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Welcome to the May 2005 issue of the Berkhamsted *review*

Why are there two Bank Holidays in May - one at the beginning, the May Day Holiday, and one at the end, the Spring Holiday? In the past, when most of us were agricultural labourers, May afforded a slight respite from labouring - an interval between sowing and harvesting, a time to celebrate the approach of summer. In many parts of the country May Day has long been marked by festivities going a-Maying, decorating houses with flowers and branches especially of may, and crowning the Queen of the May perhaps a distant echo of the Roman celebration of the goddess Flora which took place at this time. For a while May 1st was transformed into Labour Day, an institution that originated in the USA to mark the reduction of the working day from ten to eight hours, starting on 1st May 1867. The holiday at the end of May was, until recently, Whit Monday, and followed immediately on Whitsunday -Pentecost - one of the great festivals of the Church, but perhaps more distantly related, like other May festivals, to pagan origins, wisely absorbed into the calendar of the early Church.

Christopher Green

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Where have all the clergy gone? (long time passing)

David Abbot, the Rural Dean, encourages us to trust the *Head Gardener*

review leader

of As one the assistant gardeners around here I've noticed that over the past twelve months or so, some of the flowers in the deanery garden have gone What is missing. more, two of the flowers have gone from this particular corner of the estate at

the same time! As Rural Dean I would want to express my thanks to Mark Bonney, and Martin Wright for all their faithful service to St Peter's and All Saints'. We pray God's blessing on their new homes and ministries in Salisbury and Reigate respectively. On a wider front in the Berkhamsted deanery there are fifteen churches that stretch from Bourne End in the east, to Long Marston in the west. This time last year there were nine incumbents looking after these fifteen parishes, now there are just four!

So what is happening?

In the deanery at the moment we have vacancies at St Mary's; St Peter's and All Saints'; St Bartholomew's Wigginton; Little and Great Gaddesden and a reduction of one clergy place in the Tring Team. With the proposed new Berkhamsted Team and a new joint benefice of St Mary's Northchurch and St Bartholomew's Wigginton the number of clergy within this deanery is reduced from nine to seven.

This is <u>not</u>, you should note, out of a lack of financial resources but out of a people shortage. Those coming forward for ordained ministry are unable to keep pace with the increased number of clergy reaching retirement age in the next few years. Perhaps God will use this situation to call more people into new areas of ministry

within his church? We all know that nearly every church is totally reliant upon willing and gifted wardens, youth leaders, readers, musicians, office staff, Sunday school teachers, flower arrangers, (perhaps we should add magazine editors here too) the list is endless. Is God calling you to be more actively involved in the ministry of his church?

Who is helping?

When clergy move on it is the responsibility of the Churchwardens alongside the Rural Dean to try to ensure that regular worship and pastoral oversight can continue until a new incumbent is appointed. Many Rural Deans go through their five year appointment (yes, I've got five more glorious years at this) without too many headaches in that department. My headaches over St Peter's and All Saints' are very minimal because of the presence of **Paul Timmis** at All Saints' and your first class Churchwardens. With many retired and non-stipendiary clergy to support the ministry it is all very encouraging and greatly appreciated – but it is not a long-term solution.

Now for the good news.

In the vacant parishes adverts have been placed and shortlisting and interview dates are set. If you are the sort of person who sees change as an opportunity rather than a problem then perhaps you should be thinking and praying about how you can contribute to the success of the new Team Ministry. Stand ready to support the new Team Rector and Team Vicars as they look for the best way forward in your parish.

At the moment it may feel like *a long time passing* but the flowers will bloom, the garden will grow, and, best news of all, the *Head Gardener* knows what he's up to. Trust him.

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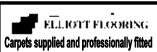
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This year Lady Day – or the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary – was transferred to 4th April from 25th March because Good Friday fell on the 25th. This meant we were celebrating this important day for the Mothers' Union in the Easter season, instead of the

more usual season of Lent. Somehow that gave an extra feeling of celebration to the day and the service that we shared in was a truly joyous occasion.

It was the turn of the Mothers' Union branch at Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green to be the hosts, and members from the deaneries of Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead gathered there in the evening to share in our annual Lady Day service. The service took the form of a Eucharist with the theme of Peace and Reconciliation. Different branches contributed to the service in various ways – it was the turn of the Berkhamsted branch to provide the lesson readers – and there was a procession of the splendid banners from the various branches at the beginning and end of the service.

