He became  
embroiled in a dispute  
with Taunton's deputy

sheriff, a man called Burt, who had seized one of Coram's ships on some legal pretext. Coram took the sheriff to court and was awarded fifty-nine acres of Burt's land in compensation for the earlier seizure.

Burt, who appears to have interpreted his duties as a sheriff rather loosely, attempted to prevent Thomas Coram from taking possession of the property by trying to shoot him on two occasions. When these desperate measures failed Thomas took possession of his acres but he never profited from them. In 1703, before returning to England, he assigned them to the impeccably Anglican vestry of King's Chapel in Boston with an insulting commentary which marked the first of his neighbourly disputes. He wrote that 'if ever hereafter the inhabitants of the town of Taunton should be more civilised than they are now, and if they should incline to have a Church of England built amongst them' then they could have the fifty-nine acres. Land was eventually requested for the church in 1728 but by this time the vestrymen of King's Chapel, Boston, had decided that they could make better use of Coram's gift than would the tardy Anglicans of Taunton. However Thomas Coram did not altogether forget the struggling church. He presented to it a small library whose treasured possessions still contain a copy of the prayer book inscribed by, and from the library of, Thomas's friend Arthur Onslow, Speaker of the House of Commons. The parish church of St Thomas, Taunton, Massachusetts, still prospers and the congregation believes that the name of the

doubting saint was adopted by its founders in memory of its first patron, Thomas Coram.

### Trading with the colonies

Thomas's decade in the North American colonies had introduced him to their natural resources. He had been particularly impressed by abundant supplies of timber and tar for his craft as a shipwright which were readily and cheaply available in the new continent. At that time tar for shipbuilding was derived from the sap of pine trees in which Sweden had a virtual monopoly which it exploited by charging high prices. Upon his return to England, therefore, he promoted an Act of Parliament 'for encouraging the importation of naval stores from Her Majesty's Plantations [colonies] in America' which, from 1704, paid a bounty on ships' supplies imported from the American colonies. This led to an immediate increase in trade with the colonies, broke the Swedish monopoly and secured vital supplies of raw materials for the rapidly expanding merchant and royal navies upon which the growth of Britain's overseas empire would depend in the coming centuries.

Coram's reputation as one who understood Britain's overseas possessions grew rapidly. In 1732, under the provisions of the royal charter of George II which authorised James Oglethorpe to settle Georgia, Thomas was appointed as one of the trustees of the new colony.

His knowledge of colonial matters was discussed in the highest political circles. In April 1735 Robert Walpole, Britain's first prime minister, received a strong recommendation from his brother Horace who, in accordance with the nepotism prevalent at the time, was ambassador to the Hague. Horace advised his brother to



*Thomas Coram by William Hogarth*

'Lose no time in talking with one Coram, the honestest, the most disinterested, and the most knowing person about the plantations I ever talked with'. Later the same year Thomas Coram petitioned George II on the subject of Nova Scotia which had been surrendered to Britain by the French in 1710. Coram wished to secure its cod-fishing grounds, its hemp and other naval stores for the crown and feared that the existing French settlers, 'being all papist', were not reliable.

Thomas made one more, rather curious contribution to colonial trade. English hatters were indignant that they were the victims of discrimination by some of the American settlements and their livery company asked him to exercise his influence on their behalf. The means by which he performed this service remains a mystery but the hatters offered to pay Thomas for his efforts. He would however only accept the gift of a hat. This modest reward may be seen in the famous portrait of Thomas Coram by William Hogarth, now in the possession of the Thomas Coram Foundation. As with the fifty-nine acres awarded to him in Taunton, Massachusetts, he seems to have attached little value to material reward.

Thomas's last recorded venture as a seafarer occurred in 1719 when he was shipwrecked on *The Seaflower* bound for Hamburg. It ended in disaster when the shipwreck was followed by the looting of the stricken vessel by the local populace. After this incident Thomas, now in his early fifties, retired from the sea and devoted himself to the philanthropic work which was to occupy the many years which remained to him. ♦



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Someone once declared that the most important things were 'education, education and education'. I agree. Education is the empowerer of people. In Berkhamsted, a hot-bed of formal education - and all the peripheries like music, ballet, horse-riding and so on - it is difficult to imagine what it must be like if you are unable to read.

