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Welcome to the April 2003 issue of the Berkhamsted Review.

Our theme this month is the joyful mystery of Easter. We give full details of late Lenten, Holy Week and Eastertide events and services. **Fr Martin Wright** and **Rev Peter Hart** examine aspects of the meaning of Easter. They urge you to take part in our celebrations because "*He is risen*".

We have details of several other events specific to this season. Among these we must mention the flower festival in aid of the Hospice of St Francis in St Peters church on 25, 26 and 27 April and the annual performance of madrigals early on the morning of 1 May.

One unexpected consequence of Easter falling in the middle of April is that the number of working days available for the creation of our May issue is rather reduced. To get round this, your editors are asking all contributors, please, to let us have your copy as early as possible. Please give us your articles before the normal copy date of **4 April** if you possibly can. We should be very grateful if you could do this. This month the deadline of **4 April** really does mean it! Thank you. Have a good read

David Woodward

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***The Way:
Fr Martin Wright
ponders the
meaning of
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invites you to
take part in our
celebration***

review leader

Christianity is a way of living, not just a faith. To early Christians, before it was known as anything else, their movement was known simply as, ***The Way***. That way consisted of following where Christ would lead, following the way of love. Yet even the closest of Jesus' disciples drew back as the way came near

to the cross. They must have been aware of the developing conflict.

At times it must have seemed that Jesus was deliberately provoking a confrontation with the Pharisees and the Temple authorities. But when at last they came to arrest him, Jesus did not resist or retaliate. There were those of his followers who were prepared to draw the sword, but their leader would have none of that. Not that it was Jesus' will to avoid the battle - for this was indeed the Holy War of the ultimate conflict between light and darkness, in which victory would come in God's way, in God's time.

As the Passover crisis approached, hateful thoughts and words crystallised into insults and accusations, and then sharp thorns and nails. It is easy to forgive the disciples for believing that all was lost, and that their pilgrimage had come to a dead end. Their leader and their friend was gone forever - so then was their cause and their inspiration.

As we come to Holy Week it might help us along ***The Way*** to read a meditation about the cross which I discovered *surfin' the net*.

The horizontal - a reminder

*that like Christ I am on a pilgrim journey...
that like Christ I cannot always choose the way...
that like Christ I carry with me a burden I cannot lose...*

The vertical - a reminder

*that God is always there...
that all I do is in the end to give him glory...
that my journey to heaven must be rooted in the ground...
If my life is really a pilgrimage to God,
carrying the weight of myself,
it is sensible to abandon unnecessary trifles so
as not to be encumbered
for I cannot serve God and material things...
to be willing to lay the axe to the root of the tree
and be converted,
for to be perfect is to have changed often...
to accept the company of others, their
consolation and their help,
for on my own I am powerless...
The road is rough and the falls are many.
God draws me towards himself, for his love is
patient...
my baptism has marked me out for him...
my heart knows no rest until it rests in him.*

But on the third day came evidence as clear and as decisive as is available to human experience; evidence which convinced these honest, practical, down-to-earth men and women that their Lord was living still. The way might lead along rugged pathways and through dark valleys. The cross was to come to the followers of Jesus again and again in many different guises, but the strife was over and the battle was done, and death had lost its sting

Easter is the great Christian festival of the joy of the Resurrection. Easter Sunday is the day which gives meaning to all our Sunday worship. I do hope you will be able to come to church to join our celebrations. ❖

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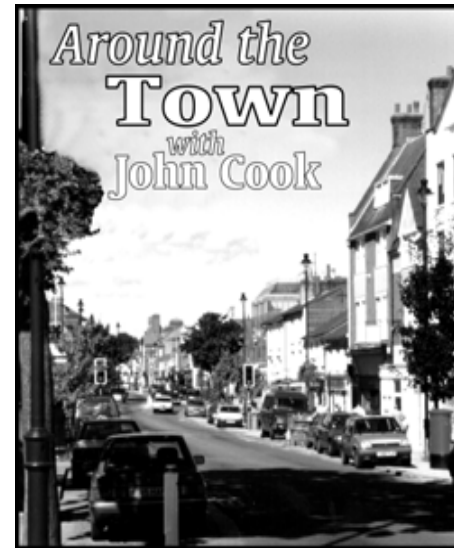


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A Jewel of a Jewellers

Figg's old shop - 173 High Street, opposite the Town Hall - has really hit the headlines, now that it has been firmly established that its innards are over 700 years old, and a grant of £250,000 has been made to help conserve it. There has been coverage in both the local and the national press. "*England's oldest shop*", The Gazette called it, and a day later The Times devoted half a page to it, with articles by two different writers, one of them **Marcus Binney**, the distinguished architectural author and conservationist.

The Times described it in one place as "*the oldest timber-framed shop in England*", and in another as "*Britain's second oldest shop*" (the oldest being the Jews' House in Lincoln, which is built of stone). The chief executive of English Heritage said: "*This is an amazing discovery. It gives an extraordinary insight into how Berkhamsted High Street would have looked in medieval times*".

There was more. A Cambridge lecturer on historic buildings, **Adrian Gibson**, also waxed lyrical, saying it was a superb building and suggesting it could have been a jewellers, being ideally placed, with the castle close by, to sell trinkets to the ruling class. When it was built it would have been really posh and whoever had it had real money. But he went

on to caution against hasty interpretation of what had been found: "*All the idiots in Christendom will now descend on Berkhamsted and say stupid things. We have to work from evidence as it emerges*." Another English Heritage man, **Andrew Derrick**, said its discovery was extraordinarily significant. The shop was built to high standards and was an ambitious building.

And just to think: for all those years Berkhamsted people were buying their aspirins and toothpaste there without any inkling of all the important history hidden above, below and behind the shelves of the little chemist's shop.

Incidentally, if you feel you want to flaunt your loyalty to our Town, you can buy cufflinks etc bearing the Town's coat of arms in full colour from a more recent jeweller's shop - on the opposite side of the road and a bit further along. Philip Kingh's customers are not all drawn from the ruling class, and he deserves our support for the effort he puts in to making his shop an attractive feature of the High Street, with bay trees in pots, flowers, and Union Jacks - and for his Berkhamsted cufflinks.