The **Revd Janet Ridgway**, our Mothers' Union deanery chaplain, presided at the Eucharist and the **Revd Simon Cutmore**, team vicar at Holy Trinity Church, gave the address. During this address we were transported to 21st century Nazareth, a busy noisy place, then to a Nazareth of 2000 years before, also a busy and noisy place with the sounds of the animals that provided the means of transport then, replacing the sound of the motorised traffic of today.

Into this busy scene we were invited to use our imaginations and see Mary as she received the invitation to become the mother of Jesus and to ponder on her human reaction to that invitation and to

MOTHERS' Union

<u>Celebrating Lady Day</u> **Tracy Robinson** writes



some of the events in the life of her son, Jesus.

These glimpses into the so familiar story of the Annunciation brought freshness and a new perspective to us and we were inspired to think again on the story we thought we knew so well.

We sang our final hymn, *Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord* with joy and the memories of our earlier reflections in our hearts.

After the service we gathered for refreshments in the hall and a chance to meet with friends old and new. As is usual at such times there was a sharing of news, of remembering of friends not present, of information about future events and also of much enjoyment of being in the company of our Mothers' Union friends on such a joyous occasion.

Service of Wholeness and Healing

All are welcome to attend the monthly service that is held in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's Church.

This is a quiet reflective service, which lasts about half an hour. During the service there is the opportunity, for all who want it, to receive the laying on of hands during a time of silent prayer.

It usually takes place at 8pm on the **first** Monday in the month. But because of Bank Holidays and other holiday times during the summer it may be on the **second** Monday instead, as it will be in May.

So please watch out for details each month. There are always posters displayed at church for at least a week before each service, as well as the notices in the pew leaflet!

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The state of the moat around Berkhamsted Castle is a handy indicator of the level of the water table under the town. A few years ago, after a particularly wet spell, and partly because the overflow drain in the moat was blocked, the moat flooded the access road into the castle grounds. This is

rare but it is quite normal in the spring to see standing water in the moat - providing for a small community of ducks. As the summer progresses this water level drops until by the autumn there is usually just a muddy bed covered in reeds. Ground water stocks need winter rainfall to be replenished. Summer rainfall makes little or no difference because it evaporates before it can soak through into the rock.

But this spring the castle moat has remained dry - or at most damp and muddy. There is no standing water visible. We may not have noticed the difference but we have had a comparatively dry winter. That means that we start this summer with ground water levels already very low. The water companies are already talking about water shortages and drought measures. It is very disturbing that after a rather damp summer in 2004, and a not noticeably dry winter, we are still facing a serious water shortage.

Low levels of ground water can result from at most two causes - too little supply and too much extraction. Supply is nowadays much more erratic - floods and droughts seem to occur more frequently than they used to. But what is relentlessly increasing is extraction.

The chalk streams in the Chilterns (in particular, the Bulbourne and the Gade) are particularly threatened. We are much more aware today of the value of our water and river features - both for the pleasantness of their surroundings and for the preservation of rare animals such as water voles. The River Bulbourne is receiving a face-lift this



Worrying about Water

Ian Reay looks at Hertfordshire water supply problems

spring and the Water Gardens in Hemel Hempstead are also being repaired. Much more can be done with new housing schemes that are set by the banks of rivers and canals to exploit the water scene to make an attractive neighbourhood. In the

past the waterside has been all but ignored when new estates have been designed.

But for any of this to be of any use there has to be water in the rivers.

As a county, Hertfordshire lies in the driest part of the country. Hertfordshire also uses more water per person than almost anywhere else in the country. Because of our dwindling supply and profligate use we are heading for serious water shortages, not just this year. It is by now well known that there are proposals afoot to build large numbers of new houses in the east and south east of England - 80,000 in But the unasked Hertfordshire alone. question is whether there will be enough water. Recent pronouncements from the water companies imply that unless there is a lot more conservation then there won't be enough water for all the new houses and their occupants.

For people who are comparatively well off - and many in Hertfordshire are - water bills are not a major part of the family budget and water meters don't seem to reduce consumption very much. Without huge increases in water charges water use will not be much affected. So water conservation will have to be built into new schemes and new buildings. This can only affect new constructions and so the overall impact will be slight.

Be prepared for a lot of drought measures in future years. You have been warned!



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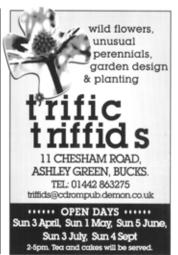
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The pilgrimage to Walsingham has become an annual parish event and this year 29 of us went.

Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries, from 1061

when Richeldis de Faverches, a Saxon noblewoman, had a vision in which Mary took her to Nazareth and showed her the house where Gabriel had announced the news of the birth of Jesus. The vision was repeated three times and Richeldis was asked to build a replica of the house in Walsingham. At the Reformation the pilgrimages stopped. Early last century, after nearly 400 years, they began again and later, in 1938, a new Shrine Church was built.