Perhaps the easiest way to experience this is to open one of those helpful information leaflets enclosed with some new appliance at the 'wrong' page and try to sort out the instructions in some language you don't know. Russian or Greek are good because they don't look remotely the same as English! It is frustrating to say the least. Suppose English had the same effect!

It is not surprising that, having spent most of my life in education, both being taught and trying to teach others, I think it is so important. Stories of people who have 'made it' from underprivileged backgrounds always please me, and people on programmes like *This is Your Life* or *Desert Island Discs* who recall a teacher who inspired them make me hope that I may have cast the odd pearl before some little swine which has made a difference to their life.

All this is why I was so pleased to be able to pass on the Christmas gifts of school stationery to the charity HOPE for Children. The pens, pencils, sharpeners and notebooks have generously filled about 25 school bags. So many thanks to all the families who gave them on Christmas Day - and after. Some bags have gone to Zambia, others to Sri Lanka and a few to Luxor, Egypt, where a local lady has 'rescued' some twenty children

## HOPE brings education... Education brings HOPE

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**Liz Baxendale** shows us how a small investment in education can bring enormous benefits to the underprivileged.

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from a life of scavenging on the city's rubbish heaps and together with a grant from HOPE and some bags, has got the children in to school!

Many years ago I sponsored an Indian boy through a national charity. He was living in a three roomed mud-floored tin hut; his sick, widowed mother could not afford his secondary education although he had been declared bright by his schoolmaster. With my help he went to secondary school, on

to a sixth form college and to university. He now works as a research scientist in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, and last year Dr Bhar married a lovely girl (who is presently doing a B.Ed.) who sends wonderful letters along with his.

The pleasure, interest and pride this young man - and now his wife - have given me far exceeds the very tiny sum I paid out each year for his schooling. I hope, one day, to meet both Lalmohon and Suvechecha, his wife (who knows more about English Literature than I ever shall!).

HOPE is always glad of stationery, pencil cases and simply made cloth bags, open at the top, with a shoulder strap... you don't have to wait for Christmas! Perhaps *your* gift will create another doctor... or scientist or teacher; who can tell? Or maybe it will enable a young mother to understand the instructions on a tin of baby milk powder, or help a young man to make better use of his patch of land, or keep his goats in good health... whatever! Pen, pencil and paper can - and do - make a difference to lives!



# A Tribute to Harry Sheldon, Artist 1917 - 2002



There can be few in Berkhamsted who have not seen Harry Sheldon's paintings. *Berkhamsted's Story*, a book for the millennium written by John Cook and illustrated by Harry, gained a wide distribution. Christmas cards illustrated by Harry for the Round Table over the last 20 years depicted local scenes and conveyed images of Berkhamsted to families at home and abroad. Pictures painted and donated as prizes for charitable raffles for many years enhance the living rooms of the lucky winners. The *Review* itself has been a shining example of Harry's prolific artistry. Berkhamsted scenes and the monthly depiction of local characters filled our cover and pages for many years.

Harry Sheldon, FRSA, was a true artist from a family of artists. Brought up in the North West, he won a scholarship to the Stockport College of Art at the age of 15 and later studied figure drawing for five years under L.S.Lowry at Salford School of Art.

At the age of 22, Harry enlisted in the Coldstream Guards and served in the 1st Guards Armoured Division. In 1942 he transferred from the British Army to the Indian Army and was commissioned into the 8th Ghurkha Rifles. Harry had a life long pride in his regiment, and affection for the Nepalese and their culture. When not wearing his trademark bow-tie, Harry, always immaculately turned-out, would hold his regimental tie in place with a Ghurkha kukri tie-pin, and wear regimental cuff-links as his badge of former office.

Harry was wounded in the knee in the Burma campaign which ended his active soldiering and gave him problems in his last years. He was evacuated to India, but by then his artistry was well recognised by his superiors and, following his recuperation, he was returned to the front line in Burma as a war artist, a demanding and dangerous duty. Later, Harry found himself in the Middle East and North Africa in the same role. His skill as a war artist and portrait painter brought him into the company of field marshals and generals. Harry's portfolio, always willingly brought out as he reminisced over his war exploits, contains pictures of his portraits of the famous, and letters of thanks and commendation from them. Letters from at least Lord Louis Mountbatten, 'Monty', Slim, and Auchinleck, are testimonials to the historical importance of his work. At the end of the war Harry was asked to paint portraits of Indian Army VCs. The Ghurkhas never forgot him, nor he them. His last ever work was of a Ghurkha paratrooper rifleman (and is reproduced on this month's cover, though our production process does not do justice to Harry's artistry – *Ed.*).

