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Welcome to the February 2005 issue of the Berkhamsted review

On the Sunday before Christmas, **Fr Martin Wright** announced that he would be leaving Berkhamsted shortly after Easter to become Vicar of St Mark's, Reigate, in Surrey. We are all, of course, delighted that **Fr Martin** has been offered this appointment and that he will be able to move on from All Saints' and our parish to take up the responsibilities of a parish priest and the care of his own parish. Congratulations **Fr Martin** and may God guide and support you. **Fr Martin's** departure is all the more poignant for this parish as the diocese is not expected in the foreseeable future to appoint a minister with sole responsibility as Priest-in-Charge at All Saints'. In this issue of the *review*, the Churchwardens affirm their support for the Team Ministry which has been proposed as the way forward for our parish. But whatever our feelings about the changes that we face, our problems are placed in perspective by the great natural disaster that has devastated communities around the Indian Ocean. We feel compassion now, and our response has been swift and whole-hearted. But haven't we been too complacent in the past? If only we had done more to narrow the great gap between the first and third worlds, might the disaster have been less devastating?

Christopher Green

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If any of you is lacking wisdom
Father Martin
reflects on one
of God's
greatest gifts to
us

review leader

I have often thought how brilliant King Solomon was to ask God for the wonderful gift of wisdom. Wisdom, that rare commodity which we all would love to have, especially when faced with momentous decisions about what to do, not only for ourselves but for those

who ask our help. Not many of us would claim to have great wisdom. It can come with age and experience but it's not guaranteed. Wisdom to live the right way is something we all crave, knowingly or unknowingly. For most people, it comes from a distillation of their experiences, their parents or friends and the influences of the media around us.

The problem then arises as to whether that distilled wisdom will stand the test of time or eternity. In the Old Testament, wisdom is a much praised virtue, though not always seen in the lives of the many characters. True wisdom is seen as being rooted in a right attitude towards God (Proverbs 9:10; 15:33, Psalm 111:10; Job 28:28) and is a gift to be received from God's gracious hand (1 Kings 3:1ff; Isaiah 11:2; Daniel 1:17).

The suggestion of being a gift from God is picked up by Paul who describes wisdom as being one of the spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8; Ephesians 1:17) and James says that we should be bold in asking for this gift (James 1:5). *'If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you.'*

I wonder how often you feel you lack wisdom. I am only too conscious that I am not wise, except when I allow myself to be open to the leading and prompting of the Holy Spirit. As we approach Lent, that season of penitence and reflection, I am aware of my increasing dependence on God for wisdom, wisdom to live

my own life with all its trials and temptations, but also wisdom to help the people, for whom I currently have spiritual oversight. It is particularly difficult at any time of transition since, as you know, I will be leaving Berkhamsted shortly to take a new post as Vicar of St Mark's, Reigate. What decisions I make in the next couple of months will have an effect on what happens here in the months to follow, yet I will not be here to see that effect. I pray that God can give me wisdom to make the right decisions in all that I am asked to do.

The same difficulties, however, apply for all parents who try to make the right decisions for their children whose future will be affected, perhaps for the whole of their lives. Whether you have children or not, what about you? Do you feel wise in all you do, or just struggling to be wise? We might take up James' advice to ask the Lord for wisdom, to seek the right attitude of mind and heart in all the complexities of life, which we daily face. Sometimes, that will lead to humility, sometimes to challenge, sometimes to a word in season. Yet in being open to God's prompting as we pray for his wisdom, we will increasingly be the people he longs for us to be, increasingly the people through whom he can work for his glory and for the extension of his Kingdom.

May God increase wisdom in you and bless all that you do. ❖

Father Stephen Wells

It is with great sadness that we record the death on 15th January of **Father Stephen Wells**. A full tribute will appear in our next issue

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Why people join the Mothers' Union is an intriguing question and one that reveals interesting answers, so to discover some answers I visited one of our members, **Audrey Faunce**. Audrey has been a member for about seven years and joined MU when she was living in Plymouth in the diocese of Exeter. Her church was the lovely Royal Chapel of St Katherine upon the Hoe, but it was while attending a mid-week communion service at the mother church of St Andrew that Audrey came across The MU. Following the service one Thursday morning Audrey was unexpectedly invited to join a group of ladies for an anniversary lunch that day; there was a spare ticket, and with that invitation she was won over. As with many preconceptions, Audrey found her ideas of MU to be totally wrong. Having thought it to be rather prim and perhaps stodgy, and with limited interests, she encountered a "*jolly lot of women*" with a warmth of welcome and friendship, which was particularly appreciated. Limited interests turned out to be the wide horizons of a world wide organisation working to meet the needs of the local community as well as overseas. Audrey's branch in Plymouth had links with Malawi where they supported a hospital. They shipped out sewing machines so women could learn new skills and be more able to help themselves. Audrey's memories of her time in Plymouth included a lunch for a bishop from Malawi; his wife was resplendent in her blue and white MU skirt and the meal had Malawi food on the menu.

A couple of years ago and needing to be nearer to her family, Audrey came to live in Northchurch. She worships at St Mary's, but quickly discovered St Peter's and All Saints' MU members. She regularly attends our monthly prayer group and evening

Welcome and Friendship

Margaret Burbridge finds out why people join the MU



meetings. Audrey says that again she found a warm welcome and kindness. She enjoys the varied programme and social events and was welcomed to our branch by The Revd Janet Ridgway, our Deanery Chaplain. Her first meeting with us was a special Eucharist in the home of **Jenny** and **Stephen Wells**. Last year Audrey had the opportunity to attend the commissioning of **Elizabeth Brown** as MU Provincial President in St Albans Abbey. This was a memorable occasion, not only to be at a big service in our cathedral, but to meet Elizabeth personally, and also **Marigold Seager-Berry**, a past Diocesan President of Exeter diocese!