Our pilgrimage began as we met together to pray in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's Church before starting out on our journey to Walsingham. For us, this year was different – we made our pilgrimage in the season of Easter instead of Lent. Not only were we happy to be there at Eastertide, we were also fortunate to be blessed with a weekend of fine weather.

The full programme at Walsingham starts at Easter and, for the first time, we were able to take part in the outdoor processions. We were especially privileged to be among the pilgrims in the first procession to take place in the newly laid out gardens. The torch-lit procession winding its way along the paths with everyone singing is something we will always remember.

After an excellent supper we went into the Shrine for our first visit to the Holy House. As always, the peace and tranquillity in that place overwhelms us as, each year when we first encounter it, it always seems deeper than remembered from previous visits.

The rest of the evening we spent in a local pub, and like pilgrims from former times, shared companionship, stories of our journeys, and some of the joys and sorrows from our lives at home.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Tracy Robinson recalls the companionship and tranquility A few of us went to the Mass in the Shrine Church early on Saturday morning. There were no more than a dozen of us there and it was one of those especially sacred times when you can feel

the presence of God surrounding you and was such a contrast to the other services when the church was filled to bursting!

After breakfast we met for the Stations of the Cross – how strange it felt to be doing this in Eastertide rather than Lent, but also what a different and wonderful perspective to be looking from, having the Resurrection so freshly in our minds!

Some of us then visited the Roman Catholic Shrine (the Slipper Chapel). Some walked, and some went by car. Others took the opportunity to have coffee with friends or a quiet time on their own. Walking back to the village along the old railway line we passed the door of the Russian Orthodox Chapel of St Seraphim. Entering what was once the old railway station, we came to an icon-filled place of prayer, where we lingered a while, absorbing the stillness, before hurrying onward to arrive back in time for lunch.

In the afternoon we visited *Nelson's* church at Burnham Thorpe and several of the other Burnham churches. We went to the Pilgrim Mass before supper and the Procession of Our Lady and Benediction afterwards.

On the Sunday morning we attended the Parish church in the village. After lunch we went to the Sprinkling at the Well and Laying-on of hands and anointing. Those of us who could stay a little later joined in another procession and made our last visit to the Holy House.

As we returned home we were already thinking about the next pilgrimage booked for 2006, the third Sunday in Lent. Maybe the new Rector will lead our pilgrimage next year!

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I am not a scientist, but I am a grandparent, and that is what jolted me out of my complacency. What am I talking about? Global Dimming.

WILL WE WAKE UP IN TIME?

Shirley Morrish urges us to wake up and take care of our

would make a difference, perhaps more difference than we realise if enough people take up the challenge. Transport is a major issue.

Global Dimming, caused by pollution created by industries in the West, has been shielding us from the sun's rays. This pollution has recently been reduced to some extent, and we have to continue to reduce it because it causes respiratory diseases and affects the world's weather systems, resulting in disastrous droughts and famines.

If we reduce global dimming whilst doing nothing about the greenhouse gases that we produce, scientists warn that global warming will increase twice as fast as previously thought and 25 years from now the Greenland Ice Cap will begin to melt, a process which is irreversible once begun. Many cities will face catastrophic flooding. Within the next hundred years our climate would become like that of North Africa - most plant species would not survive and our green and pleasant land would become a desert with winter flooding and summer dust storms. The world by then would be ten degrees hotter - a warming more rapid than any in Earth's history. Places that have a hot climate today would be uninhabitable.

This is not a prediction but a warning. It sounds like a science fiction scenario, but the threat is all too real. Not one of us wants to leave our grandchildren such a legacy, or to feel we have been responsible for such an unthinkable tragedy across our planet, and if so, then we have to make difficult choices about how we live and how we generate our electricity. Little has been done in practical terms and we are rapidly running out of time.