After the war Harry worked for 30 years for the Mayfair firm of Leon Goodman Displays, initially as a studio manager and later as art director. In 1953 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and exhibited frequently at the Royal Society of Painters in Watercolours, and the Royal Society of Portrait Painters.



## Berkhamsted Choral Society May Concert

The world premiere of a new musical work by composer Simon McEnery promises to be a highlight of Berkhamsted Choral Society's next concert on Saturday, 18th May.

This is the second time that Salisbury-based composer Simon McEnery, who trained at the Guildhall School of Music, has been commissioned by BCS. The society's concert at Christmas 2000 included the world premiere of *The Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*, McEnery's setting of a poem by Christopher Smart.

The new work is entitled *Three Sacred Pieces* - a tongue in cheek reference to Verdi's *Four Sacred Pieces*, explained conductor and musical director Graham Wili. It's certainly very different from Verdi. It will be a challenge because it's a

style of music which is very different from the choir's usual repertoire.

The May concert, to be presented in St Peter's church, will also include Haydn's *Harmoniemesse*, Finzi's *Dies Natalis* for tenor and string orchestra and two unaccompanied pieces by Saint-Saens.

The soloists will be Bethany Halliday (soprano), Ashley Catling (tenor), Carl Gombrich (bass) and Janet Shell (mezzo soprano), who sang the part of Dido in Berkhamsted Choral Society's presentation of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* in Spring 2001.

Tickets for the concert on 18th May, which starts at 7:30pm, cost £9 (£7.50 concessions) and are available from Flatt and Mead in the High Street or by calling 864460.



Harry will be remembered locally for sightings of him at work. Positioned on traffic islands or the canal towpath, Harry never let the bustle of everyday life interrupt his creativity. His prolific output translated into annual exhibitions. Queues would form at opening time to get first choice of his works.

Harry described his easel as his staff of life. Certainly it was, but the easel itself was propped up by Harry's Christian beliefs. Harry and Joan, his wife of nearly 60 years, were regular worshippers at St Peter's. Harry's many paintings of the church and Court House are a pictorial reminder of his faith.

With the death of Joan some two years ago, Harry laid down his brushes as he said for the last time. It was not to be so. His beloved Ghurkhas wanted a millennium portrait, and who else should paint it but Harry. A Ghurkha rifleman, a paratrooper, was brought to Berkhamsted

and, on completion of the portrait, Harry was taken to Ghurkha headquarters at Church Crookham where he was feted with full military honours at a handing over ceremony. Harry's portraits of Ghurkhas form the centre piece of the displays of regimental regalia in the officers' messes wherever Ghurkhas are stationed.

With the end of his life as a practising artist and with his knee causing increasing immobility, Harry endured two years of rapidly declining health. His death on Tuesday 26th February left behind a brother, son and daughter, and grandchildren.

Berkhamsted has lost a talented artist, and a friend to many of its citizens. Harry, you will be sorely missed, but the 'Harry Sheldon's' you have left behind will keep alive your memory in our hearts, now and for generations to come.



See Review Poetry on page 23.



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During our weekend at Walsingham I was reminded that many years ago I read a book *The Idea of the Holy* by Rudolf Otto, which impressed me very deeply. Otto says, 'We think of God in terms of His attributes, that is in rational terms, and this makes belief possible in contrast to mere feeling'.

But, he explains, religion is not exclusively contained in a series of rational assertions and that he is going to 'attempt to bring the relation of the different 'moments' of religion clearly before the mind' in order to clarify the distinctive category of the holy or sacred.

When we arrived in Walsingham in February, as usual, on first entering the church and the Holy House, I felt overcome by the sheer quantity of colour and painted images surrounding us. The whole place seemed more like one of the interiors designed for the Roman Catholic Church by the Victorian architect, Pugin.

As always however, the atmosphere of the place overpowered all else. The beauty of the little town with its ruined abbey, its well and carpets of snowdrops was matched by the beauty of the atmosphere, within the centre, of kindness and concern, of the quietude within the church and Holy House, of the dedication of the priests at the service of laying on of hands and anointing, and at the washing at the well; and of the quiet presence of the sisters.