Our Railway

We are often being reminded of the modernisation that is going on of the railway that runs through Berkhamsted (what these days is misleadingly called the West Coast Main Line), with all the activity along it and disruption to our train service. Space for new sidings and installations has been carved out of the chalkland by the lineside between Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead, every weekend sections of old track are being replaced by new, and we are having all new electrification equipment installed.

In the media there are frequent references to this huge project, particularly to what it is all costing. Various figures have been bandied about - up to £8 billion - to bring the line up to the standard required for the new tilting Virgin trains and modern safety standards.

I have quoted before from a book published in 1847 - soon after the London

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and Birmingham Railway was built - and in it there are details of the line's original cost. The bill for the 4½ miles of the Berkhamsted section was £65,002, working out at £14,445 a mile - a small fraction of what it is now costing to modernise it.

At the same time, work is well under way now in building a new line from the Channel Tunnel to London - the first railway of any length to be constructed in England for a century. This is costing about £50 million a mile, over three thousand times as much as the original London and Birmingham Line. Perhaps this is not a fair comparison as engineering standards and land costs have risen so much, but the price of major new railways these days is just staggering.

Incidentally, I read that **Robert Stephenson**, the engineer for the London and Birmingham Railway was paid the equivalent of £250,000 a year, while Brunel at the age of 27 earned the equivalent of £330,000 when building the Great Western. On big engineering projects these days no single engineer is in sole charge as was the case in Victorian times. If it were so, and the engineer was paid at the same percentage of the construction costs, our man would be on a salary of a good ten million pounds.

Between the Lines

There is so much to do with your spare time these days that it seems a bit of a waste of it just to let your eyes wander aimlessly through the small ads columns in the local papers, particularly if you have no intention of buying anything, but it is difficult to resist. Between the lines there is social history which may be of more interest to future historians in say a century's time than most of what the other pages contain. I have mentioned before the lonely hearts columns written in that special code; and then there are the small ads. For example in a recent Herald Express was this

rather plaintive advertisement:

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And there are all those estate agents pages advertising houses that you can try to identify (at least the Berkhamsted ones), with descriptions in glowing estate agents' jargon, each complete with colour photograph taken from a flattering angle. You can guess that "*offering scope for modernisation*" means that the house is in a pretty desperate state. "*Inspection is strongly recommended*" means that it is not so bad inside as it looks from the photograph. It is particularly interesting when you are familiar with the house and can compare the description to what you really know it to be like.

Turning to the news pages, for the last few months The Gazette has been publishing summaries of cases from the Dacorum and Watford magistrates courts involving local people, and these too are a bit of a social commentary. On an average week some 40 or 50 cases are reported, nearly all of them to do with motoring offences, and usually only three or four of them involve Berkhamsted people.

The occupation of the defendant is no longer given but usually the age is, and the surprising thing is the number of cases in which the age is given as unknown. How is it that so many people cannot even say how old they were? Can anyone offer an explanation? Reading the locals sometimes does seem to raise more questions than it answers. ♦

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A Special Parish Visit by All Saints Men's Group to St. Alban's Abbey experienced unlooked for enlightenment on a gloomy winter's evening. A Special Parish Visit entitled the group to a guide, with a compendious knowledge of the history and architecture of the building, and an intriguingly titled *Education Canon*. His role was to explain the contemporary uses of the worship spaces within the building.

Canon Iain Lane welcomed us to the building and acknowledged at once my own secretly held view that it was "*an architectural mish-mash, and not the prettiest church in Christendom*". However, he went on to explain that current scholarship dates the martyrdom of St Alban to around 250 AD, and that there was likely to have been a church on or near the current location from around twenty-five to fifty years of that date. Certainly there was a church and shrine to the martyr by 429 AD when it was visited by **Bishop Germanus of Auxerre**. However, you view it, it is certainly one of the most ancient places of continuous Christian worship in Britain. And this contributes to a very special atmosphere experienced by many visitors and recorded in the visitors' book, as well as those who work there daily.

Our tour started at the west end of the building from where you can view what is claimed to be the longest nave in Britain. Several styles of architecture are immediately apparent - two types of Gothic arches, one of them, opposed to the surviving Norman arches from the original abbey of 1077, on the side that at one point fell down. As we moved along the nave our guide pointed out the extent to which the walls lean out from the vertical at the west end of the building - two feet, apparently, by Victorian times when they were jacked back in and buttressed.

Of great interest were the Norman pillars which retain substantial traces of the original medieval wall paintings which adorned them before the Reformation, and are among the oldest in the country. These pillars are

ST ALBAN'S SHOULDER

Guy Dawkins describes a Visit by All Saints Church Men's Group to St Albans Abbey

rectilinear rather than round because they are made from Roman tiles culled from Verulamium just down the road, and they proved too hard to cut to the desired curvature. Much of the tower is Roman brick as well, of course.


Canon Lane supplied us with some fascinating and impressive statistics. Thirty two services are held in the cathedral each week. It is a parish church with an electoral role of 1200, five or six hundred of whom attend one of the Sunday services. The Sunday school numbers around sixty. There is a music school, and four choirs of varying ages are sustained; many choristers go on to become professional singers.

The cathedral is deeply committed to ecumenism, and hosts a Roman Catholic mass every Friday, Free Church (Methodist, United Reform and Baptist) services every Wednesday, and a variety of others including Lutheran, Russian Orthodox and Armenian.

After spending some time admiring the tiny but wonderful Perpendicular chapel built to honour the memory of **Abbot Thomas Ramryge** in 1522, we concluded our tour at the recently restored shrine of the martyr. The answer to the simple question "*What is in there?*" was "*Nothing - at the moment*".

There is no written record as to what happened to the saint's bones at the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539. As St Alban's was one of the last abbeys to be dissolved, and as the relics held there were particularly revered, it is likely that they were removed to a place of safety, which could have been the church of St Pantaleon in Cologne, Germany, which was a sister Benedictine foundation, and which itself had relics of St Alban. It is conceivable that the bones venerated at St Pantaleon arrived there, by a circuitous route, having been given to **Bishop Germanus** as a gift in the fifth century.