So what can we do? We can't just leave it to government. Governments can't do this alone. At the very least we need to cooperate, better still use our initiative. Here are some practical steps which

- 1. Cars produce a fifth of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions. Provided we are not incapacitated, we could use our cars only when absolutely necessary giving each other lifts to work and meetings and at other times walking, cycling or using public transport.
- 2. We could buy a *hybrid car*, running partly on fuel and partly on battery and helping to reduce emissions until the hydrogen car of the future becomes available.
- 3. Unless we are farmers, we could refrain from running 4x4 vehicles. They add greatly to the problem.
- 4. We could manage without a car if the situation allows, hiring one occasionally for holidays and using taxis now and again instead.
- 5. If we have two cars we could sell one having of course worked out beforehand a family plan for travel arrangements.
- 6. We could travel by plane only when absolutely necessary.
- 7. We could convert our homes to solar power.
- 8. We could use low energy light bulbs, insulate our homes effectively, turn appliances off standby, shower rather than bath, use one hour less heating each day. You will be surprised at your savings!
- 9. We could eat less meat. Livestock account for 10% of all greenhouse gases.
- 10. We could vote for the party that treats climate change as an important issue.
- 11. We could pray for the wisdom to find and implement solutions before it is too late.
- 12. We could spread the word, pull our heads out of the sand and stop pretending it's not happening



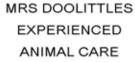
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The generosity of the donors of the goods for sale, and the hard work of a team of volunteers, resulted in an unsurpassed selection of clothes. Laundered and ironed, the high quality clothes, many with designer labels, offered great value to discerning mums and nanas.

The event was nearly scuppered by a proposed strike of council workers on Wednesday, with the prospect of the Civic Centre being closed on the day normally used for set-up. An incredible

OXFAM'S 20TH CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT THE OUTCOME

Nicky Evans writes

work-force of Oxfam shop volunteers and customers came in at 6.00 a.m. on Thursday to ensure that the Event would take place. A Dell's lorry parked full of rails and clothes overnight was a fall-back position if the

strike had gone ahead.

Sincere thanks to all those who make this Event such a success. Unstinting generosity by donors and purchasers alike, and the efforts of volunteers, help Oxfam to provide life-saving water and sanitation to the victims of natural disasters and conflict.

If you missed the Event, the shop is well stocked with children's summer clothes and of course there will be a 21st Event. It's booked for Thursday 8th of September at the Civic Centre, with autumn and winter children's clothes to match the seasons.

The Petertide Fair - 2005 Saturday 25th June 10:00 am - 3:00pm

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The Petertide Fair is a great event for all the family and while you're enjoying yourself you will also be helping some very good causes. As usual the Fair is supporting causes both overseas and at home. This year there are three causes.

Send a Cow is a Christian charity that enables poor farmers in Africa to become more self-reliant by providing them with essential resources, training and advice. Not just cows, but beehives, chickens, trees, pigs and hope! Working with some of the most vulnerable groups in Africa, Send a Cow is helping the disabled, children orphaned by civil wars and families shattered by AIDS.

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Tunnelling shields

Marc Brunel's invention of the tunnelling shield transformed both the and methods the possibilities of creating wide-gauge tunnels. Later engineers built upon his experience and example to create new shield designs which, though more sophisticated, were clearly based on his model. The first was Peter Barlow who replaced Marc Brunel's rectangular shield with a cylindrical design which could be

used to excavate a circular tunnel for an underground railway. Marc Brunel's original patent of 1818 had been for a cylindrical shield with rotating, steampowered blades to excavate the earth. He had realised that no steam engine of the time would be powerful enough to drive the blades so he substituted a rectangular shield designed to hold human excavators. Ironically his original cylindrical design was literally the shape of things to come.

Peter Barlow used this method to build the *Tower Subway* which runs 400 yards beneath the Thames from Tower Hill to Pickleherring Street, a road which vanished in the twentieth century but was opposite the present mooring of HMS Belfast. Although the subway was closed to pedestrians after Tower Bridge opened in 1894, it remains in use, conducting water and power lines beneath the Thames.

The first real tube

Subsequently Barlow began to campaign for a City and Southwark Subway to link the City of London with the Elephant and Castle. The line was extended to Stockwell and became the City and South London Railway, becoming part of the Northern Line in 1924. His assistant, James Henry Greathead, was to push the tunnelling shield one step further by developing a shield which, while incorporating Barlow's cylindrical design, also incorporated sharp steel blades which were forced into the clay by hydraulic rams.

TUNNELLING UNDER LONDON

Stephen Halliday describes 19th & 20th century developments



Marc Isambard Brunel



Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Miners then removed the loosened clay. speeded uр tunnelling and was the basis of future shield technology. The shield could also be steered to left or right, up or down, applying varying pressures to the rams around t h e circumference of the shield.

Tunnelling began in May, 1886 from a shaft sunk into the river west of London Bridge. From that point one tunnel

headed north to a terminus in King William Street and the other south towards Stockwell. The shield enabled tunnelling to be done forty feet or more below the well below surface. sewers foundations. The tunnels were 10ft 2in diameter which was to cause problems later when the railway was incorporated in what became the Northern Line. Other tubes, built later, were to a gauge of 11ft 8ins so the City and South London had to be reengineered in 1923-4 in order to enable rolling stock of wider gauge to be used throughout the system.