Even the bitter cold of a howling gale which swept about us, going round the stations of the cross in the garden seemed to carry a message of necessary struggle. Although I almost felt 'I am too old for

# Pilgrimage to Walsingham

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**June Douglas** gives us a  
personal recollection of the  
parish pilgrimage in February.

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this', by the end I knew it was worth it. It is all a deeply affecting experience.

In his sermon at Matins in the parish church on the Sunday, the vicar said, 'the whole notion of the holy is as intriguing as it is elusive'. Of the Transfiguration in the presence of James and John he said, 'Jesus touches them. They have shared in the experience of God'. I

feel we were helped towards this experience at Walsingham. The solemn joy of the 'intriguingly elusive' moments penetrates deep inside and in no way makes unseemly or impossible the pleasure of comradely laughter and fun in the pub across the quiet square in the evening.

My reason for writing this 'personal' response to our weekend pilgrimage to Walsingham is to thank Father Mark and all my companions for making such a wonderful experience possible, and to hope that many others will enjoy the same. It was, as Father Mark said in a recent sermon, 'encounter and engagement with ourselves, with one another - but above all with the Lord, with the one who knows all about us, including all that we hide even from ourselves; encounter with the one who still loves us and persists in seeking to draw us to Himself'.

That seems to me to be the beauty of Walsingham, that lovely place where one can enjoy the privilege of experiencing the 'numinous' as Otto puts it; the deep feeling of 'holy fear', in combination with joy which constituted the moments of deeply felt religious experience which had been 'brought clearly before the mind'.



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**Harry  
Sheldon  
Artist**

*David R A Pearce  
(Autumn 2000)*

The phone rang.  
'What time,' asked Harry,  
'Did you say you'd pick me up?'

The voice was spry  
But the brush stroke faltered as it tried to shape  
Rough outline of the day - foreground, streetscape;  
Familiar perspectives of deft sight -  
Lines leading to that vanishing point  
That disappears beyond the picture quite.  
Not long ago, you were a Rockall of bent back  
Hunched amid traffic - hat, stool and artist's tack.  
Imperturbably would you sit and draw  
Unmindful of the fumes and roar!  
How cheerily you nudged your paint  
Around the trickiest muddle of mullion and quaint  
Gable; prospect of jumbled eaves and roofs;  
Caught the shadow-play and bobby-dazzle  
Of sunshine, gossip of shoppers, town and gown,  
And whoop of children on the razzle.  
Through your eyes we saw our local cavalcade,  
For little of our life escaped your gaze,  
And mannerisms - recognised, and looks  
Were caught for paintings, cards and history books  
Where we appeared in fancy-dress for olden days -  
In Christmas coaching scenes, or market's busy trade.  
And, here, the muddied crush of horses' hooves  
Is pounded, puddled in the home run  
Of your brush; while barges bright with ship-shape gear  
Mirror the memories of our childhoods' fun.  
How often would we spy what you were at,  
And stand beside, and intervene with chat  
Between one urgent wash and your intended scene,  
Trying your patience while the colours dried.  
To all our daily standing-to, these pictures lend  
Your artist's view, they are the record and the blend  
Of all our living, colourfast, and true.

So there is only one reply:  
'In your own time, Harry,  
dear old friend.'



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## Sponsored Walk and Sunday Stroll

Sunday, 12th May

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It has always been a source of pleasure that so many children take part in the Berkhamsted Walk. But there are many families where the youngest member is too young, or where grandparents would be reluctant to set out on such a distance.

The 34th Berkhamsted Walk will therefore have an added attraction, a Sunday Stroll, to cater for the younger and older members of our community.

The main walk will start from the Court House from 10:30 to 11:30am and offers a choice between a ten-mile route and one of sixteen miles. The longer route will pass through Frithsden, Great Gaddesden, Studham, Little Gaddesden and Ashridge. The ten-mile route will take a short cut between the Gaddesdens. Both routes are endowed with hostelryes, carefully selected to be at mid-route, for uplifting of the spirits and refreshments!

The stroll, of two or four miles, will start from within the grounds of Ashridge Management College from 1:00 to 3:00pm. The buggies of the very young may be pushed around the surfaced paths of the gardens. For older children, walking the woodland path has the added excitement of beech houses, a sunken garden, the grotto, and secret arbours. For those who would also explore the countryside around, a two-mile walk in the Golden Valley and back via Rodinghead

and Woodyard Cottages can round-off a leisurely afternoon.