Audrey likes to keep up-to-date with diocesan news and MU's world wide work. She finds in MU membership the values of family life that seem to be diminishing in our wider society. Within the MU there is true friendship and real neighbourliness. Audrey recognises the importance of the work of MU for women and families across the world. The work, she says, may be on a small scale, but as it involves education and self-help, it will bring significant benefits for families struggling with poverty in the 21st century. ❖

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Ian Reay's &news &views

Pressures on the Use of the Land

Ian Reay asks whether we need another 80,000 homes in Hertfordshire

There have been several examples in the borough recently of plots of land being sold for occupation by travellers. If an unsuitable site is occupied it can take years to evict the occupiers and restore the site to its original, green and rural, state. For example, Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are distinct ethnic groups and are entitled to the protection of the Race Relations Act. So if a group of travellers occupy a piece of land and place caravans on it - breaking rules on planning and development control - a local council, before it attempts to evict them, needs to be quite sure that the provisions of the Race Relations Act as well as the Human Rights Act are being respected. Soon local authorities may need to show that they have sufficient provision of suitable sites in place for travellers before they can justify an eviction from an unsuitable site. The occupiers would otherwise be able to argue that they had nowhere else to go.

But travellers sites are just one of the pressures on the use of land, which is becoming increasingly scarce here. Space for conventional housing is also in very short supply if we are to continue to enjoy the Green Belt and areas of recognised landscape beauty, such as the Chilterns. Last November, under pressure from the government, the Regional Assembly for the east of England agreed to build nearly half a million homes in the region over the next sixteen years. Of these, almost 80 thousand are for Hertfordshire. A month later the Assembly changed its mind and rescinded its endorsement because it claimed that the government had not kept its promises on the amount of money to be made available for the provision of roads, water supply, sewers, schools and hospitals - needed so that the houses can be lived in. For each

new house built, an average of £40,000 would need to be spent on this supporting infrastructure. In the case of water supply there simply is not enough water available in the county to meet the needs of an extra 80 thousand houses unless we all reduce the amount that we use at home.

At the same time somewhere has to be found to put away all the rubbish that modern prosperity generates. When I was a boy scout I was told that the way to deal with rubbish, when out camping, was to "*burn, bash and bury*" it. Current policy is to burn and bury but not to bash. Instead we are re-using waste in recycling schemes. By separating our waste into green and black bins the amount that is not recycled and has to be burnt or buried has been cut by more than a quarter. But despite this reduction we will still need to put some waste into landfill sites - which is yet another demand on land. They are also very unpopular with the neighbours.

So what is to be done? One question that needs to be asked is why we need 80 thousand new houses in Hertfordshire at all. Only 55 thousand of these are needed for "*natural growth*". According to the Development Agency the extra 25 thousand will be needed to house the new workers that will fill new jobs to be created in the region. But we don't need to create jobs here - we already have full employment. More jobs here means more people relocating here from somewhere else. In places such as Manchester and County Durham houses have been bulldozed because they are not needed. We should be doing more to encourage work to move to these areas rather than stimulating demand in an already overcrowded part of the country. ❖

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The annual Christmas concert of the **Chiltern Chamber Choir** at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, is always a special occasion, and this year was no exception. The audience were 'transported' back in time to 1620, and to the town of Wolfbuttel, near Hannover in Northern Germany, the home of a famous composer of the day, **Michael Praetorius**.

PRAETORIUS AT ST PETER'S

Richard Grylls reviews a special Christmas occasion

After the tolling of a deep, decidedly non-English sounding bell, the lights in the church were turned off, leaving the warm twinkling glow of 200 or more candles to light the choir as they processed in to a plainsong hymn. Thereafter, the choir, plus a group of five excellent solo singers and a small orchestra, all under the direction of **Adrian Davis**, performed a Lutheran Mass as it might have been heard in Wolfbuttel almost 400 years ago. Most of the music heard was composed by **Praetorius**, but the 'mass' also included motets (anthems) by **Friderici** and **Stadlmayr**, and organ interludes by **Scheidermann**, **Schein** and **Scheidt**. Not one of these composers is a household name, but they all wrote fine music.

One might expect that North German Protestant music written 100 years after **Martin Luther's** break with the Church of Rome would be earnest, slow, and somewhat pedestrian. That was certainly not the case. Luther himself adapted much popular music of his day, including folksongs and dance tunes, for church use. **Praetorius** obviously inherited Luther's love of a good rhythmic tune, particularly those in triple measure. Three of the four hymns in the 'mass' (in which the audience was invited to join, and did so with spirit) were in triple time, and had a delightfully lilting dance-like feel to them. **Praetorius** also delighted in fast music – the choir sang

with great verve and precision in *Singet, jubilet*. Another influence on **Praetorius** was the polychoral tradition at St Mark's in Venice, where the music was performed by several groups of singers and instrumentalists in different galleries. So, in the *Kyrie* and the *Gloria* and other pieces, there was a rich variety of different

sounds for the audience at St Peter's to listen to, the pieces often culminating in a slightly slower passage with trumpets, trombones and full organ added – a wonderfully rich sound. The final piece of the 'mass', an amazingly ornate and exciting arrangement of *In dulci jubilo* by **Praetorius**, including fanfares and drumrolls, brought the whole concert to a thrilling climax. The two soprano soloists, **Kathryn Jenkin** and **Kate Semmens**, sang radiantly in this, as they did throughout the evening.

What the audience witnessed and heard was a thoroughly convincing, very professional sounding and splendid performance of the reconstructed mass. What was not at all apparent was the actual degree of professionalism involved in producing this. **Praetorius** did not notate music in a way that is familiar to modern performers, which adds greatly to the difficulty of performing it. The printed parts that the choir members were singing from gave very limited information as to how their part fitted in. And the orchestra had just one rehearsal. In fact very few of the performers had any idea as to how the whole piece was going to fit together or sound until the final rehearsal. Thus, the choir, the soloists, the orchestra, the organist and **Adrian Davis** are all to be congratulated on a grand effort, which provided a great deal of pleasure to a packed audience. What similar delight can we look forward to in 2005, I wonder.



