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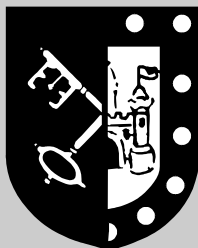
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### **Welcome to the December issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.**

Advent and Christmas are here again. I may have some qualms about chalking up another year. But the joy of Christmas, and the hope that it inspires in even the most desperate of times, still raises my spirits and I hope it does the same for you. We wish all our readers happiness and peace, however much we must acknowledge the unpleasant possibilities of war and desolation.

Perhaps reflecting this ambivalent feeling our present issue reflects both joy and sadness. It draws attention to both bright possibilities and darker realities. We pay tribute to Chris Smalley so tragically taken from us last month. But we highlight the coming festivities to be marked with services, concerts, bazaars, and parties. We note the uncertain impact on our town of the possible future growth of air travel while we reflect on the timelessness of English building and the correct regime for managing the deer population on the local common. And we ask for your continued support by renewing your subscription in the coming weeks, by writing your contributions, and by giving us your ideas for new features in this, your magazine.

*David Woodward*

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Christmas  
thoughts.*

## reviewleader

### **Bethlehem!**

A little white-walled town upon a hill, with stony fields and tiny homes, often portrayed as the idyllic scene for the characters in the Christmas drama. Bethlehem! Too often mentioned in to-day's news as the

scene of renewed fighting between Palestinians and Jews. Let us look at the historic scene. There is the little land of Judea, a land of tyranny, immorality and faithlessness, ruled by one named Herod. He was a man who had promised so much, started so well, but had degenerated into a loathsome tyrant, consumed with jealousy, the very symbol of all that was unworthy. There was a lot to be wished for. People were in despair and the situation was black. Where was God? What would happen? The characters in this historic drama provide the answer. Here are two people; weary and tired they make their way towards an inn - a hostel. Joseph knocks at the door. It is opened and for a moment all the light, the warmth and the laughter from within come out into the cool night air. The faces of the two tired travellers are lit with the glow of the light and hope stirs within their hearts. Then, the door is shut. All is quiet and dark and cold again.

It is interesting to notice why the door was shut. The innkeeper who shut the door was not a bad man, he was just busy, his place was full, business was going successfully and amidst everything he missed an opportunity which has been unrepeated in history. The two weary travellers retire into a stable. Then, amidst anxiety, following the shuffle of tired feet, out of the darkness of a black night in some of the ugliest days in history, God gave the loveliest of his unnumbered gifts. The gift of a babe, born in a borrowed manger, in a little obscure

village, the child of a peasant woman! Thus the Christ-child began his life upon earth outside of a closed door. The tragedy of the world is that for the most part, except for one day in the year, he is still given exactly the same place. He is given a place outside the hearts and homes of thousands.

Our drama moves on as more characters are introduced. They are poor, ignorant, simple, yet kindly men with a simple trust in a vision, which appeared to them while they were tending their sheep. Quite simply they trust the message from God's agent and the result is astounding. They are brought to the infant Jesus. Then there are others: wise men so-called. Surely the really wise are they who stay at home, warm and comfortable, with no risks, no surprises? Those who do not allow the glimmer of light from a star to trouble them or set them thinking.

Those who enjoy the solid pleasures of life are mindful of their own interests. They tread firmly on solid ground and refuse to set out on a hair-brained expedition in pursuit of a curious star. These are surely the wise. It's ordinary prudence and common sense to take care of oneself and not to worry about other people or other things. If this is being wise, then on this occasion the so-called wise men became foolish! They followed a star of hope in a dark, dark, world and it brought them into the presence of the infant Jesus. Their reasoning, their adventuring, brought them to the very founder of the Christian faith. Shepherds and wise, truly wise men: how great is the contrast! The ignorant and the wise, the poor and the rich, the governed and the governors, it has been an age-long problem to find a common meeting ground for all. Yet the Christ-child brings together these contrasting classes in a community of love and peace. How simple is our drama, so much so that many of the most learned stumble over it.



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The drama ends. The scene and characters have been painted. Soon Christmas will be here. There will be presents, the excitement of little children, the decorations, good things to eat and drink and, I sincerely hope, a very Happy Christmas to you all. That is the lovely side to this festive season, but the full meaning of Christ's coming goes far, far deeper. Now is this to be just a repetition of the many other Christmas seasons you have known? I ask because, "Though Christ a thousand times be born, if he's not born in you, your soul's forlorn."

Let it not just end with the filling of a stocking, the pulling of a cracker, or the wearing of a paper hat. Recall the many significant features of the old Christmas drama, which have so much in common with the scene of life today.

There is a lot to be desired in our world. People are in despair, momentary hopes fail and Jesus is left outside a closed door. The characters are much the same too. We are busy people, not really bad, but like the innkeeper, in our busyness and indifference we miss our opportunities. The simple trust like that of the shepherds is vital to any who would discover Jesus today. The wisdom and knowledge of the truly wise who follow a star of hope when it appears on the horizon will be rewarding to any desire of ours to find the

Way, the Truth, the Life, Jesus Christ offers.

In the middle of Christmas day have you ever suddenly felt disappointed because you know it will all end in a few hours? Have you ever felt the anticlimax of Boxing Day, or a few days after when work faces you again and everything seems to fall flat? You need not feel that! If you do, then you have missed the central message of Christmas.

If only one could wake up one morning and find and feel a pledge from all Christians everywhere to keep the heart of the Christmas message all the year round! If only we would all pledge ourselves to renewal of Christ's Holy Spirit within us, enabling us to show goodwill to everyone whose life touches our own throughout the approaching New Year. What a revolution would follow!