Besides the newly designed shield the City and South London railway incorporated another innovation: electric traction. London's earliest underground railways, the Metropolitan and the District, had been built just below street level. They were drawn by steam locomotives and ventilated. in theory, by shafts in the streets above. The system was far from satisfactory, leaving passengers choking in fuming tunnels, and it clearly wouldn't work in tunnels forty feet below the surface. The directors of the company had originally planned to use cable cars, using a method developed by a Londoner called Andrew Hallidie and applied by him in 1871 to San Francisco's cable cars. The system was marketed in England by the Patent Cable Tramways Corporation. Trains would attach themselves to a continuously moving cable, detaching themselves when they wanted to stop at a station, however, in 1888, the Patent Cable Tramways Corporation became bankrupt.

The company's directors then decided to adopt electric traction instead. A power station was built at Stockwell and fourteen locomotives were purchased, each capable of running at 25 miles per hour on 450 volts of current. A train consisted of three wooden carriages known as "padded cells" on account of their lavish upholstery and tiny, slit-like windows, situated just below the carriage roof. The railway was opened on 4th November 1890 by the Prince of Wales and passengers immediately noticed other novel features. It was the first railway to use lifts to take passengers to and from station platforms and the first to have oneclass travel. It was extremely popular with passengers but on occasion its little locomotives struggled to pull their overladen coaches up the incline towards King William Street. Lights flickered as the electric current struggled to cope with the placed upon it and trains demands sometimes had to reverse to the bottom of the incline and take another run at it

However, despite its popularity with passengers it failed to offer a reasonable return to its investors. It paid no dividend for the first year and after seven years was paying only two percent – no more than bank rate.

The Price Rotary Excavator

Within fifteen years a further development in tunnelling technology was achieved by a British engineer called **John Price**. He designed a shield that incorporated electrically powered rotating knives which delivered the excavated earth straight on to a conveyor belt. Picks and shovels now assumed a minor role as the new technology drove the Charing Cross, Euston and Hampstead Railway north to Golders Green at unprecedented speeds and greater depths than ever before. This eventually became the northern arm of the Northern Line. The London underground railway reached its greatest depth just north of Hampstead

station, 221 feet below Hampstead Heath. Greathead shields were still used for tunnelling through awkward, waterlogged ground.

Despite the technical advances, tunnelling remained a dangerous business. The builders of the Bakerloo line, in the first vears of the twentieth century, encountered the same problems that Marc Brunel had faced when they, like him, tried to tunnel beneath the Thames: leakage of water from waterlogged soil. They solved the problem by sealing the tunnels and the shafts leading to them with airlocks and pumping compressed air into the airtight chamber until the pressure was sufficient to hold the water at bay in the surrounding soil. The technique had harmful effects upon the tunnellers who suffered from the bends when they returned to normal atmospheric pressure. These were mentioned in a paper to the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1908. The speaker reassured his audience that compensation had been paid to aggrieved boat owners but clearly accepted the illness and mortality amongst unfortunate tunnellers as a normal hazard.

In the 1960s, when the Victoria Line was being built, further refinements of Price's design enabled 470 feet of tunnel to be bored in one week, yet when waterlogged soil was encountered between Pimlico and Brixton the engineers reverted to a mixture of traditional methods while using new materials. The waterlogged ground was frozen with tubes of liquid nitrogen, enabling the tunnellers to work their way through firm terrain and a Greathead shield was employed, using manual labour: a method which Marc Brunel would easily have recognised. Further refinements in shield design were incorporated in the equipment that was used to build the Jubilee Line and, of course, the Channel Tunnel, but if Marc Brunel had been present he would have recognised both the equipment and the methods as descended from his original conception.

From **Stephen Halliday's** book *Making the Metropolis: Creators of Victoria's London,* available from Ottakar's, High Street, Berkhamsted.

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Last minute reminder.

The Children's Society Walk and Stroll on Sunday 8th May gives a choice of routes in the beautiful countryside around us of either 12 miles or 18 miles. The Stroll is either 2 miles within the buggy friendly

extensive grounds of the Ashridge Management College, or 5 miles, way-marked, in the countryside around.

The Walk will start with registration from 10:00-11:30 am at the Court House.

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Correction & Coincidence

In the article last month (p30) on Mrs Humphrey Ward, her daughter Janet was described as marrying the historian George Meredith Trevelyan. Her husband's name was in fact George Macaulay Trevelyan - and he was no doubt so named out of respect for his great uncle the historian Lord Macaulay. By curious coincidence G.M. Trevelyan's works include a volume on The Poetry and Philosophy of George Meredith.

