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Welcome to the November 2003 issue of the Berkhamsted Review.

We are moving inexorably towards Advent: the Mothers Union are busy finding lodgings for their itinerant cribs and the annual Christmas card sales in the Court House are scheduled. But there is still a long way to go before Christmas and there are some noble causes that could do with our help in the meantime.

With disarming directness **Andrew Proud** is scrounging (his words, not ours) for books, second hand commentaries on the bible, for his Anglican flock in Ethiopia. We must stand in awe at the commitment of his group of Sudanese Christians. They are trying to build a centre in each parish, with benches and blackboards where they can expound and explain their faith. They are prepared to apply themselves to the study of books in a foreign language (English) so that they can explore the deeper meaning of their religion. We should help them. How many of us would go to so much trouble?

Nearer at home we have an appeal from Dacorum Rent Aid. This is a local charity which works hard to provide that most practical of help for young people, a roof over their head, who through no fault of their own have drawn a short straw in life. Please read their appeal and see if you have the talents to meet their needs.
David Woodward

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20,000 Jumping Spiders

This time last year we took the children to visit a new natural history museum in Edinburgh called 'Dynamic Earth'.

At Dynamic Earth I learnt that scientists think there are some 30 million species of life. Luckily for those scientists claiming research grants only a million species have so far been catalogued. Out of this million some 60,000 species of spider have been catalogued so far and out of this some 20,000 species are so-called *jumping spiders* because - wait for it - they don't walk they jump. "Hmm," I thought, "*clearly these jumping spiders are exotic species on some far flung shore - all the spiders I know walk!*" Inevitably, I have been proved wrong. Languishing in the garden this summer I watched a spider cross the lawn and yes, it jumped rather than walked.

All this diversity in the natural world goes counter to the grain of the human world where most things seem to be becoming more standardised. Most town centres in the UK are exactly the same with branches of WHS Smith, Next, and all the rest of them. This summer we went to Spain. The house where we stayed had digital TV. Much to my horror I got up one morning to find the children watching *Only Fools and Horses*. Admittedly, it was dubbed into Spanish but isn't the reason we go abroad to do something different? To escape from routines like watching seemingly never-ending repeats of this situation comedy?

One of the lesser known saints, St Columbanus, said: "*To know the Creator, know creation.*" If we believe that God is creator we can come to one of two conclusions. Either, we can conclude that really God wanted a standardised world; but being a duff designer mucked it up. In the case of spiders he couldn't even decide whether they should walk or jump.

Or, that diversity is part of God's plan, that perhaps because God is so vast to comprehend he can only show some of his many facets through the diversity of creation. Orthodox Christian theology goes for the latter arguing that God - paraphrased in the words of the Total Quality poster at my local garage - gets it right, first time, every time.

Now, the idea of God producing *finished articles* is one we all find impossible nowadays. And it doesn't do God much justice either. A better idea of creation is explained by a philosopher called Sallie McFague. The idea is that God gets the ball rolling - *creation* - through creating the right conditions in the primordial soup - and that the created order then is free to develop in a multitude of ways. And, of course this model, fits well with our own *creations*; marriage and children, new businesses and organisations. We don't predict the minute details several years in advance - we create the right conditions and then let it happen.

So what are the applications of this for today? As I write the leading figures in the Anglican Communion are meeting in Canterbury to discuss the role of people in the ministry, who happen to be gay. Perhaps it would be useful for all the parties to remember two things:

1. That Anglicanism is a Christian tradition that prides itself on allowing difference. It was a solution born out of the *take-no-prisoners* confrontations of the 16th and 17th centuries between Catholics and Protestants. Not a compromise but a willingness to let people be different, like the created order of which they are a part. So letting national Churches do their own thing - whether Californian or Nigerian - is extremely important.
2. That diversity is part of the created order, that we are all different and God wouldn't have it any other way.



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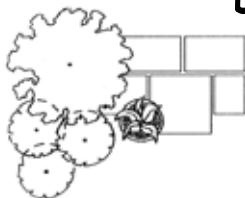
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Until now it has been possible to see flocks of sheep grazing on the fields in and around the Chiltern Hills. This may soon change. Farmers can no longer make a living from grazing sheep in these parts - even if the grazing land is provided free of charge. Apart from the obvious financial difficulties that this causes

for farmers it is also a problem for nature conservation. Chalk grassland is a prized environment by ecologists and, globally speaking, it is a rare occurrence. The loss of so much pasture in the Chilterns is leading to a significant loss of biodiversity. It is important for grassland to be grazed continuously since if it is not grazed then its character degenerates.

Recently, a farmer who was grazing his sheep, free of charge, on a chalk pasture in the Chilterns owned by the National Trust suddenly decided to stop grazing them because he could no longer afford to do it. This left the National Trust in a difficulty. They needed sheep to graze their diminishing stock of chalk grassland or its quality would degrade. The National Trust has a *flying flock* of sheep, which it can transport around the countryside to graze on needy pastures. But - and this is an indication of how sheep farming has moved from being profitable to loss making - to use the flock for grazing costs £6 per sheep, per week.