He is here, with us always, unseen but not unreal, the risen Lord Jesus, once a babe in a manger at Bethlehem. His Way is the way of love and peace, which will only come to this world when he stands before it acknowledged as King of Kings. There is our Saviour simply asking us to accept him and his message the whole year round. He is here, Jesus, God's greatest gift - your Christmas present and mine



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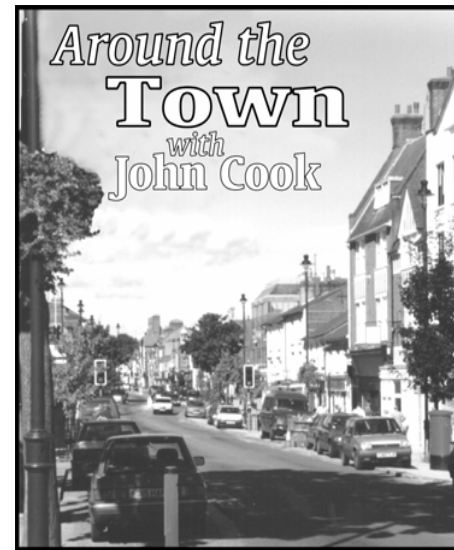
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### **Ashridge Deer**

Gareth Huw Davies, who lives locally and writes on conservation matters in one of the supplements to the Saturday Times, pointed out recently that Ashridge Park is one of Britain's hot spots for deer collisions: 85 deer were killed on the roads that run through the estate last year. One of the reasons for this large number is that the deer population of the country has grown so much - to about 1.25 million, the most for 200 years.

How many deer are there in and around Ashridge Park? I am not sure that anyone can give an accurate estimate, but it could be around 500. One March a good few years ago now, a concerted effort was made to arrive at their number by means of an organised count. A host of volunteers were enlisted, including Scouts and Guides. Everyone was to walk through their allocated area keeping in view the person on their right and to count the number of deer that passed between them. It seemed a good idea, but it did not take account of the snowstorm that unexpectedly struck. There was a nasty moment when we had to turn from counting deer to looking for Scouts lost in the blizzard.

The problem with the deer and the reason that one in six of them gets killed by a car every year is that they have absolutely no road sense and will jump out in front of your car totally without warning. A collision between a car and a deer usually leaves the deer dead or mortally injured, the car seriously damaged and the driver at best severely shaken. So we should take the deer warning signs seriously, and tell our friends to do the same.

### **Berkhamsted Brickwork**

There may not be a wealth of great architecture in Berkhamsted but there is a lot of pleasing detail to look at in the buildings as you walk round, not least in the brickwork. There is such a variety, and even some recent examples are not just ordinary.

The oldest is in the original building of Berkhamsted School facing the churchyard. It dates from 1541, so it has lasted for four and a half centuries. The mellow red bricks are laid in what is called English bond - alternate courses of headers and stretchers - with an attempt to introduce variety by arranging some of the bricks which have their ends burnt almost black into a diamond pattern.

The next oldest brick building to survive here is the Sayer Almshouses, with the date 1681 on the front, although they were actually built a few years later than that. They are in Flemish bond, with alternate headers and stretchers in every course, which by that time had become popular because it looks better than English bond. Not much other brickwork survives here from earlier than the end of the 18th, beginning of the 19th centuries; but from that time we have a whole row of handsome houses in the High Street, opposite St Peter's and up to the Rex, in a variety of bricks, because by then it was possible to bring them in by the newly built canal.



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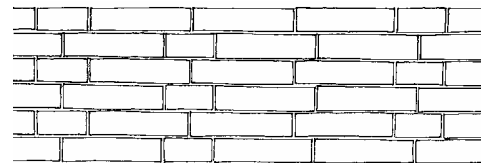


A great deal of the central part of Berkhamsted is Victorian and early 20th century, and nicely built. Look particularly for houses in Luton grey bricks (which are in fact bluish-grey in colour and sometimes called Luton blues), often with red brick features. Usually buildings from this time are in Flemish bond, but engineering works like the railway retaining wall by the station are in English bond, because it is stronger; so are the station and the old railway houses in Station Road. Also most of the buildings of Berkhamsted Collegiate School from that time were built with buttressed walls in English bond, perhaps to demonstrate patriotism and robustness.

After the last war, cavity walls became the norm. They have no headers, just stretchers, and their appearance is pretty boring, particularly in large buildings: you only have to look at the sidewalls of Tesco - the worst bit of brickwork in the Town.

Interestingly, the planners have required the new buildings on the old Coopers site in Ravens Lane, although they have cavity walls, to be built in mock Flemish bond to improve the look of them, mimicking what was there before. They also incorporate some other echoes of what was lost when the old buildings were destroyed, including brick barleysugar features - something you rarely see these days.

To me there are two buildings from between the wars that have particular interest. They were both built with especially thin bricks, only two inches thick, laid in unusual ways. One is Ashlyns School, a large complex including the chapel and lodges, laid in a variety of what is known as Flemish garden wall bond (a sequence of three stretchers followed by one header in each course). The other is the library building at Berkhamsted Collegiate School in Castle Campus. This is made in English garden wall bond (five courses of headers, then one of stretchers).



**Ashlyns School brickwork**

Finally, do look at the station buildings when you are waiting for your delayed Silverlink train, particularly the arches over the windows and doors, each of which is made of 17 bricks, every one different.

### **American Invaders**

The trick or treat activities of children at Halloween were just one reminder of the growing American influence on our lives; another was the consultants' report on parking in Dacorum in which they refer to Berkhamsted train station. But it is not only in our practices, vocabulary and television programmes where American influences are to be found: our environment too is increasingly affected by invaders from across the Atlantic.

The giant North American signal crayfish is said to be wiping out its smaller British cousin in our streams and canals. The American grey squirrel, now in plague numbers, ravages our gardens and countryside, and the American mink is credited with having eaten all the water voles in the canal. On the plus side, though, the American orange balsam blossoming along the Bulbourne and the canal is pretty and has been at its best ever this year, I think.

But invaders are not all American. There is the other balsam - the Himalayan variety - on the banks of the Bulbourne by Greene Field Road, and we have the perennial infestation of Japanese knotweed by Lower Kings Road bridge. In the early autumn the predominant wild flowers on neglected allotments are swathes of golden rod and rose bay willow herb, which are both foreign imports to the English countryside.