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As our cover photograph shows, there are now four hatchments newly hung on the west wall of the north transept in St Peter's Church.

HATCHMENTS IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

Christopher Green explains

Churches, the hatchments were restored and now they hang again, in the place where they were first displayed.

What is a hatchment?

The dictionary describes it as 'a square or lozenge shaped tablet exhibiting the armorial bearings of a deceased person, which is affixed to the front of his dwelling place.' The dictionary could go on to say and often thereafter permanently displayed in the church that he attended.

Our hatchments which date from around 1840 have lain for many years among the lumber which, for want of alternative storage, occupies the gallery at St Peter's. However, last year the PCC obtained a grant from the Council for the Care of

The book on St Peter's Church, published by **RA Norris** in 1923,

contains a photograph of the north transept taken *circa* 1860, before the restoration of the church by Butterfield, showing the hatchments in place on the west wall, arranged more or less as they can now be seen again. The same photograph is interesting in showing the transept full of pews and the fourteenth century tomb of **Henry of Berkhamsted** and his wife, under the north window and not where it now stands beside the vestry door. Earlier illustrations of the church show it between the pillars of the north nave arcade. No rest even in death!

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Giving and Receiving Jonathan Griffin highlights Northchurch

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Giving is a word with many meanings within a Church family. One of its main definitions often entails the use of envelope, neatly an inscribed with name address and accompany the Gift Aid declaration. Their numerous contents help to swell

charitable funds available to every Church, proportional to the size of its electoral roll and just as often influenced by a parish's age-cum-housing profile. Charitable recipients are then selected with care, and various special Appeals can be made to combine with the regular week by week donations.

Northchurch St Mary's has as its objective for Missions & Charities to spread its collective support at local, national and international levels, and seek a degree of feedback upon what our support allows to happen. Relationships are built, and maintained through prayers, good wishes and news updates. The internet helps greatly in keeping up to date with developments, highlighted by personal appearances from representatives to support a cause by speaking at St Mary's.

After a brief dip in the annual total a couple of years ago, our efforts have felt entirely successful on a range of fronts spanning social events which raise funds for charities, proceeds from the Parish Fete & Harvest Supper, the Lent Appeal and also an annual Gift Day. This year has begun with St Mary's playing its part in gathering contributions for the Tsunami Disaster appeal. Donations poured in through Church during January, and then at a simple Parish Lunch with raffle and Bring & Buy Sale at the beginning of February. The

Lunch itself raised over £500, pushing our collective contribution to the national Disaster Emergencies Committee well into four figures. The recent Lent Appeal has been divided between a particular USPG project spanning Ethiopia and Sudan and also the Northchurch United Charities. Other local causes for support later in the year are the Way Inn and Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter. The Parish Fete, this year on Saturday 2nd July, will again be providing a healthy boost to the missions total for 2005.

One of the pleasures of looking back upon a year of fund-raising is receiving letters such as the following one, from Nursing Sister Molly Coventry and her close colleague Sister Isobel Kempsall. We have gained the pleasure of getting to know them through strong links developed with Kagando Hospital in Uganda. The two of them had to retire at the age of 70 and returned to Great Britain but, as explained below, there are other places in Uganda who are still willing and able to utilise their medical teaching skills and experience.

Dear friends in Northchurch,

Retirement has been short-lived and the Recycled Teenagers are off on Safari! Since leaving Kagando at the end of November 2003, we have prayed much about our future. We thought time had come for our retirement, but God had other ideas. It has become increasingly clear during the last six months that He wishes us to return to Kuluva, where we previously worked for one year in 1998/99. Kuluva Hospital has approximately 200 beds and is situated 10km from the nearest town, Arua in NW Uganda. The School of Nursing is part of the complex and we are delighted that Anna Avinyia is still the Principal. She has been very short of tutors for some time and has carried a very heavy burden

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administration and teaching. We are looking forward to working with her again and renewing friendships with the folk we know. There is a house available for us, with the luxury of an inside toilet!

Our flight is booked for 24th May, so once more we are preparing ourselves and our houses for leaving. We will spend two weeks in Kampala dealing with the usual paperwork, but we hope to make a short trip to Kagando during that time. Then we will fly up to Arua, since the road is not safe. We are very grateful to God for the health we've enjoyed and for this opportunity to return to Africa - for one year initially and possibly longer. We would value your prayers, because we are aware of the challenges which lie ahead. Our God who has called us has been, is, and will be faithful. This is our confidence. With our love, Molly and Isobel '

All we have to do to add to that faithful support is to keep filling those little envelopes, and sustain the giving and receiving process.