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THE WINTERSHALL NATIVITY PLAY

Gill Malcolm describes the sense of excitement and joy

In the middle of the pre-Christmas rush Jessica, her friend Annie and I took time out to join the parish outing to see the **Wintershall Nativity Play**. The first time I'd come across the Wintershall Nativity was almost 20 years ago in a newspaper supplement. At long last I had the chance to attend a real live performance.

Wintershall is a private, working estate in an area of outstanding natural beauty near Guildford. The owner, **Peter H u t l e y**, has encouraged the creation of this annual Nativity Play, told in narrative and song, as a way of bringing the true meaning of Christmas to all who see it. Local people re-enact the story of Jesus' birth and early life as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The stars of the 'show' are always a new born baby, and its mother, just as it was 2000 years ago. It was lovely to be taken away for a short while from the chaos of a present day commercial Christmas and be reminded of the joy of Christ's birth. I know that both the children found it quite magical, but I also believe it helped them think in a new way about what it is we really celebrate each Christmas.

From the start the audience is transported into the excitement of that time. In the far distance we saw Mary on a donkey with Joseph and followed them to the Inn; saw

the disappointment on their faces when they were told there was no room for them and the relief when they were offered the stable. We ran with the shepherds to see the new born babe lying in the stable. We heard the distress of the mother sheep as its lamb

was presented to Jesus by the shepherds and her joy when it was returned to her. We kept watch over him together with his parents and the animals.

We rejoiced with Elizabeth and Simeon at His birth and felt the fear of the mothers whose new born babes Herod had threatened to kill. We understood why the Magi were searching for a new truth and meaning in their lives and knew that we too are seekers after truth. We were made to think about the struggle between right and wrong in our own lives as typified by a very R a p h a e l e s q u e

Archangel Michael - and scary, sinister King Herod. Finally we rejoiced with the cast, (including a repentant Herod), at Christ's birth, as together we sang carols.

It is excellent entertainment for everyone. However busy you are next year do make sure you find space to take the family to Wintershall. You won't regret it! ❖



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December's Review explained the **Oxfam Unwrapped** initiative, buying practical gifts which can be donated to African families on behalf of business colleagues, friends and relations. Perhaps assisted by you, the reader, the initiative was a great success, raising in total over £2,000,000. A large number of Berkhamsted residents bought vouchers representing the cost of chickens, goats, tree seedlings, and teacher training courses, contributing above the national Oxfam shop average to this fund!

And then cataclysm. The horrors of the **tsunami** on Boxing Day unleashed a second tide, one of unprecedented compassion for the plight of others. The shop was all but overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Berkhamsted. Donations of money and goods flooded into the shop, adding to the £100 million (at the time of writing) raised by donations directly to the Disaster Emergency Committee. Oxfam, with its forte of providing clean water and sanitation, receives 20% of this fund, enabling its Bicester warehouse to be kept stocked with the hardware needed, and its life saving work to be continued long after the immediate needs of the disaster have been met.

The **tsunami**, with its graphic pictures and death toll of possibly 200,000 at Christmastide, rightly touched the hearts of the nation, and the world. Perhaps, in the midst of this horror, it was forgotten that 30,000 children die unnecessarily every day from the effects of poverty, disease and man's inhumanity to man.

Perhaps some good will come out of the **tsunami** horror, building on the compassion which it evoked. 2005 is to be the year in which a global coalition of

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

Alex Evans sets Oxfam in
its global context

charities, celebrities, trade unions and people power will focus attention on the inequalities and unfairness of life on our planet, and do something about it. Launched in January, the campaign slogan is:

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

While politicians pontificate, the much trumpeted Millennium Development Goal of halving poverty by 2015 will not be met unless aid is increased, the burden of debt is reduced, and trade is made fair. An example.... The burden of interest payments on debt is the transfer of wealth from poor nations to rich ones. The interest amount often exceeds the combined total of the health and education budgets of many developing nations, an obscenity where Aids is rife, and even basic education is not available.

Oxfam, in addition to its emergency relief work, is a key member of the campaigning coalition. The UK will host the G8 summit in July, the gathering of the rich nations, and heads the European Union in 2005. This makes for an unprecedented opportunity to pressure politicians into realizing that the them-and-us world is unsustainable. What can you do? Oxfam shops will be selling a white Wrist Band, an outward symbol to the politicians of your recognition of the cancer of poverty, and that deeds not words are needed.

May the national and international compassion for the plight of others, evidenced by the response to the tsunami disaster, remain with us throughout 2005, so that it truly becomes the year to:

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY



We had been waiting for over a year to make this journey and, at last, we were to get the chance to visit all our outlying parishes, cut off from the outside world for almost a year by the violence that has consumed the region.

AN ETHIOPIAN JOURNEY

Andrew Proud visits some very remote Christian communities

Each day, we set out before first light, enduring deeply rutted, and often treacherously muddy roads, in order to reach places with now familiar names, but which we'd never seen. Places like Bonga, Ochom, Lare Kuergeng (right on the Sudanese border), Pilwal, Itang and Thar Pam. In one place, a white bull was slaughtered in the midst of the excited crowd and Nuer custom required me to step over the carcase, the bright gash of blood still glistening in the dust and grass, before I was carried, shoulder-high, around the church compound, surrounded by the singing, dancing congregation.

In another, we sat in the shade of a tree, as the late afternoon breeze cooled the panting dogs and sleeping babies lying at their parents' feet. In several places, the women produced valuable water, to wash our feet - water they'd carried for several kilometres to get to us. In two places, our Nuer friends were almost reduced to tears, at the shame they felt that they hadn't managed to send someone to walk the six hours to bring water for their traditional foot-washing welcome, and they had nothing to offer us to eat.