You have to take the rough with the smooth, I suppose, but we ought to be doing something about the grey squirrel. Perhaps when the crocuses in St Peter's churchyard, which have been such a joy in recent years, fail to appear next spring because the squirrels have been digging them up and eating them, someone will be moved to act. ❖

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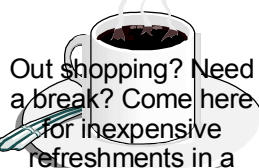
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There is an old Mexican custom when *Mary and Joseph*, suitably garbed, knock on doors before Christmas seeking hospitality.

Seven years ago, the MU in our diocese were inspired by this idea and it was suggested that each branch might like to organise something similar but with small figures instead of real people.

Our branch thought this was a splendid idea and produced a set for each church. This was so successful that each year a list is prepared in mid-November and very quickly filled. Mary and Joseph and the donkey are blessed in church on Advent Sunday and leave in the care of the first family on the list. They pass from family to family until they return to church on

# THE MOTHERS' UNION

**Jenny Wells** tells us what happens when the travelling cribs visit the families in Berkhamsted

Christmas Eve having visited over twenty families by this time — The children of Berkhamsted do not like to think of there being no room at the Inn!

At All Saints', Mary and Joseph are greeted as old friends each year but this year at St Peter's, thanks to the busy knitting needles of one of our members, new figures will be travelling.



For the very young the Christmas story comes alive in this way and each year we are regaled with tales of spare beds requested with all the facilities usually offered to guests. Size is immaterial it seems. One little boy fetched pasta for Mary, remembering how hungry his mother got before the birth of his little brother.

All know that Christmas will not really have arrived until the Holy couple arrive at church in readiness for the birth of the baby Jesus and many friendships will have been formed between families in this way.



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The questions in a questionnaire recently distributed by the Department for Transport on airport development in the south east of England recently give a clue as to how the questions might be framed. (The choice of the word *framed* here is deliberate — as in *I've been framed*.) How would you answer a question on the following lines: "Do you believe that, in principle, we should maximise the significant social and economic benefits that growth in aviation would bring whilst trying to minimise the environmental impact?" Do you strongly agree with this or strongly disagree or perhaps only slightly agree or disagree?

What we really need to know in order to give a meaningful answer to a question of this sort is: What precisely are the social and economic benefits and who benefits? What precisely are the environmental impacts and who is impacted? To what extent can these impacts be minimised and at what cost? And, by the way, how hard will you try to minimise them? This questionnaire is asking us to sign a blank cheque. Dacorum Borough Council will, in principle, offer the best possible services to the public whilst trying to keep the council tax at the lowest possible level. Do you strongly agree with that or strongly disagree?

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### Are We Being Framed?

**Ian Reay** is suspicious of the methods being used to sell the idea of bigger airports at Luton and Stansted.

In fact what is proposed, amongst other things, is a massive expansion of Luton and Stansted Airports. You might think that this is of no great consequence to Berkhamsted, and at the moment the effect of the operations at Luton on the town is not excessive. But watch this space — or rather, listen to this silence.

The County Council has been holding public meetings across the county for some months to inform people of

the horrific consequences of the proposals for the county of the massive expansion of Luton and Stansted Airports. For example, it will require an extra lane on the M25 and the M1; there are expected to be an extra 56 million car movements a year across the county as people travel to and from the airports. At Harpenden which is already badly affected by Luton the hall was packed out for the meeting and 200 people had to be turned away. On the other hand in Berkhamsted the turn-out was the lowest of all the public meetings that had been organised — barely 100 people turned out. But those that did attend were articulate in their opposition.

During the 1980's and early 1990's there was a policy of "predict and provide" for road building. This meant a large number of roads, bypasses and motorway extensions were built across the country. But all this did not eliminate road congestion — it merely spread it over bigger areas of tarmac. The same policy is now being applied to airport development. People fly more now because it is very cheap. Somebody told me that he flew to Copenhagen for a house warming party. I know of a group of colleagues who flew to Florence for a team meeting. It cannot be an economic imperative that we provide airports for this kind of activity. ❖

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## The Man for All Seasons

Thomas More was born in London, lived and worked in London and died in London. More's friend the Dutch scholar Erasmus of Rotterdam described More *as a man of all hours* (omnium horarum) a phrase less resonant than its later rendering *a man for all seasons*. The phrase was presumably intended to convey something of the range of More's interests. However it fails to do justice to the fact that More's career, and in particular the dilemma that led to his martyrdom, belong essentially to that point in history when Catholic, mediaeval Europe was giving way to the more fragmented society of competing religions and of nation states, headed by purposeful dynasties like the Tudors; and when the preoccupations of the mediaeval scholastics were being replaced by the broader and more generous spirit of humanism.

### The Cockney

Thomas More was born on 7th February 1478 in Milk Street, off Cheapside, equidistant from the present sites of the Guildhall, St Paul's and the Bank of England: in every sense in the heart of the City of London. The church of St Mary le Bow is a few yards from the site of More's birthplace where, as a child, he would have heard the Great Bell of Bow tolling the curfew which signalled the closing of the City gates. More thus qualifies as a true cockney. His father, John More, was a

## "A MAN OF ALL HOURS" Sir Thomas More

Stephen Halliday

tells his story.

This month: the early years

"Good woman, have patience a little while, for the king is good unto me and even within this half hour he will discharge me of all my business and help thee himself" (Sir Thomas More, on the scaffold, 6th July, 1535)

lawyer of Lincoln's Inn who later, as Sir John, became a judge of King's Bench.

Thomas More was educated as well as bred in the heart of the City of London. From the age of seven he attended St Anthony's school, which was one of five *grammar* schools in London, so called because they taught Latin grammar to their pupils who were expected to converse in the language during the time they were at

school. Mediaeval Latin was the lingua franca of mediaeval Europe, spoken by diplomats, lawyers and other educated people, rather as English is now. Besides Latin, much of the twelve-hour school day was devoted to the art of rhetoric and on the eve of Saint Bartholomew's day, 24th August, pupils from the London grammar schools would gather at the churchyard of St Bartholomew, Smithfield, to engage in debates: good training for a future lawyer.