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As our March meeting would be in Lent, it seemed an appropriate time to have a Seder Meal. The Jews remember the Passover each year with this meal which is rich in symbolism and for us, tells a lot about the roots of Christianity and the Eucharist.

The account in the book of Exodus of the Jews in Egypt, their suffering, slavery and eventual release after plagues and the Passover of the Angel of Death is a very dramatic story and a very important one in the Jewish faith.

This Passover meal takes place in the home and involves the whole family including the children. It is a relaxed social occasion, much enjoyed, with questions and answers, actions and songs to make sure that the children understand their history. It is a wonderful way of bringing religion and worship into the home.

We, of course, have no child members which gives us all the more opportunity to involve everyone!

MOTHERS' UNION

Jenny Wells describes the intention of our Mothers' Union group to partake of a Seder Meal



By the time you read this we shall have met at Kathie Lally's house to gather around a table set out with the Passover symbols. The whole ceremony involves the contrast between bitter and sweet.

We have:-

Bitter Herbs (horseradish): a reminder of the bitterness of slavery

Sweet Herbs (parsley): a symbol of spring, and new life

Salt water: the tears of the slaves

A roasted egg: a symbol of the festival sacrifice in the Temple at Jerusalem

A roasted shank bone (lamb): a reminder of the Pascal Lamb

Matzot wafers: bread baked in haste

A cup of wine for Elijah: the invisible guest for whom a place is always kept at table.

We aim to celebrate with a modest taste of Jewish delicacies instead of a full-scale supper but still this will, I am sure, prove to be an excellent preparation for Holy Week and Easter. ❖

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However, this story has a contemporary twist and relevance. In 2002 the authorities at the now Roman Catholic church of St Pantaleon became aware that they had all the remaining relics attributed to the saint, while the abbey site of his martyrdom had none. So in an ecumenical gesture of friendship they offered a portion of the hallowed bones to the abbey. This gift was accepted, and a shoulder bone of the saint in a silver reliquary was duly presented to the Dean of St Alban's in June of 2002. This will shortly be installed in a secure fashion atop the shrine from which it may have been removed four hundred and fifty years ago.

Our visit ended, appropriately, with compline, the last service of the day for monastic communities.

This was a deeply fascinating insight into the historical significance and contemporary relevance of this most ancient of British Christian sites. It was a great privilege to be in a small group in this vast holy space in the quiet of the evening, and to experience the powerful, numinous pull that countless generations of people have felt since the original foundation on the site some seventeen-and-a-half centuries ago.

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Reaching a decision on the application by The Hospice of St Francis to move from Shrublands Road to a new, more roomy site at Shootersway Lane, to the south of Northchurch, is proving to be a protracted and convoluted process.

Because such a construction would be contrary to the local development plan it is necessary for the borough council to refer the matter to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister if it is minded to grant permission. The decision may then be made by the Secretary of State. In this case a public enquiry would be held. On the other hand, the Deputy Prime Minister's office may take the view that the decision should be made locally and refer it back to the borough council to resolve.

It is now almost a year since the planning application was first submitted to the borough council's planning department but a decision to refer the decision was not made until the Development Control Committee considered the matter for the third time at the beginning of March. It was first considered by the Committee last July. At that time the borough council officers recommended refusal. This recommendation was not accepted by the Committee which asked that time be spent on considering suitable reasons for granting permission.

The next time the application was considered by the Committee (in August last year) it was decided to defer a decision until the site could be surveyed to ensure that there was no contamination left over from the previous uses as a brickwork excavation and subsequent landfill site. If the site were unsuitable for use in this way then it would not be necessary to make a decision which would be against the local Green Belt policy. Such a decision, despite the special circumstances surrounding the Hospice,

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might be an unwelcome precedent for further requests to build in sensitive locations.

The survey report finally appeared last December. It concluded that the use of the land for the Hospice was feasible although it would probably not be suitable for housing. The land could not be classified as "contaminated land" but there is a small amount of gas leaking from underground which the survey engineers considered to be negligible. Because the site is not firmly compacted, being a landfill site, it would be necessary to build on piles drilled down into the chalk bedrock.

Despite this positive report, when the application came before the Development Control Committee for the third time, at the beginning of March, it was again with an officer's recommendation to refuse permission. This recommendation was still based on Green Belt considerations that had already been overruled by previous committee decisions. At the same time reports were beginning to emerge from experts within the Environment Agency that construction on the site might be fraught with difficulties. The piles driven into the chalk to provide the foundations might cause "*pollution pathways*" for poisons to seep into the groundwater. Fears were also expressed that the presence of gas in the ground might be potentially dangerous.

Despite all this last minute confusion, with conflicting expert opinions being bandied back and forth, the Committee decided to refer the decision to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Now there may be a public hearing. If not and if the decision is referred back to the borough then there will be a further round of debate while all the technical issues are resolved. It may be some time yet before the Hospice knows for sure whether or not it will be able to move to Shootersway Lane.



The Lord Chancellor

When papal legate **Campeggio** refused to annul **Henry VIII's** marriage, the first victim of this situation was **Wolsey** who had failed to secure the divorce which **Henry** awaited with growing impatience. On 9th October, 1529, he was indicted on a charge of Praemunire and later arrested for treason. Within four months he was dead. **Thomas More** succeeded him as Lord Chancellor, taking the seals of office within a fortnight of **Wolsey's** original indictment. When Parliament reconvened shortly afterwards, with **More** presiding, he expressed his loyalty to **Henry** in generous terms. **More** may have become a saint but he was at this time a faithful and flattering courtier.

The Scourge of Heretics

The Lord Chancellor presided over the courts of Chancery and Star Chamber and in this capacity **More** quickly gained a reputation for the swiftness, wisdom and probity of his judgements. After his fall there was one attempt to suggest that he had accepted a bribe but it fell at the first hurdle for lack of evidence.