But in each place, there was vitality, hope and signs of real progress, despite the harsh conditions they are living under. If you want an idea as to what it is like to worship with them - just imagine sitting in a dark, grass-built church, about the size of a small church hall. People are pressed into every available space and the drums push out a regular, powerful double beat as the choir

fill the space with singing, dancing and ululation. Outside, small children peer through the thin, rough poles, left free of mud in the external wall, to allow air to circulate. Another small child lies asleep on the dirt floor at her mother's feet as she whisks the flies away from her open mouth.

The atmosphere is electrifying, deeply moving and utterly worshipful - but all in heat and humidity that makes it feel as if you're in a steam room. Our churches still need many basic things - grass buildings, choir uniforms (for evangelistic visits to neighbouring villages), and in one place, a dug-out boat, to allow the church leader to visit the new congregation on the other side of the wide, deep-flowing, crocodile-infested river. If he has to walk, it takes him a week to get there.

One of the most moving moments for me was the discovery that the Opo, a remote Ethiopian tribe who fish and farm the lands to the north west of Gambella, all became Christians a year ago and decided to become Anglicans, simply because they had heard about the faithful work being carried out by **Deacon John** and the church in Itang. They had walked six hours, through difficult scrub, to meet me, so that they could take a message back to their people. All the leaders I saw that day were young men in their twenties, but they told me they have already built their own church and they told me all they really needed now was some Amharic Bibles.

As soon as we arrived back in Addis, I managed to send a box down with a catholic priest friend of ours. I wonder if we shall ever manage to get our car through the scrub to see them?



Stephen Halliday's article on the Brunel's is held over until next month

reviewletters

Further to the correspondence on the stick of bombs that fell in the upper Kings Road area in April 1941, my brother-in-law, **Stanley Williams**, writes from Weymouth:



*I was on ARP duty with **Ted Dean** and **Miss Lamb** on the night when three or four bombs fell near the junction of Kings Road and Kingsdale Road, and severed the sewage and water mains. When I went home, I filled every utensil that I could find with water. Mother was first down in the morning and thought*

that I had taken leave of my senses and poured it all away! The supply was cut off later and we had two days of water by tanker and bucket relay.

I enclose a photograph in the Northchurch Society's

collection showing the blast damage to the lodge at the junction of Durrants Lane with Shootersway caused by the aerial mine that fell nearby (see December *review*). The Society's museum still has a portion of the mine's parachute cord.

C A Blofield

I have been following with some curiosity the current controversy over proposals to limit the ability of people to make insulting remarks about people's religious beliefs. **Rowan Atkinson** has evidently been worried that if he cannot make derisive remarks about religions it will inhibit his ability to earn his living as a comic. The issue has been made more topical by the decision to withdraw a play, based entirely upon imaginary incidents, from the Birmingham repertory theatre, a play which has caused grave offence to that city's large and usually placid Sikh population.

On Saturday evening **Billy Connelly** was on the television directing his usual stream of foul-mouthed expletives at Christianity, Judaism and the Mormons. I noticed that another of the world's great religions, Islam, escaped his venom. Was this an oversight on his part or will he, and **Rowan Atkinson**, be turning their attention to our Moslem brothers in the near future? Somehow I doubt if their convictions will stretch that far.

It seems to me to be quite legitimate to criticise religious beliefs on the grounds that they are debatable, exclusive, discriminatory or on other similar grounds but it should be possible to do this without being insulting to ideas which are as cherished by some people as is their racial identity.

If this presents a difficulty for **Rowan Atkinson** then perhaps he is running out of material, in which case he should find a new scriptwriter.

Stephen Halliday

A VISIT TO THE REX

**Katherine Green and
Mary Casserley** relish
the spirit that helped the
Rex to rise again

Such sumptuous luxury on our doorstep! Have you been yet? You're missing out if you haven't. The **Rex** is not your usual corporate-run, popcorn and coke cinema. It's an independent venture. Rebuilt through the vision of one man, supported by the trust, goodwill and optimism of a wonderful team of local people.

Returning to the **Rex** after seventeen years or so, with a group of old friends, it

was a disappointment to walk past the grandiose old front entrance and be ushered up Three Close Lane. Our anticipation grew however as we entered the new foyer. Here the close-knit nature and friendship that has made the **Rex** happen, becomes apparent. Behind the ticket desk are the two gorgeous girls who have tirelessly manned the **Rex** stall on the High Street through wind and rain. Their chic hats, coats and mittens replaced by stylish dresses.

Entering the circle transports us back, not to the 1980s split screen, sticky-carpeted cinema we remember of old (nor to the illicit 1990s visit when we startled a sleeping tramp) but to the plush decadence of a 1930s Picture Palace. The hushed music of Glenn Miller is accompanied by the soft chatter of the audience; the reassuringly familiar shell shaped wall lights off-set the opulent warmth of the décor.



We are ushered to enormous, deep red, upholstered seats with leg room so excessive that even the tallest among us are happy. Before the familiar and cheesy strains of Pearl and Dean we sweep down to visit the second bar, top up our glasses, nibble a few olives (nice touch) and check out the up-market, waiter-served table seating (all for only £1.50

extra). Sophistication! We'll book one of these next time.

As the lights dim, **James Hannaway**, the mastermind behind all this, takes the stage, welcomes us in his own inimitable manner and invites us to share in his enthusiasm for the film we've come to see. Once again bringing home the delightfully unconventional nature of the venture we're here to share. Our film for the evening is *It's a Wonderful Life* - a perfect film for Christmas Eve. When it's finished and the curtains close there isn't a dry eye in the house and we break into spontaneous applause.

We left the **Rex** that evening with more than the rosy glow brought on by the sentiments of the film. We left with a rosy glow brought on by being allowed a glimpse of the warmth, passion and community spirit that has enabled the **Rex** to rise again. It's a wonderful life!

<http://freespace.virgin.net/matt.buckell/TestPad/Rex/> ❖

It was apparent after the Parish Meeting on 12th December that a great number of people did not understand the concept of a Team Ministry; let alone the one, which has been proposed for this Parish. The purpose of this article is to rectify that situation, but it is important to understand the background. The Anglican Church is facing a very major problem at this time. The problem is that there are far too few new candidates for ordination. There are approximately 16,000 churches in England and Wales and there are only approximately 7900 ordained priests. Subtract from this number the clergy who are employed in administrative responsibilities, those working in schools and colleges and those working in the Armed Forces, and the number could decrease to approximately 6000 clergy working in parochial employment. As a result, many team ministries have been organized throughout the country.