The *Complete Outdoors* is again offering the prize of a pair of top quality Chris Brasher walking boots with a value of £100, or goods of equal value, to the walker or stroller who raises the most sponsorship money. Last year, Charlie, a

King Charles Cavalier Spaniel, became Pooch in Boots with sponsorship of over £200 from the regulars of *The George* pub!

Sponsor / entry forms for both the walk and the Sunday stroll will be available at Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts, 258 High Street, at the *Complete Outdoors*, Bourne End and by phone on 864968. If approaching people for sponsorship and collecting money is not for you, we still want you to walk or stroll. We are pleased to accept 'self sponsorship' donations that recognise that the event is to raise money for deprived children.

The sponsored walk and stroll raise urgently needed funds for the Children's Society to help the most deprived children. Many children are the victims of abuse or family break-up. They become alienated from society, and turn to crime. The society works with young people on bail to show them alternatives to crime, and with children at risk of school exclusion.

Please join us on 12th May, whether as walkers or strollers. ❖





## **Forgive Me When I Whine**

*Sent in by Betty Pitkin, inspired by the events of 11th September.*

Today, upon a bus,  
I saw a girl with golden hair.  
and wished I was as fair.  
When suddenly she rose to leave,  
I saw her hobble down the aisle.  
She had one leg and wore a crutch.  
But as she passed, she passed a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two legs, the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.  
The lad who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.  
If I were late, it'd do no harm.  
And as I left, he said to me,  
"I thank you, you've been so kind.  
It's nice to talk with folks like you.  
You see," he said, "I'm blind."

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,  
I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
He stood and watched the others play.  
He did not know what to do.  
I stopped a moment and then I said,  
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"

He looked ahead without a word.  
And then I knew, he couldn't hear.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

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concept of resurrection remains distant, applicable to Christ, to everyone at the final, promised resurrection, but in our daily lives it is remote.

Resurrection can be explored at different levels. There is a spiritual resurrection we can all experience, a removal of the deadness of minimal commitment and unthinking, unengaged worship which can be replaced with the effervescence of delight in God and the energy of the Holy Spirit, coursing through our prayer, worship and witness. The Church too can benefit from this resurrection, a rediscovery of a depth of worship and commitment to prayer, study and fellowship that spills over into imaginative ministry to those around us.

There is a political resurrection, which our country and many others need. Engagement in the political process is at an all time low; cynicism and disengagement are rife, trust and respect for politicians are rarely encountered. The Church can help to lead this political resurrection, by taking seriously its role as an opinion-former and as a source of challenge to policy and practice. For many years, the Church has been vociferous on behalf of the world's poor and disadvantaged - think of Jubilee 2000, of *Faith in the City*, of the astonishing work amongst the homeless that the Church continues to carry out. If the church is going to be part of the resurrection of politics in this country, it needs to speak out on national and local

issues, which do affect local people - transport and health, education and policing, social care and social morality.

Around the world, there needs to be a resurrection of peace. Peace brings hope, just as Christ's resurrection fills us with hope this Easter. The resurrection of peace between Israel and Palestine, between Pakistan and India, within Angola and Zimbabwe, Sudan and Northern Ireland is desperately needed. We need to pray for that resurrection, to examine our own attitudes and desires which may be contributing to stalemate and find ways of stimulating peace and cooperation at whatever level we can, be it by the solidarity of letter writing or by the more tangible means of financial support. We need to be active in encouraging the resurrection of peace, as Christ's resurrection empowers us with hope and gives us a motivation by the removal of fear.

May Christ's resurrection continue to make a difference to our own lives and through us, to the whole world. ❖



# **He is Risen! Alleluia!**

# What's happening on 4th May?



"Bank holiday weekend?"

says Peter

"FA Cup Final?"

says Paul

maybe, but a little dickie bird  
told me that

**Riding Lights**

**Roughshod**

**Theatre Company**

are coming to All Saints',  
Berkhamsted with their new show

## Science Friction

An official event of Science Year, it tackles the issues of science, faith and moral responsibility and promises to be both challenging and entertaining.

It is not often that we can experience high quality professional theatre in our church. Come and bring all your friends!