In Hertfordshire, the amount of grassland has reduced by an astonishing 98% since 1934. In that year there were more than 75 thousand hectares of pasture and rough grassland in the county. In 1998 the area of grassland was estimated to be less than 1,500 hectares. Where it remains in agricultural use this land has been converted mainly to arable use but some of it has been taken for housing and roads. The decline

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can also be seen by the reduction in the number of dairy herds in the county, which have reduced from 250 herds in the 1950's to less than 15 today. The last livestock market in the county, in Tring, closed down in 1994.

We will no longer be able to rely on farmers to maintain our landscape and ecological bounty and will increasingly have to rely on other means. In contrast to the decline in grassland there has been an increase in woodland - due to tree planting schemes in the county - which is now nearly three thousand hectares more than in 1980. This is despite some losses to road construction and housing. The planning rules are being changed to allow farmers to diversify more easily to other ways of making a living in the country.

Although exacerbated by the recent outbreaks of the BSE and Foot and Mouth diseases, the loss of livestock farming has been caused by the increasingly unfavourable economics of agriculture in an area where the price of agricultural land can be increased a hundredfold by the granting of planning permission to build on it.

And building on it in a big way is what may well happen over the next couple of decades. There is growing pressure for land to be taken for housing in the South East. The Government has decided that 200,000 more homes are needed here. Recently, a decision forced on the borough council by a Planning Inspector to build 300 houses next to the Manor Estate, on the outskirts of Apsley, has led to the dismay and anger of the residents there. But the scale of things to come is shown by a recent announcement that 40,000 houses may be built in a huge suburban extension to the north of Luton, Dunstable and Houghton Regis



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Christmas is coming!

Not yet, surely?

We are only just into November and it's weeks before Advent. Maybe Father Christmas has already appeared in Watford and Christmas cards

have been on sale for ages but the MU is a church organisation. They really shouldn't be anticipating Christmas like this, should they?

Very true - but we do have a reason.

Can you guess?

If you have young children in your family you may realise that the MU Travelling Crib has to be prepared at this time. All must be ready before Advent.

Each year Mary, Joseph and the donkey (child friendly knitted figures) leave church on Advent Sunday and spend every night with a different family, eventually arriving back in church at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. By this time they will have visited 24 families making the story of that journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem very real to the children.

There will be a list in both All Saints and St Peters churches so that those who wish to have the crib for one night can sign up. As Advent Sunday is on 30 November

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Jenny Wells looks forward to events just before the start of Advent

this year, you will need to do this on 16 November, two weeks before, so that lists can be finalised, printed and given out on the following Sunday together with a simple dialogue and prayers to be used

each night.

These lists fill up very quickly and we would not like anyone to be disappointed, so that if you know that you will be unable to be in church on 16 November, please contact **Tracey Robinson** (863559) for the St Peters crib or **Jenny Wells** (870981) for the All Saints crib. You can do this before the sixteenth if you like.

The MU travelling cribs are very popular and each year we hear wonderful tales of the children's responses and their preparations for their visitors. Last year, one little boy, having already played the innkeeper in a nativity play, insisted that there was "no room" for his holy visitors! Fortunately room was found.

We should like to think that all families had room for the Christ Child this Christmas. Those who attend the crib service are always delighted to see Mary and Joseph and the donkey again and are ready to welcome that baby born in a stable on Christmas Day ❖

review letters

John Cook - Around the Town

I am sure I will not be alone in recording my regret as John Cook gives up his space in the Review. His column has always been interesting, often enlightening and sometimes amusing. His local knowledge is great and he has passed it on in an easy to read way. He has made me, and I'm sure, many people look at features in our town with new eyes. Would that more were as observant of and caring for our environment as John is. He's done a great job. I hope he enjoys the rest!

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Can you spare a few hours to prevent people becoming homeless? Would you like a rewarding voluntary job? Would you like a 20-hour week part-time job? If the answer to any of these questions is "YES" read on:

As many readers will know Dacorum Rent Aid is a registered charity helping single homeless people find accommodation in the Dacorum area. We have been operating since March 1995 and in that time we have assisted 250 people in setting up a home for themselves. Our clients have many different problems such as a breakdown in family relationships; redundancy; reliance on drugs or alcohol, homelessness after being released from prison or the increasing problem of suffering from mental/ill health. We cater for those over the age of 18, but recently we have had a number of 16 and 17 year olds seeking our help. Our work involves interviewing, setting up tenancies and visiting clients in their accommodation once they are settled. In this way we monitor both client's and landlord's responsibilities. We have an experienced resettlement officer who supervises this work - much of which

Bert Inwood wants part-timers

is carried out by volunteers. We are seeing 3-4 clients a week at our interview room and we have 45 clients in accommodation at the moment, so there is quite a demand on our services. We are financed in a variety of ways including the Dacorum Borough Council, the government's Supporting People project, plus donations from local Churches and individuals.

For our work to be able to continue effectively we urgently need a Treasurer and more volunteers. We would like to encourage retired, experienced people or anyone in your congregation who could spare a few hours on a weekly or monthly basis, or even less often, who have a sincere interest in the work to contact us. We would welcome people to visit us and see for themselves how rewarding this work is. If anyone would like further information please do not hesitate to ring **Shirley and Brian Davies** on 864954, trustees who live in Berkhamsted.

Thank you.