Our diocese has devised a formula whereby each parish accumulates points on the basis of various criteria. Points are allotted for the number of church buildings in the parish, for the number on the Electoral Roll and the number of Easter and Christmas communicants. For every 120 points the parish is allocated the services of one stipendiary priest. The parish of Great Berkhamsted has 180 points, which allows for one full-time priest in the parish. (half a priest cannot be allocated!). This means that whatever future arrangements are agreed, the Diocese will not again appoint a priest-in-charge with sole responsibility for All Saints'. Thus with the recent announcement that **Father Martin** is leaving in April, we must assume that he will not be replaced.

Within the Deanery of Berkhamsted, the Diocese has ruled that the number of stipendiary clergy must be reduced from nine to seven. The following option has been put forward and is the one which has a consensus of agreement.

The Tring Team Ministry has already been set up and has been working for twenty years. The ministry comprises Aldbury, Long Marston, Puttenham, Wilstone and the parish Church of St Peter and St Paul in Tring. These five churches are looked after by two stipendiary priests.

TEAM MINISTRY

The Churchwardens
look to the future

Northchurch and Wigginton will join and have one stipendiary priest.

Sunnyside and Bourne End are already joined together with one priest.

The following arrangement is now under consideration for our parish.

The parish of Great Berkhamsted has 180 points. The Parishes of Little and Great Gaddesden, Nettleden and Potten End have 138 points between them. Add these together and we have 318 points. The Diocese has agreed that this is sufficiently close to the figure of 360 points, that in a Team Ministry situation, three priests could be appointed.

Your Parochial Church Council has already agreed unanimously to consider this arrangement as the basis for the future development of the parish.

The Team Rector would reside in our Rectory in Berkhamsted and would be responsible for the activities of the two Team Vicars, who would reside in Potten End and Great Gaddesden. The individual parishes would retain their own PCC and their financial independence. The Team Rector would be expected to organize the spiritual and pastoral care for the whole Team Ministry. The Team Rector and the two Team Vicars would have different strengths and would bring different expertise to the parishes. The Team Rector would be working almost full time in Berkhamsted, and the other two Team Vicars would divide their time between the parishes, spending some of their time in Berkhamsted. In this way we would benefit from their services.

In conclusion, your Churchwardens firmly believe that the formation of a Team Ministry is preferable to retaining the status quo, where one priest would be expected to look after both St Peter's and All Saints' Church. In the team ministry, the contribution of the Team Vicars would be beneficial and, coupled with the support of the non-stipendiary priests, the readers and the laity, a Team Ministry could prove to be very successful.

Carole Dell John Banks





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Nativity Plays

Priscilla Watt witnesses them in two hemispheres

I was lucky enough to be in Cape Town in November, staying with **Angela Kidwell** (née Jackson) whom some will remember. This gave me the opportunity of seeing two Nativity plays in churches of very different traditions.

In South Africa the schools break up for their summer holidays at the end of November and so the nativity play took place on Advent Sunday. At the church Angela attends, an evening performance was given and it was most strange to come back from a summer Sunday outing to see Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the four wise men (it took two to deliver the myrrh!). In this Church the performance of the play did not mean that the sermon was abandoned – but it did only last twenty minutes instead of the usual forty.

Then it was home to the familiar pattern of the play on the Sunday before Christmas with our own St Peter's Sunday School.

Whatever else is different the Christmas story is still the same.

The Asian Tsunami Disaster

Angela Morris highlights our ongoing role in restoration and rehabilitation.

As you read this, restoration and rehabilitation will, one prays, be under way in the devastated areas of Asia. As I write, I have no idea how many of the craftspeople and farmers in this vast region whose produce I sell, are alive.

It could be ten years, if ever, before Gospel House and Golden Palm craftspeople in Colombo and rural Sri Lanka are able to produce those intriguing wooden puzzles for your children or the talented silversmiths of Indonesia those lovely earrings found in some lucky Christmas stockings. Hand-made paper greetings cards from Bangladesh may not be seen in the Traidcraft catalogue or Oxfam shop for some years. I do not know.

I do know that our compassionate community will wish to continue to help these afflicted peoples. I beg you all to do so weekly, when shopping. Fair Trade Companies, of which Traidcraft is the largest in the UK, have linked charities which direct their aid to wherever it is most needed. Therefore, if you buy a bar of Traidcraft chocolate, with ingredients from South America, you will help not only the producers of the chocolate, but also, perhaps, a fisherman or craftswoman in Indonesia or India.

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Follow Me

**Gareth
Pritchard**
wonders what it
was like for
Simon and
Andrew

It was a very warm mid-night. I had just flown from Doha in Qatar into Abu Dhabi, where I was due to change planes. It had not been the smoothest of departures from Doha. At the entrance to the Departure lounge I was stopped and refused entry; I had not been asked to have my cabin bag 'checked' at the Departure desk and was minus an all-important red label. I had to retrace my steps, join the queue again, obtain the required red label and try once more. This time - success! So once in Abu Dhabi, I was anxious to get through the scrutiny correctly first time; therefore I joined the long queue and patiently shuffled forward. I had just about reached the head of the queue when a man rushed up to me, looked directly at me and said 'Follow me now'.

What do you do when a perfect stranger issues you with an abrupt command in a strange country at half-past midnight? What thoughts go through your mind? Had I lost another label? Should I pretend the man was speaking to someone else in the queue? Do I ignore him or hope he would go away? Was I in trouble? Where was the nearest British Consul?.....

Then he spoke again: 'Follow me now please sir. It is alright; you will enjoy it.' I then realised he was wearing the badge of the airline I was to fly with, so there was nothing for it – I had to do what I was told. But why?

