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### **Welcome to the February 2006 issue of the Berkhamsted review**

The *review* is slightly thinner and lighter this month. It has only 28 pages instead of our usual 32. The reason for this is that over Christmas the flow of copy became a trickle. Pens and laptops were no doubt laid aside while the turkey was demolished, the presents opened and the mince pies consumed. But now is your chance to take up your pens and laptops again and write something for the *review*. Set down your views, enthusiastic or critical, on developments in our town and the surrounding countryside; recall your holiday or travel experiences, good, bad or extraordinary; revive your memories of childhood; offer your recipes or gardening tips; record the history of our town, its buildings, its landmarks, its famous inhabitants. All these and many others are welcome topics in the *review* - and if you have photographs to accompany your contribution, they are welcome too, whether in digital or conventional format. And don't forget to keep the *review* informed about future events - exhibitions, talks, open days, concerts, theatrical productions. There is plenty going on in Berkhamsted. The *review* reaches the people who want to know what, when and where.

*Christopher Green*

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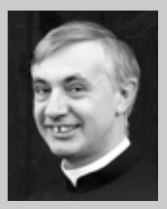
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### The Need to Get Things Done

**Father Michael  
Bowie**  
commends an  
attachment to  
San Expedito

## review leader

Carolina is in Chile as I write, enduring the privations of mid-summer: brilliant sunshine and ready access to beautiful beaches. She is also enjoying worshipping in her native Spanish in churches which always seem to be full. None fuller, though, than the Basilica of *La Merced* (*Our Lady of Mercy*)

on the nineteenth of every month. The Feast of San Expedito is the nineteenth of April but such is the popularity there of this obscure 4<sup>th</sup> century saint (a Roman soldier, martyred in Armenia) that *La Merced* celebrates him every month and it has become necessary to add a fourth Eucharist to the normal daily programme on the 19<sup>th</sup>. *La Merced* is about two and half times the size of St Peter's, with seats for perhaps 1500 people. That evening there is standing room only at the two Masses.

Devotion to San Expedito seems to proceed from a deep-rooted cultural need – the need to get things done! In Chile most things take time, sometimes a great deal of time, but San Expedito is invoked to short-circuit tedious bureaucracies and other obstacles to the enjoyment of life. There is a short prayer which one is encouraged to repeat on the nineteenth of every month, a jaunty rhyming couplet, which gets straight to the point:

***San Expedito, San Expedito  
Concedeme lo que necessito***

(Saint Expeditus, Saint Expeditus:  
grant me what I need)

We are often uneasy with this kind of popular devotion. Some would say it falls a

long way short of 'real' Christian faith or would be suspicious of the unashamed bargaining (candles for favours). But all Christianity (and all religion) has elements of this type of popular devotion at its edges: our own cribs and Christingles are not very different in their appeal, if we're honest. I found the experience of joining in the worship of God and sharing in the Eucharist that evening as true to my Christian faith as any offering I've attended. It was joyful, enthusiastic and involving. I felt that Jesus might be happier in that somewhat Carnavalesque gathering than in the midst of some worthy, tasteful and dour *celebrations*, however pure their doctrine.

And not only do I warm to the popular (and populous) devotions: I find that I don't have much trouble with the sentiments of the prayer either. Perhaps, as an impatient person, any Saint blessed with the name *Expedito* would appeal to me (the various stories about how he got his name are also worth telling, but there isn't time here). But there is honesty about this expression of need that probably lies quite near the surface of most prayers anyway, however much we convince ourselves that our prayer life is more sophisticated than that. There is a child-like quality about it which is certainly in tune with Jesus' recommendations about how to approach God. And the clincher, for me, is that it asks not for what I *want*, but what I *need*. God, we believe, does give us what we need, which is often different from what we want. If *San Expedito* helps people to ask, to open the conversation, however indirectly, with our loving heavenly Father, then he is OK as far as I'm concerned. And encouragement to get things done can't hurt either. So don't be surprised to find a statue of him in the Rectory when you come to call! ❖

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The first Friday in December hangs over the White household with a mixture of dread and stimulation. In 2004 the Abbey had to change the weekend and so nothing happened on that night, set aside in readiness. December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005 was therefore not marked in red and in fact thoughts of dank and chill in

the hours before a winter dawn were not on the agenda of the Whites of Cross Oak.

An MU phone call established that December 2<sup>nd</sup> was to be the night of nights for the St Albans *Sleep Out* for the Homeless and could we help during the cosy hours of 9-11 pm. We were happy to help and Saturday's arrangements caused no dramas. During the following week another MU phone call set out the usual problem; there were plenty of evening helpers but too few from 2-4 am. Could we do this instead. We had been used to 1-3 am and this later time seemed curiously and dramatically worse. Four o'clock in the morning is the "darkest hour" mentioned by **Winston Churchill** and it is certainly my black time when I am sleeping badly. We thought of **Margaret Barnard** and, of course, we said 'yes'. (It was Margaret who started us helping the St Albans *Sleep Out* by asking for moral support on her early morning slot two years before she died).