### The Page

In 1490, aged twelve, Thomas More entered as a page the household of John Morton, Archbishop of Canterbury, later Cardinal and from 1485 Henry VII's chief minister. Morton's household at Lambeth Palace, which Thomas now entered, was the centre from which the king's affairs were administered with the aid of *Morton's Fork*: a notorious device for tax gathering which enabled the archbishop to argue that ostentatious displays of wealth by the nobility was evidence of their ability to pay taxes; while parsimony indicated that they must have saved money which they could lend to the king.

After two years in the archbishop's household Thomas left London for Canterbury College, Oxford, later incorporated in Christ Church by Henry VIII. Thomas remained at Oxford for only two years, the longest period he ever spent away from London. He left in 1494 without taking a degree and entered New Inn, an Inn of Court connected to the Middle Temple and situated in the vicinity of what later became the Aldwych. In February 1496, shortly after his eighteenth birthday, he entered Lincoln's inn of which his father was already a member.

### **The Lawyer**

At this point in his education Thomas More, as one of the *Apprenticii*, (pupils) would have spent his mornings listening to pleas entered by barristers at the law courts in Westminster Hall and would have passed the afternoons and evenings debating the cases he had heard with his fellow pupils. After about two years he was called to the bar and could then practice in the lower courts. According to the biography written by his son in law, William Roper, More lodged at the Charterhouse, near Smithfield during his pupillage, following many of the routines of this most austere of monastic vocations with its vegetarian diet, silence and confinement. It was probably at this time that More began his lifelong habit of wearing a hair shirt. He may have been testing (and finding wanting) his vocation for the monastic life amongst the monks who were to meet their deaths at Tyburn, days before More met his on Tower Hill.

In the years that followed, More followed the normal course of a successful lawyer, becoming a *bencher*, or member of the governing body of Lincoln's Inn in 1509.

More enjoyed the company of many distinguished contemporaries at Lincoln's

Inn. One was John Colet, More's senior by about ten years, later Dean of St Paul's and campaigner for reform in the church. He is remembered as the founder of St Paul's School, for which More helped to devise the curriculum. Another celebrated contemporary was encountered at the home of Lord Mountjoy in Greenwich. This was Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536) whom More thus met for the first time in the summer of 1499. During their stay at Mountjoy's home the two scholars walked together to nearby Eltham Palace where for the first time More encountered Henry VII's younger son, then aged eight. Four years later, on the death of his brother Arthur, the young prince Henry became heir to his father's throne to which he succeeded in 1509.

### **The Humanist**

More's friendship with Erasmus, which lasted for the rest of his life, drew him to the centre of European humanism as represented by the great Dutch scholar. The humanists like Erasmus, More and Colet placed just as much emphasis on the reconciliation of classical philosophy with Christian doctrine but also held that certain human values such as justice, knowledge and human welfare were of value in themselves and that God had placed educated men in the world precisely to further them. To these ends they recognised that there were weaknesses and abuses in the Catholic church as it existed at that time and they worked to reform them from within the body of the church rather than to destroy it as more radical spirits like Luther did. These are the qualities which, more than any others, mark Thomas More as a man of the Renaissance rather than the mediaeval world. He wrote almost three hundred short Latin poems which betray a scurrilous wit as well as a love of classical language.



In trying to put together a picture of Chris and the many facets of his character, I'm finding it hard to do him justice.

Chris would be the first to laugh if I started singing his praises after all the insults and teasing that we've exchanged over the 20 odd years of our friendship, but the overriding image I have of him is of an extremely loyal friend with a tremendous sense of fun.

He was always willing to join in anything or try new things: a dip in the Grand Union Canal, skiing trips, cycle rides for which in his own words he was a *finely honed athlete* after his training diet of muffins, a sledging trip to Germany, which he extended in hospital after breaking his ankle. His was a full, active and eventful life. My family and friends and I have spent great holidays with him. Being such a hard worker, he always joked about bringing his fax machine and laptop with him on holiday, but thankfully he was able to relax eventually and be the life and soul of the party.

Chris had an irrepressible sense of humour, was sharp, witty and playful. He had his own special bank of stock phrases for all occasions, including some dubious French and German ones, which Rowena had numbered for him to save effort. Number one for the relaxing moment *This is the life* and number three for after meals: "I've had an elegant sufficiency", a phrase which despite two years of German classes and consultations with his German friends,

## Chris Smalley

A tribute by **Liz Mitchell**  
given at his funeral in  
St Peters' Church  
on 24 October, 2002

is still untranslatable. And he always had to have the last word. Well today, Chris, I think you'll find it's my turn.

His loyalty to his family and friends was amazing. He always spoke with

affection and pride of his late parents, his sister Jill and her family in America. He was helpful and kind towards his friends and always had time for them, whatever it involved. Children adored his playfulness. He was a kind godfather to his two nephews Jack and Josh and to my daughter Rosie. He was given all sorts of nicknames by the children, but he took them all in good humour and they loved him for it. He introduced Rosie to her first beer and she almost drank it, but Chris was still a bit too quick for her when she was two.

And what a tease, what a wind-up merchant! On one holiday Chris and Rowena went off on their own by car to Gretna Green. Of course we all wondered, but Chris insisted that they drove straight through at 100 mph. Anyway I'm glad to say that they waited until they got back to St. Peters before they got married and we were able to share their joy on 19th September. What a wonderful day that was and how happy and proud Chris was.

So Chris, loyal, loving friend, polyglot, bon viveur, tease, man of integrity, man of fun, we'll all miss you in our different ways, but our lives are richer for having known you. ❖



## Calling all Journalists !

Do you have a contribution for the Review? Our subject areas are diverse - from church matters to the secular, serious and light-hearted. Don't wait for someone else to write about your pet subject! Photographs and drawings are always welcome, both for inside the magazine and for the cover. We can handle contributions in many formats: paper (typed, double spaced if possible but handwritten not refused) and word processor disks (most common PC formats). If you're 'online' then you can email copy to us at [woodies@chyverton3.freemove.co.uk](mailto:woodies@chyverton3.freemove.co.uk)



Liz has well encapsulated for us so much of Chris within those few words. As she said work was a huge part of Chris' life - enormous amounts of time and energy have gone into the setting up and developing of what was micro development Techniques some 16 years ago or more and it's evolution into what is now Cavendish. There was a strong workaholic streak to Chris - but away from work he never made us non-computer people aware of how much time he spent at it. In all his working relationships Chris showed a sincere, honest and genuine care for people - he always had a positive outlook and the esteem in which clients and colleagues hold him shows what a pleasure he was to work with and for.