Bert Inwood (Chairman) (251213) Old Hempstead House, 10-12 Queensway, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1LR ❖

BOOKS FOR AFRICA

I'm on the scrounge (one of the many things you learn to do without shame in Africa). In the western region of Ethiopia, we have twenty parishes, serving some 4,000 Sudanese Anglicans. In all, there are 7 clergy and 21 readers, none of whom have any formal theological education, but all of whom are really keen to learn. As you might imagine, they take their ministry very seriously, but at the moment, they are trying to teach their people without any resources. Our aim is to equip each parish with a simple reading room/resource centre, equipped with a blackboard and benches, where the clergy, readers and people can have access to bibles and bible commentaries. But they are really hard to get hold of out here, so I am appealing to you (and through you to your congregation and contacts), to ask if you might be willing to find and send us commentaries, preferably not more than thirty years old, and preferably written in reasonably plain English. **(Received by email to Fr Mark Bonney from Andrew Proud, our parish's link USPG missionary in Addis Abbaba)**

Please give any books that you can to Fr Mark at the rectory, and he will arrange for them to be sent over. You can read more about Andrew's work on the notice board in St Peter's Church.

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ALTAR EXPERIMENT AND QUESTIONNAIRE

Rev Mark Bonney writes

I am very grateful to those who completed questionnaires and to the enormous care and thought that were given by so many in their answers. I read them all very carefully and collated responses in presenting them to the St Peter's area committee meeting on 17 September.

There were 78 responses of which 42 were clearly in favour, 21 clearly against and 13 did not commit to a position. Important themes ran through all of them, particularly about the need for reverence and dignity, the valued place of kneeling, and the need to work with the architecture of the building. Those in favour generally made comments about having a better sense of inclusion, valuing seeing more. Some of those against were honest enough to say they didn't like change, others that the reasons given for change were not convincing; some also added comments about '*if this happens*' then please make sure dignity and so on are retained. Those who I've called '*undecided*' often understood and appreciated the reasons but didn't care either way, were concerned about

practicalities or simply made some points but declared no preference.

The area committee felt this was a good response and enough to make a decision about the step. It was agreed to pursue further an altar with a westward facing celebrant with the following clear directions. Any arrangement will be under the central tower thus retaining the screen as an integral part of the new lay-out. There will be altar rails, and what is done will not intrude into the nave. Within these constraints I am confident that we can find a way forward that maintains the reverence and dignity that I am always concerned is part of our worship. I am sure we can provide a setting for the altar that incorporates more the insights that underpin the liturgies of Common Worship that we use Sunday by Sunday.

I will be seeking out an architect with distinct liturgical knowledge and asking him to assist us with the next stage; in assisting his thinking the questionnaires will be shown him so that the concerns and positions of people can as best as possible be borne in mind.❖

The new Hospice of St Francis

The Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted has now gained planning permission for a new hospice building and a piece of land has been purchased. We are taking the first steps towards rebuilding and I am sure everyone will agree that this is a very exciting time as we plan for the future. We are desperately short of space in the existing hospice and have outgrown our present facilities. The building of the new project is very expensive, but it will ensure the future of hospice care in our community.

To help raise money the following events have been planned:

The Hospice Christmas Bazaar at Berkhamsted Civic Centre on Saturday 15th November between 9.30am and 1.30pm

Christmas Bazaar at Chesham Town Hall on Saturday 22nd November between 9.30am and 12.30pm

Light up a life ceremony at the hospice at 4.30pm on Sunday 7th December. Christmas carols will be sung and the lights turned on. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Lights can be dedicated in memory of someone special or as a Christmas gift or as a tribute to someone's achievement.

The Hospice Carol Service at the Sacred Heart Church, Park Street at 8pm on Thursday 18th December.

The fund-raising office still collects all foreign coin and notes, pre decimal currency and old ½p, 5p 10p and 50p coins. A total of £34,500 has been raised from these donations. Pre-Euro European coins can still be redeemed. We also collect used postage stamps, co-op stamps, used toner and inkjet cartridges and old mobile phones.

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An advertisement in the West Herts Post of 24 February 1888 offers breakfasts, dinners, teas, chops and steaks, hams, pork pies and other refreshments at moderate prices; good beds from one shilling per night; parties and school treats catered for on reasonable terms; and horses and traps for hire. It also provided a meeting place for such organisations as the Temperance Guild of St John the Baptist, the Mother's Meeting and the Adult Clothing and Coal Club.

Every Sunday evening there were entertainments known as Penny Readings, which despite being limited to the male sex (one wonders why) were hilarious affairs, if the following account from the Dawn of Day is anything to go by:

The management each evening is entrusted to a chairman, who sits in solemn state in an armchair, on a raised platform covered with green baize. On either side sit the performers of the evening, and on the right of the platform stands the piano, which is

THE GEORGE AND DRAGON

Gerry Morrish investigates



in constant request as one musical genius after another comes boldly forth to "do or die"; and it is astonishing what an amount of native talent our famous old town can produce: songs with a chorus (Ah! you should hear those choruses!), songs without a chorus, solos on the piano, solos on the cornet, solos on the concertina, duets, handbells, readings, recitations - all for the sum of one penny! And you should hear the rounds of applause as the hero of the moment, having nobly done his part, retires blushing to his seat!. And then the

chairman, rising with dignity, announces in dulcet tones the appearance of another hero. and so the evening passes merrily and pleasantly away, until the strains of " God Save the Queen" or " Rule Britannia" remind the company that even the merriest and pleasanterest Penny Reading must come to an end.