Temperatures were not so low but the day and the night were very wet. We set the alarm for 12:30am and arrived to find a few bodies wrapped in plastic near the Refectory entrance, and then the bodies were clustered all around - hugging the Abbey, including the chill north side. Somehow those plastic rolls made me think of the aftermath of earthquakes and the tsunami. It was a desolate sight. There was little sign this year of life, or the usual laughter and fun of young people camping. 2005 was perhaps

## A DESOLATE NIGHT

Helping at the St Albans  
*Sleep Out*. Felicity White writes.



the nearest to the real experience of sleeping rough for regular sleepers. I too felt cast out in some way as I walked in the pitchy dark and damp, keeping close to the walls and the bodies.

We went into the warm refectory café and received our instructions

and met our co-helpers, and began to wash up saucepans and mugs and heat up more soup. Some excellent mugs had been donated this year which the sleepers were encouraged to keep and re-use and ask to be washed so that mugs were not being circulated in the usual way. We were none of us happy to throw away plastic or paper mugs - all four of us were preservers of little bits of string that might come in useful one day! But fears of Bird Flu - or Aids - determine policy and practice. The time went fast in the constant production of hot tea and coffee and biscuits - and lots of mushroom soup when the tomato was finished. Then a crisis; no more milk.

We borrowed the supply belonging to the café and then the local all-night garages and supermarkets had to be trawled for milk supplies so we were three people left to serve and cheer the very chill sleepers who could not sleep. Usually this time is very quiet but the north wind was cold and strong. We filled up one hot water bottle. No Rodney came to see us this year. Probably new love had more worthwhile things to do than spending a night out in the cold with his fiancée! The night was otherwise uneventful and calm.

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A planning application to put three houses on the site of the former slipway and yard of Bridgewater Boats, at the end of Bridge Street, was refused recently by the development control officers at the borough council. One of the reasons given for the decision was that government transport policy requires that

## Ian Reay's &news &views

### Save our Wharf

**Ian Reay urges us to seize a unique opportunity**

excluding him from the ducal succession was contemplated. When he was twenty-three he left the social life of London and settled in Worsley in Lancashire. It was from here that his work on inland navigation was achieved, however, after his death on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1803 his body was deposited in the family vault near Ashridge.

The Grand Junction Canal (as the Grand Union Canal was originally known) was built to connect Birmingham and Brentford via London. The Act of Parliament to authorise its construction was passed in 1793 and work started in



local planning authorities should seek to re-use disused wharves and retain boatyards. Any development should improve or at least preserve the canal-side environment and facilities. Since this wharf is the last one remaining in the town (being more than 200 years old) it provides the only remaining opportunity to provide a facility for canal-based activities within the town.

Given the strong links between Berkhamsted and the construction of the national canal network in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, it would be a local scandal if there were to be no recognition of this history in the town. Unfortunately that is the situation that we may be left in if this site, which is currently vacant, cannot be used for this purpose.

The first link of course, is that Francis, the third and last Duke of Bridgewater, born on



the same year. On completion it provided the main transport infrastructure to bring goods from the north and midlands to the capital. It remained very busy even after the construction of the railway. In 1835, before the opening of the

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The importance of the local heritage value of the Grand Union Canal is being recognised in that British Waterways are setting up a *Chilterns Canal Partnership*, which will expand on the role of the earlier Canal and River Partnership in Berkhamsted, and look at ways of improving the canal all the way from Rickmansworth to Milton Keynes. Berkhamsted will be right at the centre of

this stretch. It would be of enormous value to the town if the Berkhamsted Wharf site could continue to be used as a slipway providing access to canal based activities. This could be combined with perhaps a small museum and possibly a training workshop providing training to keep boat and canal-related skills alive. Unfortunately a lot of work would be needed to raise the funding that would be needed to acquire and develop the site. You can find out more by looking at the website:

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**Sir Edward Watkin** (1819-1901) was a force of nature. Born the son of a moderately prosperous cotton merchant in the reign of George III, by the time of his death in the twentieth century he had founded a newspaper, chaired three railway companies, been an MP for three constituencies, begun to dig a Channel tunnel and failed to build a superior version of the Eiffel Tower on a site which later became world-famous for other reasons. (ED: *Wembley Stadium*) He had been knighted for his services in helping to give Canada an effective rail network. He had also taken the first steps in the creation of *Metroland*, the very symbol of middle class suburban London celebrated in the poetry of **John Betjeman**. From this incomplete list of his achievements it would be reasonable to conclude that he was a busy man. In fact he could fairly be described as a nervous and aggressive workaholic who from his twenties onward suffered from anxiety, depression and nervous breakdown. He could be a very difficult man to work with. He conducted a long-running feud with a rival railway chairman who would have been useful as an ally. He could be appallingly rude to shareholders at annual general meetings of the companies he chaired. He refused to have any dealings with trade unions but he saw to it that the clerks of his companies were given a turkey, a goose or a leg of mutton at Christmas. He was the best known railwayman of the later nineteenth century despite the fact that he never chaired any of the great companies like the LNER or the

## SIR EDWARD WATKIN - ENIGMA PART 1

Stephen Halliday begins  
a tale of Railways,  
Tunnels and Towers



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Great Western. He was also an enigma.