Where else are the words 'Follow me' imprinted in history? Not too far away from Doha, by the sea of Galilee, Jesus called the fishermen brothers Simon and Andrew with the same kind of phrase: 'Follow me; I will make you fishers of men.....and at once they left their nets and followed him.' There

followed a life which was absolutely different from that which they had previously known – they became His disciples, travelling the country, meeting people by the thousand, seeing the lame walk, the dumb speak, listening to Jesus as he preached, hearing the promises made about God's love to men 'that whomsoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.' They perhaps did not understand all they heard; they obviously found it difficult to comprehend that Jesus had been sent to earth to die for Man's sins and be a propitiation for sin. Did they enjoy being 'called'? I think they must have, for they were distraught when Jesus was put to death, and for a time their world fell apart. How great was their relief when Jesus appeared again to them in that Upper Room – and from there the message of *Christianity* has been propagated over all the world.

For us, our 'calling' to follow Jesus may have been very personal and very abrupt. For others it may have been gradual and influenced by circumstance, family and environment. Whatever the reason we are a band of Christian believers at St Mary's, presently without a rector, our immediate 'earthly' leader. But this does not lessen God's promise to us, that 'where two or three are gathered together, there am I also.' To everyone, a big thank you for all that is happening to keep Christian witness at St Mary's and in Northchurch very much alive during our vacancy. God is with us and will have planned for our future!

Did I follow the man at Doha Airport?

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Did I enjoy it?

Yes I did.

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LENT MEETINGS

On the five Wednesday evenings during Lent, starting on Wednesday 16th February, there will be meetings in the Court House for Bible study and discussion. This is the contribution of our parish to an ecumenical Lenten initiative organised by the Association of Berkhamsted Churches. The meetings will be led by members of our congregations. Coffee will be available from 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start and meetings will conclude with Compline at 9.30pm.

COMIC RELIEF AT OXFAM

Are you ready for Red-Nose Day?

March 11th is hastening on and supplies of the essential nose for the fun-filled fundraising day have been known to run out. At the time of going to press, the design of this popular appendage is a closely guarded secret but the Oxfam shop in the High Street is your nearest stockist - so shop early to secure your comic creation.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BERKHAMSTED WALK

The Berkhamsted Walk and associated Stroll will take place on Sunday May 8th. The Walk will have a morning start from St. Peter's; the Stroll will start from Ashridge Management College in the early afternoon.

The Walk and the Stroll give a choice of routes of different lengths to suit all capabilities in the beautiful countryside around us. Early May in the Chilterns offers bluebell woods and the joys of spring. Please put the date in your diary and come walking with us to help the Children's Society raise funds to help deprived children.

PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOLS

On Monday 7th February with **Eva Wallace-Hadrill** at 16 Greystoke Close (879216). All welcome. Coffee from 9.00am and prayer from 9.15am. Further details from **Marjorie Davies** (01494 783034).

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OXFAM'S 20th CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

Oxfam's 20th Children's Wear Event will take place at the Civic Centre, High Street, Berkhamsted on Thursday 24th March 9.00-11.30am.

Starting from small beginnings, the twice a year Event celebrates its tenth anniversary this year and has grown into a major fund raising activity for the Berkhamsted shop.

As always, there will be a wide range of spring and summer clothes to choose from, displayed for boys and girls, from baby to teenager. Nursery equipment, toys galore, and children's books add to the bargains on offer.

The Oxfam shop gained the national charity shop team of the year award in 2004. The team really shows why, and pulls out all stops to raise around £4000 in the two hours of the Event. If you'd like to be part of the buzz that goes with this success story please contact **Nicky** at the shop (864225).

The Asian tsunami has put Oxfam into high profile particularly for its work in providing clean water and sanitation when natural disasters strike. Donating and buying quality goods at the Event are supporting Oxfam in its humanitarian work. Please come to the Civic Centre on 24th March and help the victims while meeting your children's needs at bargain prices.

SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS'

Sunday worship at All Saints' has taken an important step closer to a fully ecumenical arrangement between the Anglican and Methodist congregations. In future there will

be a 10.00am service each Sunday. This service will be either Anglican-led or Methodist-led. It will not always be Eucharistic. On those Sundays when the 10.00am service is non-Eucharistic there will be a Eucharist at All Saints' at 8.45am at which the minister taking the 10.00am service will preside. See p28 for details.

TUESDAY CLUB

At our first meeting of the New Year, the **Revd Stephen Wells** kept us enthralled with his memories of six years as curate in Poplar in the fifties. Not many of us had ever heard of Poplar which is in East London near the East and West India Docks. During the war it was bombed more severely than anywhere else in England and all its churches were demolished. **Stephen's** journey down memory lane was full of amusing anecdotes and colourful characters.

The story finished with his wedding and the young couple setting off on new adventures in rural Somerset.

PEPPER FOUNDATION

On Saturday 12th February at 7.30 pm, in the Centenary Theatre of the Collegiate School, Kings Road - In aid of Pepper and its nursing service for Chiltern's children with life limiting diseases - the glorious Garden Opera Company return to perform, in English, Mozart's ***Don Giovanni***, a tale of intrigue, lust and passion. A perfect example of how entertaining opera can be, and a great opportunity to hear some of the UK's finest young singers and their chamber ensemble.

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We began the year with a party on 7th January. President **Joy Lovell** welcomed members with *Nursery Rhymes for our Time* and we then had a quiz on Nursery Rhymes.

We followed this with a session of Room 101, based on the TV programme. Members put forward their pet hates - including litter, bad manners, fried eggs, wheelie-bins, humps in the road, loud music and mobile phones in supermarkets. Tea was then served. Tea is free at our parties but this time members gave to the Tsunami Appeal and a cheque was sent to **Hope for Children** which works extensively in Sri Lanka. We always welcome new members, so come along to the Court House on the first Friday of the month at 2.00pm. **866464** for details.