The tavern was also used for less agreeable events, such as inquests. In 1900 an inquest was held there on the death of a boy through scalding. The canal boat on which he and his family lived had given a sudden jolt, causing a kettle full of boiling water to fall on him.

I can find no reference to the George and Dragon later than 1900. Many temperance hotels and taverns were established in the late Victorian period but few succeeded for long in enticing enough customers away from the traditional inns and pubs. For instance the Prince Edward Coffee Tavern in the High Street did not survive into the twentieth century. If anyone will tell me when and why the George and Dragon finally ceased to provide coffee and good beds, I would be most interested. ❖

The reign of Harold Harefoot, son of Canute lasted only five years. He died in 1040 and was succeeded by Hardicanute, Edward's half brother. Almost immediately Hardicanute invited Edward to return from Normandy and join his court in England. The reasons for this decision are not clear. The two brothers had had little contact throughout their lives. Hardicanute had no children of his own though, since he was about twenty-five years old, he had every reason to believe that he would produce sons. Perhaps he just wanted to keep an eye on a potential rival to his anticipated progeny. For by this time Edward was the strongest candidate to succeed Hardicanute. All of Edward's brothers and half-brothers had pre-deceased him. Edmund Ironside had a son, Edward's half-nephew, who was living in exile in Hungary. He showed no inclination to return to England, a country he hardly knew.

Edward's succession

In 1042 Hardicanute, a healthy man in his twenties, attended a marriage feast, occasions not noted for their restraint or sobriety during the late Anglo-Saxon period. In the words of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle he "*was standing at his drink and he suddenly fell to the ground with fearful convulsions*". The recent troubled history of the English crown did not make it certain that Edward, the representative of the royal house of Wessex, would succeed as a matter of course but he was immediately chosen as Hardicanute's successor by the Anglo-Saxon nobles, led by Godwin Earl of Wessex.

Following his coronation at Winchester on Easter day, 1043, Edward confiscated many of his mother's lands and other

Edward the Confessor and the creation of the capital city

Stephen Halliday recalls
Edward's accession to power

Saxon noble. Neither the relationship with his wife nor that with her family was to prove very satisfactory.

Peace and quarrels

Edward's reign, which lasted almost twenty-four years, was much more peaceful than that of his father Ethelred. A prolonged war between the kings of Denmark and Norway ensured that neither was in a condition to mount a serious threat to England. The only "*foreign*" conflict to disturb Edward's reign occurred in 1054 when Earl Siward of Northumbria led a campaign to Scotland in support of Malcolm, claimant to the Scottish throne. Malcolm was a distant relative of Edward by marriage. In a short campaign the English forces defeated the reigning king, Macbeth (curiously described by a contemporary chronicler as "*the king of the Scots with an outlandish name*") and installed Malcolm III as king.

For information about Edward's appearance and character we are dependent in part on *The Life of King Edward who rests at Westminster* a Latin manuscript probably written by a monk called Goscelin at the request of Queen Edith. The source can thus hardly be described as unprejudiced though Edith's wifely loyalty was no doubt tested by

properties. This was presumably a belated act of revenge on his neglectful mother for his years of exile and disinheritance. Edward was accompanied on this unfilial visit by Earl Godwin whose daughter, Edith, Edward married the following year in an apparent act of solidarity with the powerful Anglo-

Edward's harsh treatment of her during her family's disgrace. The writer describes Edward as *"a very proper figure of a man, of outstanding height and distinguished by his milky white hair and beard, full face and rosy cheeks, thin white hands and long translucent fingers."* According to Goscelin Edward *"spent much time in the glades and woods in the pleasure of hunting. After divine service, which he gladly and devoutly attended every day, he took much pleasure in hawks and birds and was really delighted by the baying and scrambling of the hounds."* This is little more than a conventional, pious account of the way a mediaeval king was supposed to behave. Perhaps the writer, on reflection, felt that he had left Edward looking too mild a figure because he added that *"If some cause aroused his temper, he seemed as terrible as a lion"*.

Free of anxieties about foreign enemies, Edward turned his attention to creating domestic ones. His quarrels were particularly directed against his wife's family, the Godwins, and initially concerned Edward's promotion of Normans to positions of influence at court and in the church. He caused particular offence when in 1051 he awarded the post of archbishop of Canterbury to Robert Champart, Abbot of Jumieges in Normandy. Godwin wanted the post for his own candidate. Further trouble erupted when Godwin's younger son, Eustace, became involved in a brawl at Dover when seeking billets for his men. Edward's attempts to discipline Eustace for this behaviour led Godwin and his son Harold (later King Harold, killed at Hastings, 1066) to assemble a body of their retainers near Gloucester in what was clearly meant to be a show of strength. Edward was supported by the other earls, Leofric and Siward, in facing down this threat and the Godwins, without offering battle,

fled into exile in Bruges. Edward then took his revenge, confiscating the Godwins' titles and properties and sending his wife, the unfortunate Edith, into a kind of internal exile at a convent at Wherwell, near Winchester. In the words of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle she went *"without honour and with one servant"*. Edward also revived an old grievance, that Godwin had been complicit in the murder of Edward's brother, Alfred, when Alfred came to England in 1036 to claim the throne from Harold Harefoot.