More strengthened his reputation as a scourge of heretics. In 1530 he issued a proclamation which instructed every

"A MAN OF ALL HOURS" Sir Thomas More

Stephen Halliday describes
More's role as Lord Chancellor



officer of the crown, down to the village constable, to seek out heretical works, their authors and readers. The distinguished Tudor historian **Sir Geoffrey Elton** has suggested that **More's** regime was close to being an English equivalent of the Inquisition and suggested that "*More's attempt to save the realm from heresy [was] the sum total of his contribution to government policy during his tenure of office*". **More** himself was certainly foremost in the struggle. He organised a raid on the house of a wealthy merchant called **John Petyt**, close to the site of the later Billingsgate fish market. Another, called **George Constantine**, who was suspected of smuggling heretical books, was arrested and taken to **More's** house in Chelsea for questioning. He identified a renegade Benedictine monk, **Richard Bayfield**, as a trader in banned books. **Bayfield**, under investigation, had repented of his heresy but then resumed it, "*like a dog returning to his vomit*", in **More's** unflattering phrase. **Bayfield** was burned at Smithfield in December 1531. **James Bainham**, a lawyer of the Middle Temple, was interrogated by **More** at Chelsea, later condemned for owning heretical books and followed the others to the stake at Smithfield. This was some distance from the gentle toleration which **More** had advocated in Utopia.

In the spring of 1531, **More** was drawn into a bitter controversy with **William**

Tyndale. Tyndale had written *An Answer unto Sir Thomas More's Dialogue*, **More's** earlier work of 1528, in which Tyndale gave a clear exposition of their opposing views. Tyndale argued that personal faith and prayer were more important than ritual and communal worship; and that the scriptures were more important than the church's interpretation of them. **More** devoted half a million words to refuting **Tyndale's** claims in *The Confutation of Tyndale's Answer*.

The former Lord Chancellor

In June 1530 the king made a final attempt to gain the pope's consent to the annulment of his marriage. **Thomas Cranmer**, who in 1533 became Archbishop of Canterbury, had prepared a treatise which suggested that the king's marriage was invalid. This had been endorsed, by the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, though not without controversy. Fortified with this hard-won document Henry summoned a meeting of nobles and prelates who were persuaded to sign a petition to the pope urging the pontiff to "*declare by your authority what so many learned men proclaim*". More's signature was conspicuous by its absence from this petition which the pope, in any case, ignored. By this time **Thomas Cromwell** (c.1485-1540) was in the king's service and had suggested to Henry that his divorce could easily be achieved if the king simply declared himself to be head of the English church. A series of measures, conceived by Cromwell and encouraged by the king, now began to put pressure on the church. In January 1531 Henry demanded that the church contribute £100,000 towards the costs of his failed suit before Campeggio's legatine court. To this they agreed but they prevaricated in the face of Henry's additional demand that he be recognised as "*sole protector and supreme head of the English Church*

and clergy". The opposition to this demand was led by **John Fisher**, bishop of Rochester, who declared that such a step would be "*to leap out of Peter's ship, to be drowned in the waves of all heresies, sects, schisms and divisions*". From this time the fates of **Thomas More** and **John Fisher** converged. They were to be executed within days of each other. **More** still believed that Henry was seeking an annulment from conscience rather than through lust for **Anne Boleyn**. On 11th July 1531, Henry left Catherine for ever and More prudently declined to receive a letter from the **Emperor Charles V** thanking him for supporting the cause of Charles's aunt, **Queen Catherine**.

In January 1532 Cromwell and Henry applied more pressure in the form of a Bill before Parliament which deprived the pope of certain customary revenues. The matter was controversial and Henry visited the chamber on three occasions to secure its passage. On the third occasion he demanded that those in favour of the measure go to one end of the chamber and those against to the other, where they could be identified. Thus occurred the first Parliamentary Division and thus, also, was secured the passage of the Bill. Cromwell followed this by persuading the lower house to present a *Supplication of the Commons against the Ordinaries* which invited the king to assert his authority over the church and thereby ensure that laymen and clergy received equal treatment in the eyes of the law. Henry invited the Commons to contemplate the oath which prelates took to the pope and observed that, in consequence, "*they be but half our subjects*". On 15th May, the prelates accepted Henry's demands in a document which became known as *The Submission of the Clergy* which effectively recognised Henry as head of the English church. The following day, 16th May 1532, **Thomas More** resigned as Lord Chancellor. ❖

HOSPICE FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Hospice of St Francis is holding a flower festival at St Peter's church, Berkhamsted in order to raise much-needed funds for the building of a new hospice as the present building in Shrublands Road is rapidly running out of space. A new building will provide better facilities for patients, families and staff.

The theme of the festival is *New Beginnings* and we have all experienced plenty of those in our lives with a new job, new school, getting married, a new baby and, quite often, a new home, which is what the hospice is working towards.



The festival will be open on the following days:

Fri 25 Apr - 10am to 6pm Sat 26 Apr - 10am to 6pm Sun 27 Apr - 12noon to 5pm

Admission will be £2 (children free) and refreshments will be available.



Roger Sharp, the Community Appeals Manager, says, "*It promises to be an excellent Festival with almost 50 floral displays provided by many local churches and clubs*"

Everybody is welcome to attend. If anybody would like to consider sponsoring part of the festival please contact Roger Sharp (877621)

Stewards are also needed to supervise the building during the festival. If you are willing to help for an hour or more during the time of the show, please ring Sarah Dawson (871614).

TERRY LIGHTFOOT AND HIS JAZZMEN SET TO RETURN TO WYCOMBE

Following a hugely popular performance at the *Swing into Summertime* concert in the grounds of Wycombe Abbey School last summer, Terry Lightfoot has agreed to do two concerts this summer at High Wycombe, again in aid of The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home.

The concerts will be on Saturday, 5 July in the Lancaster Arts Centre at Wycombe Abbey School, with a matinee performance at 2.30 p.m. and an evening one at 7.30 p.m. Terry Lightfoot and his Jazzmen will be playing a wide variety of popular jazz from their broad *trad* repertoire.