And Chris's commitment to his Christian faith and its working out in this parish community was enormous - the Petertide Fair, the PCC, recently as Churchwarden, the Buildings Committee, social events and of course his mistress, our monthly magazine - *The Review* - every second weekend of the month was sacred for the putting together of the Review - even a trip to Holland couldn't happen then - he thoroughly enjoyed the creative outlet that this gave him - many a photograph was his - and some of these were taken at considerable expense of time and effort on his and others part. The computerisation of the parish office, and my own, is entirely down to Chris - and he's had to work hard for several Sunday lunches sorting out my computer problems. But most important was that warm friendly welcoming smile that he had for everyone that showed that he knew that they, like him, are a child of God.

And I mustn't forget to say that on top of all of this Chris was a very good neighbour

## Chris Smalley RIP 24 October 2002

### An address by Fr Mark Bonney at his funeral

to those around him in Osmington Place - as handyman when needed, cleaner of gutters, neighbourhood involvement. When the lady in the Post Office says he'll be missed she's surely

understating matters not just for herself but for all of us.

All this and so very much more are the things that we come to celebrate and give thanks for in the life of Chris. And Rowena and Gill want us to celebrate and rejoice in all the love and fun and goodness that we've received through this lovely, gentle, honest and considerate man.

But we can't just leave it there because that celebration and rejoicing is in the context of inexplicable, unutterable anguish and grief. No pious platitudes will ease the anger, hurt and crying that we all feel in different ways. There are times when the word **God** complicates rather than eases things - and I feel as helpless as the next person in the face of this kind of tragedy - I cry out with others the same questions about prayer and the rest. We have to face honestly and struggle with all of this - and there aren't any easy answers. The Christian faith which I cling to - sometimes it seems with my finger tips - but which I cling to nevertheless, sustains me because of three things: firstly because the God of the Christian faith isn't a God out there looking in and seemingly doing nothing, but about a God with us and involved with us - now that certainly limits what he can do - but he's with us nevertheless.

Secondly - the accounts of the death of Jesus have him crying *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me* - we're not alone in that sense of abandonment - and if Jesus can cry out in anguish about it all then so can we →



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And thirdly - the heart of the Christian faith is that in the Cross and all it's pain and misery God wasn't absent, but very present - and the resurrection of Christ and his continued presence with us in the strength of the Holy Spirit remains our promise, our hope and our joy.

I repeat some verses of St Paul that I used in my sermon here on Sunday. I'm convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord."

And it's in that hope that we can celebrate Chris's life - in the hope and

faith that was his too. And in that faith and hope we do the most important thing today and in the days and months to come which is to pray - for Rowena, for Jill and those closest to Chris.

Yes - for each other, yes - but very importantly also for Chris. Prayer isn't about changing God's mind, not about getting things necessarily - but about being with God - and when we pray for Chris we hold him in love, the love that death hasn't taken away. We hold him in love before God, together with all the turmoil of our hearts and minds and we pray for the coming together of all things in Christ which is what we were created for. Created by love, for love to love.



## THE CHRISTMAS TREE



In 1846, one day  
Prince Albert said, in his German way -  
Victoria Dear, this year, you'll see,  
*ve* are going to *haf* a Christmas Tree.  
"A Christmas - WHAT?" Victoria cried  
"A Fir Tree" Albert said, "inside  
Set in a pot within these *valls*  
Hung with tinsel and pretty glass balls,  
*Vith* candles *ve* can set alight  
To cheer a drab December night.  
'Twill remind us of that German Saint -  
who feeling tired, and rather faint  
Lay down upon the forest floor  
Where 'neath a fir tree

Christ he saw.

So Boniface blessed its dark green boughs  
And later took it to his house."  
Victoria cried "A charming tale!"  
And so a fir was set in pail  
And decorated with great joy  
By every Royal girl and boy  
(And there were plenty, quite a throng,  
I don't suppose it took them long.)  
So every Christmas, ever since,  
Along with puddings and pies of mince  
A Fir Tree decorated stands  
In myriad homes in many lands.  
Which is why when Christmas is no more  
And Spring comes creeping round the door  
We find its needles on the floor -  
And BLESS Dear Albert as we sweep  
The blasted prickles in a heap!

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My younger daughter and her husband, having moved to **Newcastle** earlier this year, I was delighted when I was able to pay them a second visit. This is a part of the UK which is unknown to me and I have found it absolutely fascinating. Away from the towns the roads are amazingly quiet, the countryside awe inspiring, the people very friendly - and things are cheaper up there! I was also very lucky with the weather. It rained only once and that for a very short time. This was in September.

I was able to visit **Vindolanda** where the Romans arrived 40 years before Hadrian began to build his wall. It was wonderful to be able to see scraps of letters written by the soldiers saying, "Please send me socks and underpants". Yes it really did. Shoes had been found, combs, beautiful jewellery, pieces of cloth and so on.

It was quite incredible. The museum where these finds are displayed could obviously show only a fraction of what has been dug up. Excavating is going on all the time and literally thousands of things have been found. We were delighted to be able to buy a welcome *cuppa* in the museum. The foundation stones of buildings where the soldiers had lived could be seen, together with the residence of the officer in charge. There was one really large area where no doubt the said officer would have entertained visiting dignitaries. One could also see the under-floor heating system and bathing area - and the thought came to me that it was well into the 20th century before most of us had central heating!

Another day we visited **Morpeth**, a most interesting little town, and the Northumberland Pipe Museum. Using

## LOOK NORTH

**Muriel Lander** extols the virtues of a part of the country which she urges you to visit



headphones as we walked around, we were able to have a running commentary and hear the pipes which were most tuneful, at least to my ears. We visited **Craster by the sea** and could see in the distance the castle in which John O'Gaunt lived.