**Show time: 7pm Tickets: £5 (£3 conc. Under 16s, students, unwaged.**

**NB: show not recommended for under 11s)**

**Box Office: 01442 873470**

**Early ticket purchase advised due to popularity.**

Queries to Rebecca Timmis 01442 866324.

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## **SAINTS ALIVE BY ROGER JONES**

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Another exciting Christian musical to proclaim the Gospel will be performed by *Joyful Noise*, the united Christian choir which recently performed *Snakes and ladders*, *Jerusalem Joy* and *Apostle*.

The performance is on 22nd June at 7:30pm at St John's church, Boxmoor.

Rehearsals start on 24th April at 7:45pm in Belmont Road Baptist church, Hemel Hempstead and will be on different weekday evenings, to accommodate all who are planning on taking part.

Do join us for rehearsals or come and enjoy the performance.

Please contact Viv Dottridge on 862145 for further details.

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## **THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS**

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The Hospice of St Francis needs volunteers for its new charity shop, which opens shortly in Berkhamsted. The hospice is looking for people who will be aware that they represent the public face of the hospice and will continue to enhance its excellent public image.

The work includes receiving, selling, sorting, and presenting donated goods, and using the till. Training will be given in occasional short sessions, as well as on the job, so that volunteers are aware of shop policy on all aspects of the work. Once established, volunteers may become more involved in other activities if they wish such as pricing and answering the telephone. Paid managers will normally be on duty so volunteers are always supported in their role. Only a few hours are needed weekly or fortnightly so you decide how much commitment you can make.

This is an excellent way of making new friends, feeling part of the local community, and knowing that you are raising much-needed funds for a really worthwhile cause. The hospice supports patients with life-threatening illnesses throughout Dacorum and this care is given to them completely free of charge.

If this work is not for you, the hospice uses volunteers in many other capacities such as serving teas, coffees, meals to patients and

visitors, and many 'behind the scene' roles like fundraising, office jobs, gardening, and driving (for patients and errands) and so on. Many roles require only a fortnightly or monthly commitment.

For further information please ring: Liz Daniel, Voluntary Services Co-ordinator, at the hospice on 862960 during office hours.

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## **MAY I SUGGEST...?**

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On Wednesday 24th April the Berkhamsted Citizens Association is having a joint meeting with the Graham Greene Birthplace Trust in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall at 8:00pm. There will be a performance of a dramatisation of some of Greene's letters to the press. Non-members are welcome.

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## **BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.**

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At our March meeting it was nice to see so many members in attendance. They were welcomed by our president Liz Baxendale who duly opened the meeting with a narrative poem about shopping for clothes when there was always a 'fitter' on hand to make or adjust any alterations needed.

Our speaker was Eve Davis and her talk was entitled *Fashions from 1900*. She had brought with her articles of clothing dating from the years 1900 to 1950. We were able to handle and marvel at the exquisite stitching on these garments. Also on display were drawings and patterns.

An expression of thanks was given by Joy Lovell.

Eve Davis kindly judged the flower of the month and a competition for a pre 1950 photo.

On 5th April there will be our 13th birthday celebration at the Court House at 2:00pm. Do come along and join us. You will be most welcome.

SUNDAY	St Peter's:	8:00am	Eucharist				
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House				
		11:30am	Eucharist (first Sunday in month)				
		6:00pm	Evensong				
	All Saints'	8:00am	Eucharist only as announced				
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced)				
		6:30pm	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.				
		7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship (contact Carole Dell 864706)				
MONDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)		
TUESDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	All Saints' 9:30am	Eucharist		
WEDNESDAY	St Peter's	7:00am	MP	7:30am	Eucharist	5:00pm	EP
THURSDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm	EP
FRIDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:30pm	EP(AS)
SATURDAY	St Peter's	8:45am	MP(AS) (except 3rd Sat in month)			5:00pm	EP
1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780						
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 A lively women's group with guest speaker 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. Young children welcome. Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 HILLSIDE GROUP: 8:00pm [alternate weeks] at 32 Hillside Gardens for Bible study. Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely 875504						
3rd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. Non-members always welcome. 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. Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer. 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. New members and visitors always welcome. 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.						

# reviewdiary

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).