Once again the grounds of the school will be open for people who want to make the most of either event by bringing a picnic and wine to relax around the lake or on the gentle slopes of the upper lawns. The grounds will be open from noon for matinee picnickers and from 5.30 p.m. for evening concert goers.

The organisers are expecting the concerts to be extremely well supported after last year's sell-out event that raised over £25,000 for The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home funds.

Tickets for the event are available at £15.00 each. Further details can be obtained from **Christine Nisbet** on 01494 812458.

The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home is a registered charity that offers specialist palliative nursing care, support and advice for patients with cancer and other life threatening illnesses in their homes. The Hospice at Home also aims to help the relatives and those carers close to the patient during the illness and bereavement period.

The bound volume of parish magazines entitled *Dawn of Day* containing the twelve issues for 1894 is devoid of local references but replete with moralistic tales, theological articles, household hints and curious facts (of which more later). In my last article I wondered how churchgoers obtained details of church events and services, and speculated that there might have been a separate sheet for these. This theory was confirmed when at the end of the volume I discovered twelve single sheets produced by Chipperfield Parish Church, giving this very information for each month of 1894. Presumably St Peter's did much the same thing.

Incidentally, the volume is inscribed "given by Henry Banks, 9 Bull Cottages, Bovingdon, 1974". The name Banks is common in Bovingdon: the phone directory lists four Bankses, but none is a Henry or lives in Bull Cottages. Can any Bovingdon reader shed further light?

Now for some of the curious facts mentioned earlier. I can't vouch for their accuracy, and in the last item I suspect that for the sum quoted a modern pyramid would fit into St Peter's churchyard with room to spare. There's also a recipe which I don't recommend.

Hair darkens some 55 per cent during the first five years of life and a further 33 per cent up to the age of forty-five. This darkening is more marked in males than in females.

PIGS, POSTMEN & RICE PUDDING

Gerry Morrish examines the *Dawn of Day* (the Review's pre-cursor) for the year 1894



The postmen of London walk, together, something like 48,000 miles per day, a distance equal to twice the circumference of the globe.

Boiled rice pudding wash a teacupful of good rice in some water. Scald a pudding-bag that will allow the rice to swell to three times its space when uncooked. Put in the rice and tie so that none will escape. Put into a saucepan of cold water, let it come slowly to the boil, and boil for one hour and a half.

Cleanliness of the skin has a great effect on the assimilation of food. It has been proved that swine which are washed put on a fifth more flesh than those that are unwashed.

Thirteen at a table has been considered unlucky since Judas made the thirteenth at the Last Supper and betrayed his Lord.

Horses, when asleep, always have one ear pointed to the front. Why this is so, no human being can tell, but the probability is that the practice is a relic of the time when they were wild and obliged to be on their guard, even when asleep.

It has been stated by experts that the great Egyptian pyramid could not now be built at a less cost than £29,040,000.



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Dacorum in the National Census

Bill Willett sets out some facts and questions

The National Statistics Office has recently published results from the Spring 2001 census of population. These are easily available on the Internet, with some excellent mapping (www.statistics.gov.uk). Here are some abstracts for the smallest local area available at the moment (Dacorum District) with figures for Hertfordshire and England for context.

Population (000s)	Dacorum	Herts	England
Total	137.8	1034.0	49,138.8
Males	67.8	505.1	23,922.1
Females	70.0	528.9	25,216.7

Age distribution (%)	Dacorum	Herts	England
0-15 years	21.0	20.8	20.1
16-64 years	63.9	64.1	64.0
65 years and over	15.1	15.1	15.9

Why does Dacorum have a 2% bigger population of males than the country as a whole?

Marital status (% over 16)	Dacorum	Herts	England
Single	27.0	28.5	30.2
Married	47.3	47.1	43.5
Remarried	7.8	6.9	7.4
Separated	2.3	2.2	2.4
Divorced	8.1	7.7	8.2
Widowed	7.5	7.6	8.3

Why has Dacorum fewer single and more married people than the country as a whole?

Place of birth (%)	Dacorum	Herts	England
England	89.3	87.7	87.4
Elsewhere in the UK	3.5	3.4	3.3
Elsewhere in the EU	2.5	3.2	3.4
Other countries	4.7	5.7	6.9

Religion (%)	Dacorum	Herts	England
Christian	70.7	70.3	71.7
Eastern (Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh)	2.4	3.4	5.1
Jewish	0.5	1.7	0.5
None	18.4	17.1	14.6
Not given	8.0	7.5	7.7

Why is Dacorum more English and white but less Christian than England as a whole?

Health (% of total population)	Dacorum	Herts	England
Suffering long term illness	9.5	9.5	17.9
Health "not good"	6.4	6.6	9.0
Giving unpaid care (50hrs+ per week)	15.6	16.1	20.5

Why is Dacorum in the top 10% of healthiest districts?



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Hockeridge & Pancake Woods

Bill Frew writes:

I always look forward to reading Around the Town in the Berkhamsted Review and the February issue was as interesting as usual.

As a member of the Royal Forestry Society however I feel that I should point out that it is they, not the Forestry Commission who own the Hockeridge and Pancake Woods.

It was a **Miss Mary Wellesley** who, in the early fifties, bought the woods from the previous commercial owners and rescued them from neglect by replanting them into an amenity for the local community.

She in turn handed the two woods over to the Royal Forestry Society, a society composed mainly of foresters and others concerned with the growing of trees. The Society is based in Tring and owns only three woods, Hockeridge and Pancake being the biggest and most interesting. It is now their policy to operate these woods as a showcase for the work of the Society, combining commercial exploitation of marketable timber with the provision of an amenity for all those who wish to study the wide variety of plantings and the flora and fauna to which they give a home.

Specimens of 52 different trees are planted along the various rides and most are labelled. It was **Miss Wellesley** who planted many of these, including the three different types of Redwood (Sequoias), the Giant, Coastal and Dawn. As was said, if left to grow on, some of these will almost certainly become the tallest trees in the area. There are some very tall Wellingtonias (Giant Sequoias) in gardens in the town and at present these rival those in the Hockeridge Woods but it is unlikely that, as individual specimens, they will continue to do as well as

their cousins growing in company in the more natural conditions of the woods. Incidentally, the so-called Giant Redwood is not the tallest growing redwood, this honour goes to the Coastal Redwood, but it is by far the widest, heaviest and generally "*biggest*". The Dawn Redwood is of interest for many reasons including the fact that it is one of only three or four deciduous conifers.