HOPE FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to those who donated gifts to Hope for Children on Christmas Day. The stationery items filled FORTY school bags which will probably go to Africa and will enable children to get a place in school. Because education is so important in the developing world, these gifts will have far-reaching effects. On behalf of **Hope** and the children - Thank you.

Liz Baxendale

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4th March 2005

Even if you cannot be part of the services arranged in Berkhamsted, read on to learn what the day is about and how you can take part in the world-wide prayers and reflection.

How many famous Poles do you know? Can you name an astronomer, an athlete, a pianist, a scientist awarded two Nobel Prizes, and a composer? ★

It is from the women of Poland that the service comes for this year's **World Day of Prayer**. As

all denominations throughout the world will pray together on this day, it is fitting to reflect on a stirring example of churches working together. Polish scholars from nearly a dozen traditions are creating a new ecumenical Bible. **The New Testament** and the **Book of Psalms** are already available in contemporary language.

Poland's natural borders are the Baltic Sea in the north, and the Carpathian and Sudeten Mountains to the south. 75% of the land is a vast plain, offering no barrier to invaders in every century.

Despite being within the Soviet sphere after the Second World War, Poland was able to introduce free education, social security and health care. Its economy had broken down by the end of the Seventies and a great social resistance movement, *Solidarity* (Solidarność), emerged during the Eighties. Poland became independent in 1989, and it now shares its eastern borders with Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, and Ukraine; with Slovakia and the Czech Republic in the south, and a united Germany to the west.

The Roman Catholic Church has played a crucial role in preserving Polish tradition, especially under 44 years of Communism. The Polish Orthodox Church traces its roots back as far as 1370. The 15th and 16th centuries brought Jews, Muslims and Protestants in search of a safe haven, and small communities remain.

On 4th March become another link in the chain of prayer around the globe.

Read *Ephesians 5: 8-14*.

Find the hymn: *God, whose almighty word* and shout its refrain: *Let there be Light*.

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8.00 pm Friends' Meeting House

★ Copernicus, Pope John Paul, Rubinstein or Paderewski, Marie Curie, and Chopin.

SUN	<i>St Peter's:</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House 6:00pm Evensong			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	6 th 10:00am Family Eucharist – Anglican led 13 th 8:45am Holy Communion - Methodist led 13 th 10:00am Morning Worship – Methodist led 20 th 10:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led 27 th 8:45am Eucharist – Anglican led 27 th 10:00am Morning Worship – Anglican led			
TUE			<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am Morning Prayer (MP) 9:30am Eucharist	
WED	<i>St Peter's</i>	5:00pm Evening Prayer (EP)	<i>All Saints'</i>	7:30am MP 8:00am Eucharist	
THU	<i>St Peter's</i>	11.00am Eucharist 5:00pm EP	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am MP	
FRI	<i>St Peter's</i>	9:15am Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am MP 5:00pm EP	
SAT	<i>St Peter's</i>	5:00pm EP	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:45am MP	
1 st Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH 12:30pm <i>Court House</i> For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris (863780)				
3 rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm <i>Court House</i> Contact June Haile (873087), Thelma Harris (865785) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)				
Tue	HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm at 22, Upper Hall Park for bible study. Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely (875504)				
Tue	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am <i>All Saints' Church Hall</i> Song Time or Short service as announced. Jenny Wells (870981)				
Tue	ST PETER'S CHOIR Children 5:15 to 6:15pm <i>St Peter's</i> Contact: Adrian Davis (864722) or Jean Wild (866859)				
1 st Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker Court House</i> Contact chairman Jean Bray (864532) or secretary Joan Gregory (864829)				
3 rd Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)				
4 rd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm <i>17 Shaftesbury Court.</i> Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)				
Wed	JULIAN MEETING: meets about twice a month at Jenny's <i>57 Meadow Rd</i> <i>All are very welcome at 11:30am as arranged</i> or at Ruth's <i>1 Montague Rd</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)				
Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7-8:30pm . (yrs 5-8) Jimmy Young (384929) <i>All Saints' Hall</i>				
3rd Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris (865785)				
Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Contact Linda Bisset (862115)				
Thu	TE'S (Youth club for yr 9+) 7-9pm Jimmy Young (384929) <i>Court House</i>				
Thu	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) (863804) <i>St Peter's</i>				
Fri	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am <i>Court House</i> Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St Peter's (10am) Nicole Addy-Varndell (864094)				
Fri	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm. <i>St Peter's</i> Contact: Adrian Davis (864722) or Jean Wild (866859)				

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Please see opposite for a full list of regular services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches.
A priest is available for confessions by appointment (866161).

February / March 2005

FEBRUARY

Wed	2	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for the Feast of Candlemas	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	4	10.00am	Little Fishes Toddler service.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	7	8.00pm	Service of Wholeness & Healing.....	<i>Lady Chapel, St Peter's</i>
Tue	8	10.15am	Chuckles Toddler service <i>Jesus Calms the Storm</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	9	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	13	9.30am	Canon Robin Brown to celebrate & preach	<i>St Peter's</i>
Wed	16	8.15pm	Lent Meeting - start with coffee at 7.45pm & finish with Compline	<i>The Court House</i>
Sat	19	8.00am	Associated Churches Prayer Breakfast..	<i>Kings Road Evangelical Church</i>
Tue	22	8.15pm	Parochial Church Council meeting.....	<i>The Court House</i>
Wed	23	8.15pm	Lent Meeting - start with coffee at 7.45pm & finish with Compline	<i>The Court House</i>
Sat	26	7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents <i>The Bridgewater Band</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>