April / May 2002

## APRIL

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|-----------|---|-------------------|
| 1         | Easter Pilgrimage <i>The Wise Fool</i> : gather 1:00pm in St Albans Abbey orchard and from 2:30pm process to the Abbey for a service in the nave. |                   |
| 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> |
| 20 11-3pm | Trebles training  | <i>St Peter's</i> |
| 21        | Area committee elections after the 9:15am and 9:30am services at All Saints' and St Peter's   |                   |
| 21 6:00pm | Taizé service   | <i>St Peter's</i> |
| 23 7:45pm | St Albans District ringers quarter peal   |                   |

## MAY

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| 1 6:15am   | Madrigals from St Peter's church tower  |                    |
| 1 8:00pm   | St Peter's area committee meeting   | <i>Court House</i> |
| 2 8:00pm   | All Saints area committee meeting   |                    |
| 3 10:00am  | Little Fishes service   | <i>St Peter's</i>  |
| 8 8:00pm   | Anglican / Methodist Joint Council meeting  |                    |
| 12 10:30am | Berkhamsted Walk sets out from Court House  |                    |
| 18 7:30pm  | Berkhamsted Choral Society <i>Harmoniemesse</i> Haydn, <i>St Peter's Three Sacred Pieces</i> McEnery, <i>Dies Natalis</i> Finzi |                    |

## Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

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|-------------|----------------------------|
| 17 February | Jonathan Christopher Below |
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Registers

## Funerals

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|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 27 December | Winifred Stephenson | Chilterns Crematorium                     |
| 9 January   | Lily Stacey         | St Peter's church (Chilterns Crematorium) |
| 28 January  | Rhoda Bateman       | Chilterns Crematorium                     |
| 6 February  | Pamela Larter       | Chilterns Crematorium                     |
| 3 January   | Kenneth Drake       | Chilterns Crematorium                     |
| 17 January  | Michael Parsons     | West Herts Crematorium                    |
| 18 January  | Harold Wally        | West Herts Crematorium                    |
| 21 January  | Doris Western       | Chilterns Crematorium                     |
| 4 March     | Betty King          | Chilterns Crematorium                     |

Young people

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## ASSOCIATION OF BERKHAMSTED CHURCHES

Telephone numbers to ring for times of services, etc. (*italics indicate changes*)

1. Northchurch Baptist	Rev David Russell	Berk. 877001
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2. St Mary's Northchurch	Rev Peter Hart	Berk. 865312
	Mrs D Knapp	HH 257897
3. All Saints' Anglican	Rev Martin Wright	Berk. 866161
	Mr John Malcolm	Berk. 874993
4. Methodist All Saints'	Rev Paul Timmis	
	Mrs Ida Rance	Berk. 865829
5. Sacred Heart (RC)	Fr Peter Grant	Berk. 863845
	Mr Frank Furlong	Berk. 862768
6. Society of Friends (Quakers)	The Clerk's Team, 289 High Street	
7. Kings Road Evangelical	Pastor Billy Milton	Berk. 864393
	Dr Richard Walker	Berk. 875614
8. St Andrew's (URC)	Rev Jane Wade	H.H. 212597
	Mrs Margaret Chrichton	Berk. 875401
9. St Peter's	Rev M Bonney	Berk. 864194
	Mrs Jean Green	Berk. 878227
10. Berkhamsted Baptist	Rev James Neve	Berk. 872190
	Mrs Pat Ginger	Berk. 865817
11. St Michael & All Angels	Rev David Abbott	Berk. 865100
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 The Revd Martin Wright, All Saints House, Shrublands Road. Tel: 866161  
 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road. Tel: 864485  
 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981  
 Christina Billington (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise. Tel: 385566  
 Miss Marjorie Bowden (Reader), 16 Broadwater. Tel: 871283  
 Mrs Joan Cook (Reader), The Gardeners Arms, Castle Street. Tel: 866278  
 John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway. Tel: 874993  
 Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981  
 Parish Secretary: Mrs Jean Green, The Parish Office, The Court House Tel: 878227  
 Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway. Tel: 871598  
 Churchwardens: Chris Smalley, 18 Osmington Place, Tring. Tel: 826821;  
 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894  
**Parochial Church Council:** Secretary: Richard Foster, Vandykes, 29 Ashlyns Road. Tel: 863359  
 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way. Tel: 863559

## 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
11.30am	Eucharist (1st Sunday in month)	Morning Prayer: M-F 7:30am, W 7:00am	
6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon	Evening Prayer:	M, W, Th 5:00pm 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 MP/EP see p29 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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