The Royal Forestry Society provides a variety of information about the woods and the trees therein and conducts guided walks two or three times a year. They also encourage bird and bat life by providing several different types of nesting boxes..

Another aspect of these woods which is of interest is the evidence of the ancient banks and ditches which once kept livestock out of the woods. The boundary between Herts and Bucks can also be seen in Hockeridge Bottom where mediaeval double banks topped with old hedgerow trees mark the line. The curious multiple trunked beech trees which line Johns Lane between the two woods have grown that way as a consequence of "*laid*" hedges being left to grow without hindrance during and after the second world war when labour became scarce.

Mary Wellesley was not a local person; she was the great-great-granddaughter of the **Duke of Wellington** and lived in London. She was an enthusiastic arborculturalist and, having bought Hockeridge and Pancake Woods in 1952, she used the services of **John Bolton King** of Brown & Merry to manage the woods whilst the actual work was looked after by the forester, **Percy Stubbs**, who lived in the cottage at the end of Hockeridge Bottom near the Chesham Road. It was in 1979 that, in order to secure the future of the woods, she handed them over to the Royal Forestry Society.

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So I went to Gosforth, Newcastle on Tyne, and had a lovely Christmas with my daughter, her husband and younger stepson, being joined for the New Year by my elder daughter, her husband and son. I went back with them for a few days to Manchester, before being brought home to Berkhamsted.

But one occasion stands out during that period away which really was hysterically funny.

My step-grandson having returned home to Luxembourg just after Christmas, my daughter and her husband took me to an Italian restaurant in Newcastle to join five friends. The food was lovely. The staff very friendly. One little waiter about 5 feet high was rather like Manuel in *Fawlty Towers* except he was extremely handsome.

There was music throbbing in the background and the atmosphere was just great.

Then in walked a mother and father, two young teenage daughters and another lady. It was obviously her birthday and a waiter brought a birthday candle on top of one of their dishes. The music changed - and became much louder - and to my amazement the group began to sing to the music and gyrate, clap their hands and "have a ball"! Father wasn't quite so forthcoming - because suddenly the women and two girls stood on their chairs and continued to perform. It was great fun and by now we at our table were entranced.

LOOK NORTH continued

Muriel Lander
continues her
reminiscences of travels
in distant parts of the
country



Then the group moved back on to the floor, continuing to sing, gyrate and clap.

They beckoned two of the waiters to join them. By this time the restaurant was almost empty, apart from those of us nearby at our table. We were clapping, singing (those who knew the music

which I didn't) and thoroughly enjoying ourselves.

By now it was nearly 10pm when the restaurant was due to close. But before we departed we were invited to squash up with the birthday revellers and

have our picture taken. So there am I, fondly putting my arm round the Italian waitress who spoke little English, and she is fondly doing the same to me.

We were told that the photo would appear in the window of the restaurant. So if you are in Newcastle any time and are passing one of the Italian restaurants, just look in to see if I'm there.

The uninhibited pleasure shown by the birthday group did me the world of good, as did the sight of the staff joining in with such gusto.

As we were leaving *Manuel* said he hoped that I hadn't found it too noisy. I assured him I hadn't and that we had all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Upon which he kissed me soundly on both cheeks and wished me a Happy New Year.



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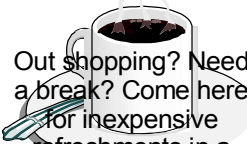
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When does commitment lurch over into over-stretching? Can we go too far in the time we give to the efforts that we support? Lent is a typical time of over-commitment within the Church, as we feel that we must attend every service, go to every Bible study and prayer group and show our face at every Lent lecture that has been organised.

However, it is not just within the Church that people over-commit themselves, then feel guilty about backing off their responsibilities. It can be found in Scout and Guide leaders, in those who feel that they have to march on every demonstration, and those dedicated souls who care for the elderly and the housebound. Duty takes over from desire, and guilt is waiting at every missed meeting or lost opportunity.

We are in a season of added devotion, which happens to coincide with a time of unquiet within the country — war in Iraq (although this piece may well have been overtaken by events by the time of publication), the firefighters, countryside issues — there are causes a-plenty which

need our support. We need to choose wisely, we need to choose spiritually, we need to stand up to feelings of guilt and betrayal if tiredness or double-booking keeps us away from a particular event.

However, as a parish priest, I do believe that there are certain events which should not be missed within the liturgical calendar for this month. Palm Sunday ushers in Holy Week, so we should all be in church to hear the story of the Passion, to walk with our brothers and sisters on the way of the cross, and accept our palm cross as a sign of our lifelong commitment to Christ. Maundy Thursday brings with it a celebration of the institution of the Eucharist, Christ washes the disciples' feet and then he is betrayed. So we celebrate, and then we seek to share the desolation of Christ as we strip the building of all its ornamentation. Again, we should all be there. Good Friday brings ecumenical witness and 3 hours of devotion — we should be there, so that Easter Sunday can be the joy-filled day that it is. I urge you all, if you have missed everything else in Lent, take part in those four acts of worship, not just to encourage your clergy, but to build up your faith and to make more real your daily walk in the way of Christ. ❖

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SOLOISTS OF ST PETERSBURG

There is a return visit of the **Soloists of St Petersburg** on Friday 11 April at 8pm in the church of St John the Baptist, Aldbury. Tickets are available in advance from Revd Janet Ridgway (851303) or can be had at the door on the night.

The **Soloists of St Petersburg** gave a very lovely concert in Aldbury last May. It was a great success, and the singers themselves said how much they had enjoyed singing in Aldbury church. We readily agreed to their coming again, this time in the week before Holy Week.