The Godwins' exile was of short duration. The following year, 1052, Earl Godwin and his son Harold returned to London with a small fleet and anchored at Southwark. Wessex supported its former earl, as did London and Edward was forced to make terms. The Godwins were restored to their former properties and titles; Queen Edith was recalled to court; and Robert Champart fled into exile to be replaced as archbishop of Canterbury by Godwin's Anglo-Saxon candidate, Stigand. The following year, 1053, Godwin died and his son Harold succeeded him as earl of Wessex and the most powerful noble in the kingdom. .. ❖

Continued next month.....



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To link or not to link

I read with interest Ian Reay's article about the link road in the July Review. I must first of all declare that I live on Tunnel Fields and that I work in Dunstable, so the road, if built, would be of great personal benefit. However I also enjoy driving and walking around the Ashridge Estate and beyond. At present to drive to the area of Northchurch Common, a few hundred yards from my house, I must travel over a mile, completing almost four sides of a square.

On this journey I have to turn right out of Tortoiseshell Way into Springfield Road, then right into Billet Lane at the mini-roundabout at the junction with Bridgewater Road, where cars coming up the hill predominantly turn right into that road. I then have to often avoid vehicles coming out of Northbridge Road and assorted cranes and HGV's backing out of Davis and Samson's yard, before queuing at the Billet Lane lights. I turn right again to travel along an already congested Gossoms End and Northchurch High Street, past a mini roundabout by Valley Road (surely intended for the Durrants Lane junction and put in the wrong place!) I then turn right again into New Road, after holding up the flow of traffic until a kind-hearted driver lets me go. I pass St Mary's School, before taking my life into my hands as I cross the canal bridge, just missing the car whose driver thinks he can just sneak across before I get there or knows his vehicle is much bigger than mine and therefore bullies me into braking sharply. Having negotiated all this, after a short ascent, I reach the point a few hundred yards from my home. It is quicker to walk, but regrettably this is usually only the start of my journey.

In July's Review Ian Reay discussed the question of whether a link road between Bridgewater Road and New Road, Northchurch should be built and came down against it. This inspired **Peter Morgan** to press another view.

Ian Reay states that *"The idea (of the link road) is however very unpopular in Berkhamsted, because the road would encourage more rat running along Bridgewater Road (which is still heavily used despite road humps intended to discourage cars using the road as a way of avoiding Berkhamsted High Street"*. In response to that I make

the following points:

1. Berkhamsted is, as we all know, built in a long valley, which has not only a (formerly) major road running through it- the A4251 High Street- but also the West Coast Railway Mainline, the Grand Union Canal and the River Bulbourne. To travel by car along the valley you have three choices, excluding the impossible Durrants Road/Charles Street. These are the afore-mentioned High Street, Shootersway or Bridgewater Road. As far as I know, these are all public rights of way and none are designated *rat runs*.
2. Bridgewater Road leads directly to the station car park, without the need to cross the various water and rail obstacles in the centre of our congested town. As previously intimated, a large number of people travelling from the Northchurch end of town already turn up Billet Lane and then right into Bridgewater Road to get to the station or on to Hemel via Potten End. The link road would not increase this traffic, just avoid some of it going through Northchurch.
3. The only other way to cross the railway, to get to the station car park or beyond, between Billet Lane and Mill Lane is under two very narrow bridges.

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Not particularly practical at the best of times.
4. Surely the road humps in Bridgewater Road are to slow down the traffic, not to discourage use. If I'm wrong, with humps already on the High Street, why not put humps on Shootersway and discourage anyone from the wrong end of town travelling south-east!

5. Most residents of Bridgewater Road bought their houses in the knowledge of proximity to the station car park and the fact that it is a much-used thoroughfare. Proximity to the station to many was a major advantage. It will continue to be widely used whether a link road is built or not. What can be done is to limit speed or size of vehicles along there. Perhaps there should be a width restriction near the junction with Billet Lane which would stop larger vehicles using it as a route to Hemel Hempstead.

6. With more industrial units being built in Northbridge Road, would it not make more sense to avoid any traffic generated from this heading towards Dunstable, going through Northchurch, especially past a busy junior school?

7. Anyone trying to get from Dunstable direction to Hemel Hempstead is frankly unlikely to drive over Ashridge, turn into the link road and then along Bridgewater Road towards Potten End. They will simply go along the Leighton Buzzard Road (A4146) from Dagnall. I fail to understand from where all this extra traffic will be generated. The link road will merely take traffic from New Road/High Street/Billet Lane. It should not affect Bridgewater Road's volumes.

8. The people most affected by the link road will actually be those on Tunnel Fields, as it may be harder to get out of our roads onto Springfield Road. However this road was specifically designed with no houses directly facing it, with the link road in mind. Apart from this minor inconvenience I believe most would welcome it being built.

9. I pay my rates to Berkhamsted Town Council too, despite overlooking Northchurch, but no-one to date has asked my opinion to date.