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Native Wisdom

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying it in great detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally. "What's in the bag?" asked the old woman. Sally looked down at the brown bag and said "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband" The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said, "Good trade."

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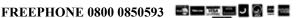
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During May contractors will be working in the bell-chamber of St Peter's church tower to install sound baffles inside the louvred tower openings. The purpose of these baffles is to make it possible to reduce the sound volume of the bells. The baffles will not be visible externally and will be adjustable so that the bells will be heard in the normal way when they are rung for church services or for joyful occasions such as weddings. It will be possible however to close the baffles and reduce the sound volume during routine practices or at other times when the ringers are concerned about the audibility of the bells.

TUESDAY CLUB

Members who recalled **Maureen Dobkin**'s entertaining talk in June 2003 on her life as a journalist were very much looking forward to her return visit and she did not disappoint. This time her subject was 'How to win competitions'. She herself enters twenty competitions per week and has won many prizes, including three holidays, £1,000, a breadmaker, a year's supply of teabags, catfood, bags of fertiliser, a model of her hand in bronze and a butterfly farm!

She gave us tips on how to compose tiebreakers and we all had a go at writing one about why we like Spring in no more than twelve words. With only five minutes to complete the task we struggled to be witty and poetic. There was much hilarity when Maureen read out the results of our efforts.

BERKHAMSTED MARKET

Dates for your diaries.

The next French Market is on Sunday 8th May 10:00am-4:00pm Enquiries to **Bruno Girardeau** (020 8642 1792)

The next Farmers Market is on Sunday 15th May 10:00am-2:00pm

Enquiries to Ian Rogers (07778 706179)

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BLIND CLUB

Are you interested? Do you know of anyone who might be interested? There is a proposal to form a club for blind and partially sighted people living in the Berkhamsted area. To find out more, phone **Doris Cutler** (863793).

IAIN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME

This year is the twentieth anniversary of the foundation of the Ian Rennie Hospice at Home and among local events being arranged to celebrate this occasion is a concert of Chamber music on Saturday 7th May at 7:30 pm at the Civic Centre organised by the pianist **Anna Le Hair**. The programme includes Quilter's songs for piano, violin, 'cello and soprano; Mozart's quintet for piano and wind in E flat and Fauré's piano quartet No.1 in C minor. £10 adult and £7.50 concessions from Anna Le Hair (01442 243582).

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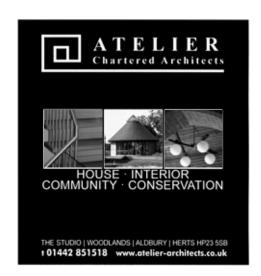
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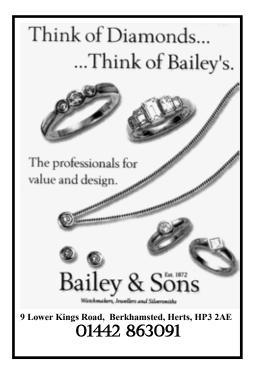


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Vouchers for four of the gifts will be available through Oxfam shops or you can pick up a catalogue to order by post, phone or online. So call in at the Oxfam shop (864225) as the first step to donating with a difference. **Audrey Hope** (864537)

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The UK government is committed to making 2005 a year when poverty is on the international agenda. To tackle poverty it must address the injustices in world trade. Christian Aid week this year asks churches to call for trade justice.

Your concern and generosity do make a difference. **Antonio Tomo** writes from Mozambique where Christian Aid is active:

'There has been a real change because now we have more of a future. We were not expecting this kind of help, but we did need it. It has brought light back into our lives. It has turned our lives round and I am now able to share my fortune with others. My eldest children go to school and I thank God for this. Everything we have is a grace from God.'

FRIENDS OF ASHRIDGE

The Friends are organising their ninth annual Plant Fair, to take place on Sunday 15th May on Monument Green, Ashridge. The plants that will be available vary from quite large tree specimens, through a remarkable range of herbaceous perennials to a host of colourful annuals. If you're a gardener, don't miss this opportunity to browse through hundreds of plants - and if you have rooted cuttings, surplus seedlings or divided clumps in your own garden and are willing to donate, contact **Stuart Downhill** (865821).