We visited **Blanchland Abbey** or, and I quote "All that remains Of the cruciform church of a

Premonstratensian Abbey, founded by the *white* monks about 1165. In 1753 the choir and North transept were restored to form a Parish Church for the people of **Blanchland**." It is still large and beautiful and the Chapel of St Gabriel was formed in 1953 to provide a place of worship in the winter months - the only part of the church with any heating. I think I'm right in saying that the incumbent has 5 or 6 parishes in his care. My daughter, her husband and I had an excellent lunch at the Lord Crewe Arms Hotel which was originally the abbot's lodgings.

(TF: Sarah and I stayed at the Lord Crewe over 10 years ago on our honeymoon!)

During my stay we were able to visit Sunderland and visit a very fine museum there. We had hoped to visit the Winter Gardens but unfortunately this was closed for necessary repairs to the structure. My daughter and I went in a minibus with members of a society which she has joined since moving to Newcastle and I discovered that Sunderland were playing Newcastle that day. On our journey, police cars were zooming along the road to Newcastle to help keep law and order - all



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exciting stuff. Later in the day we didn't like to ask the natives if they knew the final score - but as there were no jubilant faces as we walked around, we felt pretty sure of the outcome. And weren't we delighted when we returned home and found that Newcastle had won!

I'm sure many of you who read this article have visited over the years or may indeed have been born in the North East. If so, you will know what I am talking about. For the sad thing is that many who haven't, think that north of Watford, not to mention the Watford Gap, civilisation stops. That, of course, is their loss.

I must just mention one part of the museum in Sunderland which I found most interesting, and that deals with the local industry. How careful MP's should be when making statements about *values*. I remember the expression being used about *Victorian values* and thinking that the person who said it didn't know their Dickens or their history. To see young children working down the mines - (and I remember reading about women also being used to pull along trucks with ropes round their waists) - certainly puts things into perspective for me.

Yes, **Newcastle** is a long way from Berkhamsted I know, so here's to my next visit. ❖

## Is Democracy Dying? asks Stanley Sharpe

When the turn-out for voting today is compared with the turn-out years ago, there can be no doubt. It is said with some justification, that it is all to do with tabloid journalism which reveals that politicians have human failings; some more than others!

Would Gladstone have fallen if the paparazzi had been digging with their dirty hands to uncover his *interest* in fallen women? Or would he have stuck to his guns under opposition fire as he did in 1886 over Irish home rule? "I will tell them (the opposition) of my own intention to keep my own council, and I will venture to recommend them, as an old Parliamentary hand, to do the same". Or is it because of political spin? Is there a lack of straight talking? Gladstone again: "All the world over, I back the masses against the classes" and "We are part of the community of Europe and we must do our duty as such".

Whatever the reason the decline of democracy has got to be halted before its death heralds dictatorship. Look at what has been happening in Europe: the success of the extreme right in Austria, and Le Pen's near victory in France show what happens when electors don't bother.

What can we - you and I - do about it? The obvious answer is to set a good example at every opportunity. After all, this nation is used to voting. So-called reality TV shows such as *BB3* or *Celebrity Big Brother* or *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here* persuade millions of us to vote spending our own money on phone calls e-mails and text messages. Perhaps that is the answer: to arrange for the leaders of all political parties to participate in one mammoth TV show and then count the votes which would come pouring in.

This is virtually what is happening in the United States, where candidates (mostly millionaires) are biting into their bank accounts. One candidate for the governorship of New York State has spent 35 million pounds to win votes in prime time. It is sad that such action has to be taken to encourage the population to put a cross on a piece of paper, particularly when our forebears fought so hard to get universal suffrage. Women got the right to vote only 80 years ago.

Make a New Year's resolution: "I will exercise my democratic right to vote at the earliest opportunity". Next year there are elections for town and borough council seats.  
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Advent comes but once a year, and everybody grumbles. Purists refuse to sing Christmas Carols during the penitential season, others bewail the unadorned state of the church, while still others complain that they have more pressing things to do than sit around and pray in the run up to Christmas.

A penitential season should not be viewed as either a hardship or an imposition; rather, it should be seen as a positive opportunity to revisit our standing with God, to gain a clearer picture of how we are and who we are in relation to our almighty and holy God. That is why we are holding Compline during Advent at St Mary's - not as something extra to burden ourselves, but as a holy space in which to meet God in prayer and silence, in penitence and confession and to allow him to reassert his

Lordship over our life as a parish and as individuals.

Compline is an ancient monastic service, a time of worship for late in the evening, when all the work is done. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the day that has passed, to give thanks for God's presence during it and to pray for his protection through the night. It is a time when the all-embracing comfort of God is wrapped around us like a blanket, when fears are put into the context of God's all-powerful hand, and when rest is sought in the peace that Christ alone can bring. If liturgy were a drink, then Compline is a steaming mug of cocoa before bed.

Three Thursday evenings and a Monday night - 5th, 12th, 19th, 23rd - is that too much to ask? It has nothing to do with preparing for Christmas, and everything to do with spending quality time with God in a sacred space. Come and join us! ❖



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## TERRY CHARLSTON

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We have been most fortunate and privileged at St Peter's Church to have had Terry Charlston as our organist over the past three and a half years. During his time with us he has been a most caring *curator* of the Peter Collins instrument and there cannot be anyone in our congregation who has not been aware of his most outstanding musical gifts. His playing has elicited plaudits even from those who may not be familiar with, or sympathetic to, 20<sup>th</sup> century organ music of the French School! Indeed spontaneous and effusive applause has broken out at the end of many a closing voluntary. Personally, I have found his playing of Bach, Buxtehude and Messiaen, amongst many other composers, most instructive and scholarly, and object lessons in style and technique as well as musicality. It is hardly surprising that Terry is in demand as a performer throughout the world sometimes in his role as a solo harpsichordist and organist and other times as a member of London Baroque, or in making solo CD recordings for the Naxos and Deux Elles labels.