The wildlife issue, mentioned by Ian Reay is one that will need to be addressed in our caring times, but I don't think Swampy needs to move in yet! I fail to see why the proposed road would be any uglier than the houses and road already built in the area, so I say, the sooner we link the better, not just for commuters like me, but for the benefit of people of Berkhamsted and Northchurch. ❖

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

High on a cold and lonely hill,
The shepherds watched, the sheep were
still

And Joel held the lantern high
In case a wolf should creep close by
Its dim and gentle light shone gold
Across the doorway from the fold,
But brighter far the angel host
That sent those shepherds from their post
To where the new born Christchild lay
Peacefully sleeping in the hay

High in a stony Eastern tower,
Three sages studied hour by hour
To find news of a King foretold
By prophets in the days of old.
As they searched ancient scroll and script
On sconce and bracket lamps were lit.
The light shone gold on every page
As they scanned the writings of each age,
But clearer still and brighter far
Was the silver light of a guiding star
That led those wise men all the way
To where the newborn Christchild lay.

Two thousand years have passed and now
In every home and every town,
On dark and gloomy Winter nights
A thousand thousand lights shine down.
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Moving Forward Together

By **Martin Wright** and
Paul Timmis

November 2003 will see an historic development in relations between the Anglican and Methodist Churches. This is the signing of the Anglican-Methodist Covenant, which is a series of affirmations and commitments made between the two churches..

In this article Martin Wright and Paul Timmis, the clergy who lead the two congregations at All Saints describe what this great step forward means for us in Berkhamsted and what local initiatives we are taking. The affirmations of the Covenant speak of mutual recognition, while the commitments signal a new desire to work together in a special way.

For the people of All Saints such things are nothing new, for Anglicans and Methodists have shared a building and worked together for over twenty-five years. Indeed ten years ago we signed a covenant of our own, committing ourselves to *"explore together more fully the meaning and possibilities of unity, for worship, mission and service"*.

The signing of the national Anglican-Methodist Covenant is important for All Saints and promises exciting times ahead. For the first time we shall have the weight of our denomination behind us; supporting us in what we are seeking to achieve for God in this place.

Until now we have joined together for worship when there has been a fifth Sunday in a month and for special occasions: carol services, during Holy Week and harvest. From September we now come together for a joint service every month- always on the third Sunday at 10 am - and for special occasions. To keep things as easy to remember as possible, we will no longer join together on the fifth Sunday.

As Eucharist/Holy Communion provides us with the most common ground in our patterns of worship, we will share bread and wine together each time we meet on this

third Sunday. If at some point in the future we move to two joint services per month, this might provide us with an opportunity to worship together in a different way.

As the ministers at All Saints, we have spent a great deal of time with our respective liturgies and have shaped what we believe is a flexible act of

worship that will allow Martin to use the liturgy of Common Worship whenever he is presiding and Paul to use the Methodist Worship Book whenever he is. Our liturgies are remarkably similar, however, so it has been possible to find congregational responses common to both. There has of course been the need to compromise along the way and so we will use bread rather than wafers and chalices not individual glasses. Some items will be sung but not others. We hope that by worshipping in this way we will be both respecting and affirming one another's traditions.

The intention is that we will both be present at these services, with one leading and the other assisting, and this will alternate although commitments elsewhere will ensure that this is not always possible. It is unlikely that we will get everything right immediately and there are bound to be teething problems along the way. We will constantly be reviewing what we are doing and how we might improve things and would welcome your comments and suggestions in due course.

This is not an experiment. It is the beginning of a journey: a journey of affirmation, commitment and in time, we hope, unity. It will take all our efforts and commitment to make this work. But we believe, and the committees and councils of the church believe, that this is where God is leading us.

Let us then journey on, together in Christ.





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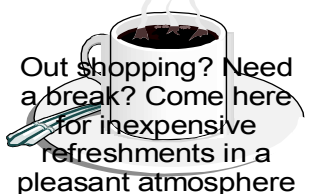
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Winter Interest in the Garden

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The evergreens provide the structure upon which we are able to construct the **window dressing** of the garden; conifers such as *Taxus baccata* (Yew) will provide a dark green backdrop and definition. The glaucous needles of *Juniperus squamata* 'Blue Star' provide an excellent foil for spring bulbs, and for the shady areas try *Asplenium scolopendrium* (Harts Tongue Fern) and *Polystichum setiferum* (Soft Shield Fern).

Bark and stems such as the beautiful flaking rich chestnut coloured bark of *Acer griseum* (Paper-bark Maple), the familiar *Betula pendula* (Silver Birch) with its white bark give interest with their colour and texture. Try planting 3 or 5 named cultivars such as *Dogwoods* close together for a stunning display, for example *Cornus alba* 'Siberica' with its bright red stems and *Cornus sanguinea* 'Winter Beauty' which is brilliant orange-yellow. Prune alternate years to maintain colourful young stems.

The fragrance provided by winter flowers will entice you into the garden all winter through. The compact evergreen *Daphne odora* 'Aureomarginata' is worth placing by a path that is often walked. *Lonicera fragrantissima* the long flowering bush honeysuckle has a delicious perfume. *Pink flowered Viburnum x bodnantense*, *Hamamelis mollis* (Witch Hazel) with its incense like fragrance and *Sarcococcas* (Christmas Box) are all well worth considering for providing winter interest with their flowers

and fragrance, something to go out into the garden for on a chilly January day.