MARCH

Tue	1	10.15am	Chuckles Toddler service <i>A Very Big Picnic</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	2	8.15pm	Lent Meeting - start with coffee at 7.45pm & finish with Compline	<i>The Court House</i>
Fri	4	10.00am	Little Fishes Toddler service.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	6	9.30am	The Ven. Helen Cunliffe, Archdeacon, to celebrate & preach + Baptism	<i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	7	8.00am	Service of Wholeness & Healing.....	<i>Lady Chapel, St Peter's</i>
Wed	9	8.15pm	Lent Meeting - start with coffee at 7.45pm & finish with Compline	<i>The Court House</i>
Sun	13	10.00am	Passion Sunday <i>Children & Communion</i> <i>Presentation of Bibles</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sun	13	9.30am	Passion Sunday <i>Children & Communion</i> <i>Presentation of Bibles</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	15	10.15am	Chuckles Toddler service <i>The Story of Easter</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	16	8.15pm	Lent Meeting - start with coffee at 7.45pm & finish with Compline	<i>The Court House</i>
Sat	19	8.00am	Associated Churches Prayer Breakfast.....	<i>Sunnyside Church</i>

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30 December Rhoda May Janes

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St Valentine

St Valentine is one, or perhaps two, of the less well-documented saints. In the fourth century two Valentines, both martyrs, were commemorated on the Via Flaminia, the road northward out of Rome, one at the second milestone, a priest martyred under **Claudius II** in AD 269 and the other at the sixty-third, near Terni where he was said to have been the Bishop. They may in fact have been the same person and neither is associated in any way with the traditions that now mark the feast day of **St Valentine** on February 14th. These traditions may have their origin in the pagan festival of Lupercalia which took place in Rome in mid-February in honour of the god Pan and celebrated the Spring with its renewal of fertility.

The practice among young, and not so young, people of choosing a sweetheart on **St Valentine's Day** certainly existed in England in the Middle Ages and is perhaps connected with the rural tradition that birds choose their mates and begin to sing on this day - a notion to which both **Chaucer** and **Shakespeare** refer.

St Valentine is a saint of the western calendar and in 1994 the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church denounced the traditions associated with his day and declared that if celebrations of love were needed they should take place on July 3rd, the feast day of **St Hyacinthus**.

Christopher Green

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Young people's *review*

February 2005

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So you thought there was nothing to do in Berkhamsted. There's the sports centre. So what! There's lots of pubs that your parents don't want you to go in. Where else?

Young People's Review tells you all about different activities for 10-18 year olds and places to meet a crowd of people like yourself.

Its time you knew about the success of these events. The crowded weekly meetings are ideal places just to chill out-doing lots or doing nothing. They lead on to exciting weekends away and useful things to do. The key element is enjoying yourself. After all, what else should you be doing?

Young People's Review is an occasional leaflet which is your invitation to join in. Who knows when the next one's coming! Don't wait. Read it now and get started.

OK, so this *is* linked to the church which may not seem cool. But the people you'll meet are cool. Its not too late to make a new year resolution to meet new people and enjoy yourself. Joining is easy. Just read on.

**Tear this out and
give it to a young
person in your life**



Hey man, you want to get out more!



Some of the 2004 events that are too good to miss in 2005

Acting the part at aWAKENING

Mucking about at Firm Foundations



Crowding in to Soul Survivor



What's on where

- **Pathfinders Games Club** For Years 5-8. We meet at All Saints Hall on Wednesdays 7pm to 8.30. Play games, make things & make things happen. Bowling, swimming, Quasar. You've just missed the Christmas Mystery Trip but there'll be another coming along soon.
- **T.E's** For Year 9 plus. Join us at the Court House, St Peter's Church on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm. Hang out, chill out and trips out. See us on thursdayevenings@hotpop.com.
- **Friday Niters** Year 9 plus. Get ready for the weekend with the Northchurch crowd 7.30-9.30pm in the loft at St Mary's. Believe it or not, we meet on a Friday but see us now on fridayniters@hotpop.com.
- **aWAKENING** 6.30-8.30 on a Sunday every other month. This is a worship service put together by the young people of all the town's churches for all young people. Next is on 20th March. Details on awakening@ntlworld.com.

These are the links to all the best activities in Berkhamsted. If you're not there you're Nowhere. What to do next?

What to do next

You don't need telling that the bad news about doing something new is turning up the first time.

We have the answer.

Call Jimmy Young on 01442 384929. Perhaps you know him at school. He will arrange to meet you and introduce you the first time. You're bound to know someone there.

The other best thing to do, of course, is to come with a friend. Two's company and together you can make an impact from the start. You can be certain of a warm welcome.

Whose who?

Young People's Review is produced by St Peter's, All Saints' and St Mary's churches. Our young people's person is Jimmy Young (01442 384929).

Did you know there are eight churches in Berkhamsted with dozens of groups for people of all ages? Here are the details of some other youth workers in town.

Northchurch Baptist Church
Andy Moody 01442 877001

St Michael & All Angels, Sunnyside.
Jammy Farragher 01442 397831

Kings Road Church
Vicky Price 01442 384144

Make their day! Call one of them now.

Big events for 2005

We are determined to enjoy ourselves and we plan to get away several times this year. Here are some of the events we hope to be involved in.

- **Pathfinders' Trip Away** Feb half term. 3 days youth hostelling. Games, activities, discussions. Quick or you'll miss out.
- **Firm Foundations** The May bank holiday long weekend. Big top worship with quality band led singing. Lots of sports activities. Go once and you'll go back.
- **Soul Survivor** 12,000 young people enjoy this big Christian festival in Somerset in August. Camping, worship bands, ultimate frisbee.
- **Mission:Berko** Keep your eyes peeled for more details of this week in early summer. Enjoying yourself is not impossible.

Have you seen Jimmy?



Jimmy Young is one of a number of Christian youth workers in Berkhamsted. You may have seen him or one of the others at your school, in assembly or a drop in meeting such as aWAKENING@Ashlyns in the RE room at 1.30 on Wednesdays. He is involved in many of the events described here. His message to you is:-

"Why not come and join me and the crowds of people like you. There is no catch; we are not going to force you into church services. Some of our young people from these groups organise their own which is more fun. We care about you and want you to enjoy yourself and get the most out of life. I look forward to seeing you."

Our secret message

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All you have to do is come along and ask and we'll tell you what our secret message means. Clue? A billion people can't be wrong.