His schedule can be very demanding — with performing and travelling worldwide, and teaching at the Royal Academy of Music and elsewhere — as well as accompanying so superbly our worship at St Peter's. He has been a sheer delight to work with. It is therefore all the more sad for us that Terry has decided to relinquish his post at St Peter's to take on a similar position at the RC Church in his home town of Harpenden. We shall miss him, as well as his wife Margaret and his children Ben and Helen, who have sometimes *assisted* Terry at the organ console. With reluctance we bid Terry farewell at the end of November. But I feel sure we shall be seeing him again from time to time at St Peter's. *Adrian Davis*

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## CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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The association's members are invited to the annual Christmas Celebration, music and carols at 8pm on Saturday 7 December in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall.

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## VICTORIA SCHOOL

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We regret that the date for the Victoria School Christmas Fair was mistakenly advertised in last month's Review as the 13 November (a Wednesday). It was, of course, held on Saturday 30 November. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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## CHRISTIAN AID

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We remind you that the annual fair in support of Christian Aid will be held in the Court House on Saturday, 14 December from 9am to 12 noon. There will be a cake stall, gifts, books, a tombola and a raffle. Help us fight trade injustice and poverty world wide.

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## TEMPT YOUR TASTEBUDS AT OXFAM

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No time to make a Christmas cake? Stuck for a gift for Auntie Flo? The answer may lie in the new range of Oxfam foods for Christmas. Some of the items are ideal for gifts, some such as candy canes are perfect for stocking fillers and there are ideas for Christmas parties too. Seasonal foods for adults and children make excellent presents and help to feed other families too as the proceeds fund Oxfam's work around the world. Many lines are organic and of course the staples of tea and coffee are not forgotten. So get into the Christmas spirit early and shop at Oxfam.

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## CHRISTINGLE: OUR CHANCE TO BRING A CHILD IN FROM THE COLD

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For many parishes and families across the country, the Christingle celebration is the highlight of the year. We will have our CHRISTINGLE service on SUNDAY 15 December at 4.00pm in All Saints' Church. We will be supporting the work of the Children's Society. Christmas is a time when children are surrounded by their families,

who love them and keep them safe and warm at home. Yet it's also a time when many children feel afraid to go to school because they know they are going to be bullied. Research has shown that bullying affects one in three children and its effects can be lasting and serious.

By joining our Christingle celebrations this year you can help shine a light into the darkness of these children's lives. Your prayers and support will help the vital work the Society's projects are doing to prevent bullying and unnecessary exclusions from our schools. Your support can make a real difference. One positive way will be to come to the Christingle service and make a donation then. Alternatively, you can make a donation in an envelope (labelled Children's Society Christingle Donation) during the first two weeks of Advent and hand it to one of the Ministers, Wardens or Stewards at the church by 15 December.

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone to make a difference to the lives of vulnerable children at this special time of year.

## **BERKHAMSTED SHOPMOBILITY**

The Berkhamsted Shopmobility Scheme, which operates from the rear of the Civic Centre, started in November 2000 and operated between Monday and Friday from 10am to 4pm. After a year it was apparent that the usage did not warrant the scheme being open all week. It was agreed that in order to retain the scheme it should operate on a Thursday and be bookable through the Hemel Hempstead Shopmobility, telephone number 259259. The scheme runs on a pre-book basis only.

Over the last year the scheme has been monitored and unfortunately there is a low usage, on average only one user a week has been using the scheme.

An original survey carried out by the Berkhamsted Access Committee indicated that 20 people would be willing to use the scheme,

however these numbers have not come to fruition.

In these times of budget cuts such a scheme, because of its infrequent use, may be seen as a way of saving money and may cease to exist. If people wish to maintain a Shopmobility Scheme for Berkhamsted it is imperative that people start to use the scooters that are provided. There are six Rascal scooters available and I request that people should start to use the scheme by booking with Shopmobility on the Tuesday for use on Thursday. Failure to take advantage of this resource may lead to it being withdrawn by the Borough Council.

## **PCC REPORT**

The October Meeting of the PCC discussed a wide range of issues.

The Honorary Treasurer reported on the half-year figures and presented a preliminary budget for 2003. He had also prepared a paper giving details of the charities supported by the Parish, a copy of which would be available in both Churches. The Stewardship Committee had prepared a letter thanking people involved in the Stewardship Scheme for their support and urging a review of their financial commitment.

Discussion followed on the Churches' responsibility under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and a working party is being set up to look into this matter.

Two Resolutions were approved to apply for Faculties to cover repairs and remedial work to the interior of St Peter's Church, and for safety improvements to the Tower.

There will shortly be vacancies for Organists in both Churches and an advertisement is being prepared for the post at St Peter's.

Finally, the Council were asked to give some thought to the possible causes for the 2003 Petertide Fair for discussion at the next meeting.

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## THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS, BERKHAMSTED

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- Saturday 30th November** - Annual Hospice Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted between 9:30am and 2.30pm.
- Sunday 8th December** - The Mayor of Dacorum is holding two Civic Carol Services at 3pm and 6pm at Dacorum College, Hemel Hempstead
- Sunday 8th December** - The annual Light up a Life ceremony will take place at the Hospice at 4.30pm
- Monday 16th December** - the Hospice is holding a Carol Concert at The Sacred Heart Church in Berkhamsted at 8pm. Entry free.
- Sunday 22nd December** - The Mayor of Dacorum is hosting a Christmas Appeal Concert (proceeds in aid of hospice) at the Boxmoor Playhouse. 7. 15pm for 7.30pm. "Popular songs, Showstoppers and Christmas Carols" by Hemel Hempstead Theatre Company and the Hemel Hempstead Band. Tickets £5

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### CHRISTOPHER GREEN

At an extraordinary general meeting of parishioners on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>, Christopher Green was elected as church warden for St Peters' Church. We wish Mr Green well in his new office.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Friends of Ashridge invite you to join them at the visitor centre, Monument Drive on Saturday 7 December from 10:30am to 12:30pm for Christmas cheer. There will be a cake stall, a plant stall, bric-a-brac, a book stall and a traditional raffle. The National Trust shop will be open. Entrance costs £1.50, which includes coffee and a mince pie.