The soloists are six professional singers, three men and three women between the ages of 23 and 40. A number of them are opera soloists at the Kirov Opera in St Petersburg as well as being singers in church choirs. They have done several European tours, and this year have planned another spring tour in Britain, ranging from the south of England to Scotland. We hope that there will be another large audience to enjoy this excellent Russian choir.

LIGHT UP A LIFE CAMPAIGN

Readers will be interested to know the result of the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home Light up a Life campaign for 2002 which was featured in our November issue.

You may recall that there were six Christmas trees located around the IRHH area, including Hemel Hempstead and Tring. In all nearly 1200 lights were dedicated in memory of family or friends, or to celebrate a special event. The amount raised will be almost £9,000, which is a tremendous boost to the hospice funds

BERKHAMSTED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The April meeting of the association features a talk on The Chiltern Society: Past, Present and Future by **Cic Upcott**, editor of Chiltern News. The meeting, in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall, is at 8pm on Wednesday 23 April.

NEWS FROM THE PCC

The fifth and final meeting of the current parochial church council convened in mid-February.

Being the last meeting before the annual parochial church meeting, the accounts of the PCC for 2002 were submitted and approved by the Council, as was the Budget for 2003.

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 was again discussed at length and all the proposals made by the group considering our compliance with this act were accepted, except for a toilet for the disabled, which unfortunately would require significant alterations, thus making the cost prohibitive at the present time.

The development of a full website was also a subject for lengthy discussion and it was agreed that this project should proceed. It was hoped that somebody from within the parish could be found to set this up.

Finally, Fr Mark proposed that members of the PCC should participate in an Away Day which had been tried once before and had proved very beneficial. It was agreed this should take place in April. He concluded the meeting by thanking PCC members for their contribution during the year and encouraged them to seek nomination for the coming year.

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Please can you help **Johanna Fallon** to raise £2500 for Marie Curie Cancer Care?

On **Thursday 3 April** there will be a unique fundraising evening in Pizza Express in Berkhamsted. Pizza Express have kindly agreed to provide 50 people with the following menu. This means that all of the £10 ticket price will go directly to charity to help cancer patients and their families.

*The menu for the evening will be:
A glass of wine or beer on arrival
Garlic bread and dough balls
Mozzarella and tomato salad
Salad Nicoise and Pollo salad*

A selection of pizza from the buffet (1/2 per person)
Summarised this is a drink, a starter, salad and pizza.

A raffle and light entertainment will accompany the event.

Tickets are available from the Bookstack or from the organiser **Jo Fallon** (874715). This event should raise £500 or more. **Johanna Fallon** has a strong track record of organising or carrying out strenuous activities to raise money for charity.

In September 2000 she cycled 250 miles across southern Vietnam to raise £4800. In October 2002 she went on a trip with ten others to trek the Inca trail to Machu Picchu. She personally raised £2500, while the whole group raised over £55,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

In February and March this year she has taken part in a twelve day challenge in the Himalayas. She flew to Kathmandu, Nepal and then went to trek in the Annapurna range of mountains, involving walking at an altitude of 4000 metres and trekking for up to ten hours a day. To raise funds to start the present venture she got sponsorship from family and friends and organised a sponsored pub crawl in Berkhamsted, a pre-Christmas Body Shop party and a pre-Valentine's day Ann Summers party, raising in all £1800. **Please buy a ticket for the evening of 3 April at Pizza Express if you can.**

OXFAM ACTIVITIES

The popular Children's wear event under the expert guidance of organiser Nicky Evans, with **Delia Limbrick** looking after toys, took place at the Civic Centre on 13th March. The event raised a new record of £3,565. A further sum of £400 was raised for Comic Relief by selling Red Noses.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



On a very wet first Friday afternoon of the month, president **Joy Lovell** welcomed members by reading a poem based on Granma's Sayings. This evoked many memories for all present. Joy then distributed birthday tokens to those with March birthdays.

Business of the month was brief.

Hazel Kennard and **Judith Lowther** reported on the county Spring homecraft meeting which they had attended, hearing about bread making and Venetian masks during an interesting day. In response to a party invitation from Potten End WI, **Mary Harris** would accompany Judith to this event. Trade was quite brisk at the book stall and for raffle tickets. Our main entertainment for the afternoon was a delightful slide-show presentation of a tour of some beautiful and varied gardens managed by the National Trust, given by **Mrs Peggy Cunningham**, which was much enjoyed. An appreciation was given by **Liz Baxendale**.

Mrs Cunningham judged the competition for a garden photo and this was won by **Jean Campbell**. Our April meeting will be a birthday celebration for the institute. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members. Phone **Liz Baxendale** (866464) for more details. A warm welcome awaits you.
Liz Baxendale

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY THE BERKHAMSTED WALK OR STROLL SUNDAY MAY 11TH, 2003

Planning for the Berkhamsted Walk is complete. A lovely route, full of the joys of spring in the Chilterns. The Stroll is in the beautiful gardens of Ashridge, or add on a short walk in the countryside round.

Sponsor/entry forms are available in the local churches, at Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts, 258 High Street, and the Complete Outdoors, London Road, Bone End. Alternatively 'phone 864968 for postal delivery.

To take part in the Stroll, be sponsored on a form, or come to Ashridge anyway between 1.00 — 3.00 pm and give a donation.