Denise Gentry invites us to look out onto a more colourful winter garden in the future



Winter fruits and seed heads give vibrancy to the garden and encourage wild birds into the garden to feed. The wall shrub *Pyracantha* and the barberries are looking fabulous now, and some roses will continue to flower, while beginning to show off their rosehips. *Callicarpa bodinieri* var. *giraldii* 'Profusion' is a deciduous shrub that produces unusual dark violet coloured berries on bare stems, and the Crab apples give a profusion of useful fruits in shades of red and

orange/yellow, while the decorative *Sorbus* (Mountain Ash) are worth the money with spring flowers, beautiful autumn foliage and winter berries in a wide range of colours. If you fancy trying something a little more curious invest in *Decaisnea fargesii* with strange finger like blue seedpods and russet brown foliage.

Do not forget the decorative seed heads and dead flowers that sparkle in the sun when covered with a crisp covering of frost. *Clematis tangutica*, *hydrangeas* and *teasels* are winter winners and many grasses continue to look good in winter including *Miscanthus sinensis* (Little Kitten), *Stipa arundanacia* (Pheasant Grass) and of course the infamous *Cortadiera* (Pampas Grass). Try *Cortadiera* 'Splendid Star' a new cultivar growing to just over 1metre.

I hope this has whetted your appetite to take a long look at your garden and identify areas for improvement. If there are specific areas regarding garden design you would like covered, please email your request to denisegentry@totalise.co.uk and I will try and incorporate it into future articles. If you would like help with your garden please call me on 833954. ❖

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Revd Peter Hart
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Back in the summer, two groups of people took the same very big decision: to sign a Covenant between the Church of England and the Methodist Church that binds the two denominations to work ever more closer together and to commit themselves to a long term process of organic unity. The General Synod of the Church of England and the Methodist Conference voted overwhelmingly to take this commitment, which in turn reflects the support for this measure throughout the country as a whole.

Now the serious work begins of implementing this agreement. What does it mean for two denominations to work closer together and to take serious steps on the path to greater unity? Can the Anglicans and the Methodists carry forward this project without involving anyone else? The United Reformed Church was a third party to the discussions which lead up to the Covenant proposals: it would like to be fully part of the ongoing process.

What are the implications for us in Berkhamsted and Northchurch? All Saints Church, on Shrublands Road, is already shared by Anglicans and Methodists. The Covenant has large implications for them, which they are already grappling with. What of the rest of us? Will it change the way the churches work together at the Way Inn,

for example? The only change there ought to be for the better, as the initiative to share and to be co-responsible ought to lead to greater efficiency and greater representation. Our ecumenical prayer breakfasts will continue, the ministers will continue to meet together monthly for prayer and sharing, our joint acts of worship will continue to be organised to include everyone from the town.

Many of the initiatives will be above the local level. A great deal of training of clergy and possibly lay ministers will take place jointly. Strategic planning and mutual consultation ought to characterise the decision-making processes of our denominations. However, within our context, the Covenant ought to spur us to a greater degree of co-operation and mutual understanding, a development of our current relations to closer working and sharing. Our unity in Christ, expressed in worship and shared mission, is one of the precious things we have. We are duty bound, as the people of God, to demonstrate that unity in all we say and do.



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THANK YOU

Mrs Moel Hartle has completed 40 years as a deliverer of the Review and has now had to retire.

We should like to thank her for all those years of sterling service which leaves the rest of us feeling like relative beginners. It should also be noted that including this year, **Mrs Hartle** has been involved in organising the charity Christmas card sale in Berkhamsted for (according to my informant) "*at least thirty-six years*". We can only thank her twice over for what she has done for us



David Woodward

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Ashlyns School Christmas craft market takes place on Sunday 16 November from 11am to 4pm.

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The needs of those helped by Christian Aid throughout the world are still with us in the bleak midwinter. Please contact **Angela Morris** (866992) or **Margaret Pike** (866646) with your offers of help. Thank you..

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The party season is starting to swing and partygoers are examining their wardrobes and their budgets. The Oxfam shop in the High Street has a stunning selection of evening wear at very reasonable prices and is arranging a special late evening opening on Thursday 6 November to enable customers to make a leisurely selection. There will also be a range of attractive accessories including evening bags and jewellery.

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The October meeting of Berkhamsted Castle WI took place on the first Friday in the Court House at 2pm. **Liz**

Baxendale, president for this month, welcomed members and three visitors, to a members' afternoon.

Secretary **Janet Mitchell** went through a few pieces of correspondence, and joint president **Joy Lovell** gave a report on the recent outing to Basildon Park (NT) which had been enjoyed by those who went. The journey through the countryside had shown just what drastic effects the very dry weather had had.

Joy and Janet also attended a federation meeting on Waterways at Wheathampstead, where they had listened to two very interesting speakers.

After a look together at the county newsletter, which was "*thin*" this month, we set about entertaining each other with a display of holiday souvenirs and some reminiscences of what our mothers used to say.

For our competition this month we had *Something I've Made* and it was wonderful to see a display of lovely items: embroidery of all kinds, sugarcraft flowers, plaster figures, soft toys, paintings, wood carvings and decoupage amongst them. This competition was judged by our visitors, and **Susi Davidson** came first with a cross stitched bell -pull, **Janet Mitchell** second with sugarcrafted flowers, and **Joyce Pearson** third, with a cheerful golliwog.

On a more serious note Liz reminded members that the WI cannot function without its committee and appealed for members to come forward to serve for a year or so.

One brave soul had done so by the end of the meeting and we hope that more will follow in time for our AGM next month.