ST PETER'S AND ALL SAINTS' PASTORAL SUPPORT GROUP

This group is there to help you if you would like to talk to someone about a personal or pastoral matter. Contact **Judith Limbert** (873626) or **Joan Cook** (866278) to arrange for a member of the group to get in touch with you

TRULY MADLY MOZART

This is a big musical extravaganza which will take place at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 26th May at 7:30pm in the presence of HRH Princess Michael of **Kent** in aid of the St Francis Hospice and the Peace Hospice in Watford. Promoted by the Berkhamsted and Chorleywood Choral Societies singing together as the Gaudeamus Chorus, the programme will include semi-staged excerpts from Don Giovanni, Cosi Fan Tutte, Idomeneo and the Magic Flute, and a performance of Mozart's majestic Mass in C Minor. Tickets from the Royal Festival Hall Box Office (08703 800 400 www.rfh.org.uk).

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S	4 rd Tues			RAYER GRO			17 Shaftesbury Court.	
				ds our prayers			ny Wells (870981)	
2	Wed	JULIAN	MEETING: 1	neets about twi	ce a month	at Jenn	y's 57 Meadow Rd	
<u> </u>		All are v	•	11:30am as arr	0		h's 1 Montague Rd	
.2				•			Brown (863268)	
2	Wed	PATHEL	NDERS GAM	ES CLUB 7-8:3	30pm . (yrs 5-8)	Jimmy Young	g (384929) All Saints' Hall	
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	ora wee	GRIEF	L (D LOSS Se	I TORT Euner	-		Harris (865785)	
	Thu	HOME (GROUP: 8:00p	m on 2nd & 4tl	h Thursdays.	Contact Lind	la Bisset (862115)	
	Thu	TE'S (Youth club for	yr 9+) 7-9pn	n Jimmy Y	oung (384929)	Court House	
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	Fri				LER GROUP:		Court House	
		Weekly	meetings with	a short service	1st Fri in St Pe	` ′	Vorndoll (864004)	
	Fri	ST PETE	R'S CHOID.	Children 7:00	-8:30pm, Adul t	•	Varndell (864094) St Peter's	
	***	SILEIL	ar 5 choir.				ean Wild (866859)	
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Please see opposite for a full list of services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches.

May/June 2005

MAY	Z.			
Sun	Sun 1 6:15am The Cowper Society presents:		The Cowper Society presents:	
			Madrigals sung from the church tower	St Peter's
			followed by breakfast in	The Court House
Mon	2		Bank Holiday – for Healing Service see Monday 9 th	
Thu	5	8:00pm	Ascension Day Eucharist	All Saints
Fri	6	10:00am	Little Fishes Toddler service	St Peter's
Sun	8	10:30am	Children's Society sponsored walk sets out from	The Court House
		6:00pm	Choral Evensong	St Peter's
Mon	9	8:00pm	Service of Wholeness and Healing	St Peter's
Tue	10	10:15am	Chuckles Service Secret Power	All Saints
Wed	11	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	36 North Road
		8:15pm	St Peter's Area Committee	The Court House
Wed`	18	7.30pm	Fr Martin Wright's Installation atSt Mary	's Church , Reigate
Sat	21	8:00am	Associated Churches Prayer Breakfast	All Saints
		7:30pm	Concert - The Bridgewater Band	
			with Chiltern Chamber Choir	St Peter's
Tue	24	10:15am	Chuckles Service The Lost Sheep	All Saints
Thu	26	8:00pm	Corpus Christ – Solemn Eucharist	St Peter's
Mon	26		Bank Holiday	
JUN	E			
Mon	6	8:00pm	Service of Wholeness and Healing	St Peter's
Wed	8	8.00pm	Joint Council	14 Oxfield Close
Sun	12	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	
Tue	14	10:15am	Chuckles Service The Lost Coin	All Saints
Sat	18	8:00am	Associated Churches Prayer Breakfast	The Sacred Heart
Tue	21	8:15pm	Parochial Church Council	The Court House
Sat	25	10am-3pn	1 THE PETERTIDE FAIR	St Peter's
Wed	29	8.:0pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist	
			followed by Reception in	The Court House

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

10 April Ophelia Ann Gumm

Baptisms (All Saints')

13 March Harry Oliver Mabbs, Thomas James Holloway

Weddings (St Peter's)

9 April Christopher Smalley & Julie Elizabeth Bayliss

Funerals

15 MarchMaureen BirdSt Peter's Church (Chilterns)17 MarchChristopher Frank HughesChilterns Crematorium30 MarchNorman Alan BartonAll Saints' Church (Chilterns)7 AprilSheila BeersSt Peter's Church (Kingshill)

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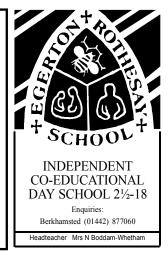
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