All proceeds go to the Children's Society to help deprived children.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER DAY SERVICES

April

13 PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am Eucharist – with Palm Crosses*St Peter's*
9.00am Blessing of Palms*St Peter's & procession to All Saints'*
9.30am Sung Eucharist*All Saints'*

14 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 8.00pm United Devotion*All Saints'*
8.30pm Eucharist with Address*St Peter's*

15 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 9.30am Eucharist*All Saints'*
8.00pm United Devotion*All Saints'*
8.30pm Eucharist with Address*St Peter's*

16 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 7.30am Eucharist*St Peter's*
8.00pm United Devotion*All Saints'*
8.30pm Eucharist with Address*St Peter's*

17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 8.00pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Vigil of Prayer,
Preacher: The Revd Canon Patience Purchas,
Associate Diocesan Director of Ordinands*St Peter's*
8.00pm United Eucharist and Vigil of Prayer,
Preacher: The Revd Paul Timmis*All Saints'*

18 GOOD FRIDAY

- 10.00am** Ecumenical open air service (20 mins)*Market Place*
followed by procession to:
10.45am Meditative/ interactive/ family oriented
service ... ***Berkhamsted Baptist Church***
12noon Three Hour Devotion including the Liturgy of the Day,
Preacher: The Revd Canon Patience Purchas,
Associate Diocesan Director of Ordinands*St Peter's*

19 EASTER EVE

- 9.00pm The Easter Vigil*St Peter's*

20 EASTER DAY

- 8.00am Eucharist*St Peter's*
9.15am *Family* Sung Eucharist*All Saints'*
9.30am Sung Eucharist*St Peter's*
11.30am Eucharist – Book of Common Prayer*St Peter's*
6.00pm Choral Evensong*St Peter's*

SUNDAY	St Peter's:	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		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.			
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 st Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris (863780)					
3 rd 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 st 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. Jenny Wells (870981)					
3 rd Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. Non-members always welcome. Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)					
Tue	HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm at 22,Upper Hall Park for bible study. Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely (875504)					
4 rd 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 nd 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)					
4 th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. New members and visitors always welcome. Contact: Vera Pullen (862196) or Biddy Shacklock (864574)					
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	FRIDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:30pm for informal Bible study. Young children welcome . Contact: Kate Semmens (866531)					
	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St P (10am) Nicole Addy-Varndell (864094)					
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 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
Sun	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30-9:30pm in All Saints' Hall or the Court House as announced Contact Jimmy Young (876736)					

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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).

April / May 2003

APRIL

1	10.15am	Chuckles service <i>The Story of Easter</i> <i>All Saints'</i>
2	8.00pm	Judaism and Islam : Partners in faith? Dr Martin Goldsmith (All Nations College, Ware) talks <i>St Peter's</i>
4	10.00am	Little Fishes Toddlers Service <i>St Peter's</i>
6	9.15/9.30am	Area Committee Elections after the services <i>All Saints' / St Peter's</i>
7	8.00pm	Service with prayers for healing <i>St Peter's</i>
8	10.15am	Chuckles service <i>An Easter Celebration</i> <i>All Saints'</i>
9	8.00pm	Judaism and Islam : Partners in faith? Dr Martin Goldsmith (All Nations College, Ware) talks <i>St Peter's</i>
12		Parochial Church Council Away Day <i>St Stephen's, St Alban's</i>
16	9.30-3pm	All Saints' Holiday Club <i>All Saints'</i>
19	8.00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast <i>All Saints'</i>
13 – 20 April for Palm Sunday to Easter Day services please see page 28		
25	10-6pm	Hospice of St Francis Flower Festival <i>St Peter's</i>
26	10-6pm	Hospice of St Francis Flower Festival <i>St Peter's</i>
27	12-5pm	Hospice of St Francis Flower Festival <i>St Peter's</i>

MAY

1	6.15am	Madrigals by Chiltern Chamber Choir <i>St Peter's Church Tower</i> followed by breakfast <i>Court House</i>
2	10.00am	Little Fishes Toddlers Service <i>St Peter's</i>
2	8.00pm	Parish Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of St Alban's..... <i>St Peter's</i>
4	6.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for departed family and friends <i>St Peter's</i>
7	8.00pm	All Saints' Area Committee Meeting <i>3 Old Orchard Mews</i>
7	8.15pm	St Peter's Area Committee <i>Court House</i>
10		Exploring Prayer Day <i>St Alban's Abbey</i>
15	8.00pm	Youth Committee meeting <i>17 Hall Park</i>
17	8.00am	ABC prayer Breakfast <i>Kings Road Evangelical Church</i>
17	7.30pm	Bridgewater Band & Chiltern Chamber Choir concert <i>St Peter's</i>
18		All Saints' Sunday School and Pathfinders' outing

review registers

Baptisms (St Peter's)

16 February Elizabeth Charlotte Kaye

Funerals

7 February	Veronica Elizabeth Matfin	St Peter's Church (Kingshill)
11 February	Violet Molloy	Service & committal at Kingshill Cemetery
14 February	John Underwood	Chilterns Crematorium
14 February	Charlotte Honor Underwood	Chilterns Crematorium
18 February	Victor Dell	St Peter's Church (Chilterns)
21 February	Arthur George Poll	West Herts Crematorium
26 February	Colin Ranscombe	St Peter's Church (Kingshill)
4 March	Albert Raymond (Ray) Jordan	Chilterns Crematorium

Young people at St Peter's and All Saints'

St Peter's

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:30am to 10:30 in the Court House (next to the church in the High Street). Sunday School caters for 4 to 10 year olds, Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Contact Sally Emery (870656) or Stephen Lally for Pathfinders (863526).

Crèche is available at 9:30am for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Please contact Clare Kaye (871613)

All Saints'

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:15 to 10:15am. Sunday school caters for 3-9 year olds; Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Children from both groups join the service in time for Communion. On the third Sunday in the month there is a Family Eucharist when everyone is together for the whole service. Contact Kathy Beaumont (384453) or Felicity White for Pathfinders (863526). Crèche is available at the same times as Sunday school for children under 3. Please contact Sandra Simpson (384915).

Youth Groups

Contact Jimmy Young (876736)

The youth fellowship meets in the Court House each Sunday 7:30-9:30pm.

Pathfinders games club meets 7:00-8:30pm each Wednesday in All Saints' hall.

For mid-week activities for toddlers please see page 29

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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: Jonathan Lee (0794 1113232)

Sundays	Weekdays
8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)	Holy Communion
9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Sunday Schools & Pathfinders (in the Court House) followed by coffee in the Court House.	Wednesday 7:30am Thursday 11.00am Friday 9.15am Morning Prayer: M-F 7:30am, W 7:00am Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:00pm Sat 5:00pm
6.00pm Evensong & Sermon	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)
 5th 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 Revd Martin Wright (see *Contacts* above)
 Methodist minister: Revd Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road (866324)



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