EM Baxendale (866464)


HARVEST COLLECTION

As we go to press the overall total raised by the harvest collection in St Peter's and All Saints churches for the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest for the Hungry appeal is £1281. This amount includes the collections at both churches and the income tax refunded on Gift Aid donations.

ADVENT CALENDARS

Advent calendars and candles will be on sale at St Peter's on Sunday mornings starting on 9 November. Candles will cost £1.99 and calendars are at various prices.

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| 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 <i>On the 3rd Sunday each month (and on festivals as announced) there is instead a 10am united service with the Methodist congregation.</i> | | | |
| | | 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 |
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| 1 st Sun | SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday.</i> 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 <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> 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. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> 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. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown (863268) | | | | | |
| 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) | | | | | |
| 3 rd 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. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: 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. <i>Young children welcome.</i> 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 7:00-8:30pm (years 7/8) 7:45-9:30pm (year 9 upwards) 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).

November/December 2003

NOVEMBER

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| Sun. 2 | 9.15am | All Saints' Patronal Festival Parish Eucharist, Preacher: The Ven. Helen Cunliffe, Archdeacon of St Albans All Saints' (no 9.30am service at St Peter's) |
| Mon 3 | 8.00pm | Solemn Eucharist for All Souls Day, Preacher Fr Mark Bonney with Chiltern Chamber Choir <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Fri 7 | 10.00am | Little Fishes Service <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Sat 8 | 7.30pm | Gaudeamus Choral Concert <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Sun 9 | 3.00pm | British Legion Service of Remembrance, Preacher: the Revd Paul Timmis <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Sun 9 | 6.00pm | Choral Evensong <i>St Peter's</i> |
| | 7.30pm | followed by 'Cello Quartet recital <i>The Lady Chapel</i> |
| Tue 11 | 10.15am | Chuckles Service Joshua & his trumpet <i>All Saints'</i> |
| Sat 15 | 8.00am | ABC Prayer Breakfast <i>The Way Inn</i> |
| Sun 16 | 10.00am | United Anglican/Methodist Eucharist <i>All Saints'</i> |
| Sun 16 | 6.00pm | Youth Service <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Wed 19 | 8.00pm | All Saints' Area Committee (John Malcolm) ... <i>Landswood, Shootersway</i> |
| Wed 19 | 8.15pm | St Peter's Area Committee <i>The Court House.</i> |
| Sun 23 | 6.00pm | St Peter's Choir St Cecilia Concert <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Tue 25 | 10.15am | Chuckles Service Elijah & the still small voice <i>All Saints'</i> |
| Sat 29 | 8.45am | Day of Prayer <i>All Saints'</i> |
| Sun 30 | 6.00pm | Advent Carol Service, lit only by candles <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Sun 30 | 6.30pm | United Anglican/Methodist Advent Carol Service <i>All Saints'</i> |

DECEMBER

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| Mon 1 | 8.00pm | Prayers for healing <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Fri 5 | 10.00am | Little Fishes Service <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Sun 7 | 6.30pm | Taizé style Evening Worship <i>All Saints'</i> |
| Sun 7 | 8.00pm | Berkhamsted Choral Society Christmas concert <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Tue 9 | 10.00am | Chuckles Service and Christmas Story <i>All Saints'</i> |
| Sat 13 | 7.00pm | Christmas supper and Sing-a-long <i>All Saints'</i> |
| Tue 16 | 8.15pm | Parochial Church Council <i>The Court House</i> |
| Sat 20 | 8.00am | ABC Prayer Breakfast <i>Kings Road Evangelical Church</i> |
| Sun 21 | 9.30am | Sunday School Nativity Play <i>St Peter's</i> |
| Sun 21 | 10.00am | United Anglican/Methodist Sunday School Nativity Play <i>All Saints'</i> |

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

21 September Daisy Alice Baxter, Pippa Mary Groves, Isabelle Megan Soulsby, Harriet Lucy Walker
28 September Nancy Natascha Margaret Allsop

Weddings (St Peter's)

20 September Martin John Read & Tracey Jane Sutcliffe

Funerals

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| 26 September | Vera May Stacey | St Peter's Church (Chilterns Crematorium) |
| 2 October | Albert David Charles Barker | St Peter's Church (Chilterns Crematorium) |
| 7 October | Eileen Edwina Cook | St Peter's Church (Chilterns Crematorium) |
| 8 October | Noel Hubert Lee | St Peter's Church (Kingshill) |
| 9 October | George Read Stacey | St Peter's Church (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 Carenza Wilton (875147) or Felicity White for Pathfinders (863526). Crèche is available at the same times as Sunday school for children under 3. Please contact Vicky Drury (384794).

Youth Groups

Contact Jimmy Young (876736)

The youth fellowship meets each Sunday: 7-8:30pm for years 7/8 and 8-9:30pm for years 9 upwards in the Court House or All Saints' as announced.

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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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 Prof. Luke Geoghegan (NSM), 16 Gravel Path, (866361)
 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: Carole Dell, 4 Clarence Road (864706)
 John Banks, Ladybrand, Cross Oak Road (871195)

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)

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Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche,
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders
 (in the Court House) followed
 by coffee in the Court House.
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon

Weekdays
 Holy Communion
 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
 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)

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Sundays
 8.00am Anglican Eucharist only as announced
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall
 10:00am United service with the Methodist congregation (3rd Sunday in month)
 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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