### CHRISTMAS WALK

Walk off some of that Christmas excess by joining the traditional Christmas walk on Saturday 28 December. Meet at the Monument Green at 10am, and after due exercise return to the visitor centre for mulled wine and a mince pie. Tickets cost £4 (Friends of Ashridge £3). Please book by contacting **Steve Powell**, 17 Redwood Glade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3JT (tel: 01525 384139).

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 5:00pm EP(AS)	
SATURDAY	St Peter's	8:45am	MP(AS) (except 3rd Sat in month)		5:00pm EP	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris (863780)					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm in the Court House. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195, Ruth Treves-Brown (863268) or June Haile (873087)					
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	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)					
Tue	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or Short service as announced. Kate Spall (873470)					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. Non-members always welcome. Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)					
Tue	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:15-3:00pm for informal Bible study. Young children welcome. Contact: Kate Semmens (866531) HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm at 22,Upper Hall Park for bible study. Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely (875504)					
4 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm at 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)					
Wed	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)					
Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Jimmy Young (876736)					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: 8:00pm as announced. Contact Guy Dawkins (874108)					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris (865785)					
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. New members and visitors always welcome. Contact: Vera Pullen (862196)					
Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Contact Linda Bisset (862115)					
Thu	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) (863804)					
Fri	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fri in St P (10am) Nicole Addy-Varndell (828541)					
Fri	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm (& Tues 5:15-6:15pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis (864722) or Jean Wild (866859)					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
Sun	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Jimmy Young (876736)					

# 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 (864194).

## December 2002/ January 2003

### DECEMBER

1	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
2	8.00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
3	8.15pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints'</i>
6	10.00am	Little Fishes service	<i>St Peter's</i>
8	6.00pm	Taizé style evening worship	<i>St Peter's</i>
	7.30pm	Berkhamsted Choral Society concert	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	10.15am	Chuckles Service - <i>Christmas Story</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
15	4.00pm	Joint Christingle Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
15	6.30pm	The Bishop of St Albans celebrates 125 years of the Diocese: Deanery celebration	<i>St Peter's</i>
21	8.00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Northchurch Baptist Church</i>
22	9.15am	Family service with Sunday School Nativity	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist with Sunday School Nativity	<i>St Peter's</i>
	6.30pm	Christmas Carol Service at (No Evensong <i>St Peter's</i> )	<i>All Saints'</i>
23	7.30pm	Chiltern Chamber Choir - <i>Monteverdi Vespers</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
24	4.00pm	Children's Carols, Procession & Blessing of the Crib	<i>St Peter's and All Saints</i>
	11.30pm	Procession to the Crib & Midnight Mass of Christmas	<i>St Peter's</i>
25	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	9.15am	Family Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
	9.30am	Procession of gifts to the Crib & Sung Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
	11.30am	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>St Peter's</i>

### JANUARY 2003

6	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Epiphany	<i>St Peter's</i>
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# reviewregisters

### Baptisms (St Peter's)

20 October	James William Saller, Emily Jane Hillier Alderson
27 October	Archie Picco Barnes, Jasmine Willow Salterpicco, Charlotte Louise Morris
1 November	Thomas Michael Lewis-Evans

### Weddings (St Peter's)

26 October	David Martin Davies and Abigail Sarah Webber
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### Funerals

4 October	Claude Agate	Chilterns Crematorium
24 October	Christopher John Smalley	St Peter's Church (Chilterns)
24 October	Jack Rogers' Winter	St Peter's Church (burial at Kingshill Cemetery)

Young people

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## CONTACT LIST

Names and local telephone numbers for jobs, rotas and information (for clergy, parish officers, music, bells and banns etc. see back page). Parish Office in the Court House (878227) is usually open 9:30am-5:30pm Tues/Wed, 9:30-12noon Friday (answering machine other times).

	St Peter's	All Saints'
Altar service	Keith Middleditch (862423)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Chalice rota	Jean Green (863241)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Sunday school	Angela Dunsford (875726)	Kathy Beaumont (384453)
Church maintenance	Christopher Green (863241)	Martin Judd (865691)
Church cleaning	Jean Green (878227)	Cathline Blundell (862897)
Flower arrangements	Sarah Dawson (871614)	Jayne Harris (873974)
Sunday morning coffee	Rene Dunford (862420)	Sylvia Banks (871195)
Service recordings	Alan Conway (865798)	Peter McMunn (874894)
Intercessions	Rev. Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	Ron Fisher (865846)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Electoral Roll	Judith Limbert (873626)	Pat Hearne (871270)
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	Felicity White (866223)
Sidesmen	Christopher Green (863241)	Peter McMunn (874894)
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	Christine Dipper (873006)
Hospice contact	Rachael Anderson (871997)	Jean Merrett (866263)
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## Contacts

The Revd Mark Bonney, The Rectory, Rectory Lane (864194) (day off Friday pm / Sat am)  
 The Revd Martin Wright, All Saints House, Shrublands Road (866161) (day off Monday)  
 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road (864485)  
 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road (870981)  
 Mrs Christina Billington (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise (385566)  
 Miss Marjorie Bowden (Reader), 16 Broadwater (871283)  
 Mrs Joan Cook (Reader), The Gardeners Arms, Castle Street (866278)  
 John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway (874993)  
 Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road (870981)  
 Parish Administration: Mrs Jean Green, The Parish Office, The Court House (878227)  
 Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway (871598)  
 Churchwardens: Christopher Green, 17 Cowper Road (863241)  
 John Malcolm, Landswood, Shootersway (874993)

**Parochial Church Council:** Secretary: Mrs Pat Hunt, 11 The Firs, Wigginton (822607)  
 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way (863559)

## St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis (864722) Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild (866859)  
 Organist: Terry Charlston (01582 462024)

**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) Holy Communion  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Wednesday 7:30am  
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Thursday 11.00am  
 (in the Court House) followed Friday 9.15am  
 by coffee in the Court House. Morning Prayer: M-F7:30am, W7:00am  
 11.30am Eucharist (1st Sunday in month) 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:** Father Mark Bonney (864194)  
**Bellringers (St Peter's):** Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road (863804)

## All Saints'

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn (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)  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – United Anglican/Methodist 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 (866324)



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