He was born at Salford in 1819. George III's long reign was drawing to a close and only eleven years would pass before the opening of the railway from Liverpool to Watkin's native Manchester. Edward joined his father's business when he was about fifteen but does not appear to have been a particularly dedicated employee since by the time he was twenty he was heavily engaged in local politics. At that age he was a sufficiently dedicated free-trader to have become secretary of a local anti-Corn Law association whose aim was to remove the protective duties on grain which increased the price of bread and offended the principles of free trade. In 1845, aged 26, he founded the

*Manchester Examiner* to support this cause. In 1840, aged 21, he had been recruited to the ranks of the Manchester Athenaeum, a learned society on the brink of insolvency. He restored its finances by persuading **Charles Dickens** and **Benjamin Disraeli** to conduct soirées on its premises. Such energy was later to be applied to rescuing insolvent railways. He also campaigned successfully for a Saturday half-holiday for Manchester clerks and raised money for the purchase of three local parks.

His railway career began in 1845 when he became secretary of the small Trent Valley Railway Company. In 1853 he became general manager of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company with which he remained

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## ← p11 Sir Edward Watkin continued

associated for the next 41 years, the last 30 as chairman. This rather unusual railway company resulted from the earlier merger of a number of smaller lines and linked Grimsby on the east coast with Liverpool and Chester in the west, via Sheffield and Manchester. It became the vehicle for Watkin's ambition to link Manchester first with London and then with Paris via a Channel tunnel. He hoped thereby to make himself the greatest railway magnate of the age. This ambition ensured that, under his chairmanship, the railway expanded rather than flourished, with dividends remaining consistently low. He berated other railway chairmen for failing to aid him in achieving his ambition, criticising the august Lord Colville of the Great Northern for "*wasting your shareholders' capital on the plastering of your old line*" when he could have joined with Watkin in creating a new one. The first steps towards Paris were taken in the 1890s and involved the construction of the *London Extension* from Annesley, north of Nottingham, via Leicester to Quainton, near Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. Quainton was the northern extremity of the Metropolitan Railway, of which Watkin had become chairman in 1872.

In the meantime **Edward Watkin** had sustained a successful political career. He was briefly elected as MP for Yarmouth in 1857 but was unseated following allegations that his money had been used to buy votes, a common feature of Parliamentary elections before secret ballots were introduced in 1872. Watkin himself was probably not directly involved in the bribery and the setback did not prevent him from being returned as a Liberal for two other constituencies: for Stockport in 1864-8 and for Folkestone and Hythe where he sat between 1874 and 1895. In 1868 he was one of the 78 MPs who voted unsuccessfully to give the vote to women in the 1868 Reform Bill. In 1861, at the request of the government, he spent some time in Canada advising on the creation of a national rail network and it

was for this contribution to the process of uniting that vast Dominion that he was knighted in 1868 and created a baronet in 1880.

When Sir Edward became chairman of the Metropolitan Railway in 1872, it was in a sorry way. It had opened on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1863. It was the world's first underground railway, linking the Great Western Railway's terminus at Paddington to Farringdon, in the City of London, via Euston and King's Cross. It was operated by steam engines which were fitted with special condensers to minimise the escape of steam and smoke into the tunnels, a precaution that enjoyed only partial success. By 1872 the line had been extended to South Kensington in the west and Moorgate in the south. It was an early attempt to alleviate the chronic congestion of London's streets, celebrated at that time in the work of the artist **Gustave Doré**. For most of its length the line ran just below street level, along Marylebone Road, Euston Road, Pentonville Road and City Road before turning south to the City along Farringdon Road. Despite the relatively simple '*cut-and-cover*' method of construction, the cost of building a railway beneath the streets of the world's largest metropolis was very high. The difficulties that were encountered in financing its construction were a portent of the problems that were to beset underground railways for the next century and a half. Nor was it the first attempt. In the 1850s, a previous scheme to build this much needed line had been frustrated when £170,000 set aside by the Great Northern Railway to buy shares in the project was embezzled by one of its officers. The culprit, **Leopold Redpath**, was one of the last convicts to be transported to Australia for his crime but his misconduct was symptomatic of the chicanery that came to characterise the financing of London's underground railways in the second half of the nineteenth century. ❖

### Next month: The Circle Line

from **Stephen Halliday's** book *Making the Metropolis* available from Ottakar's Bookshop.

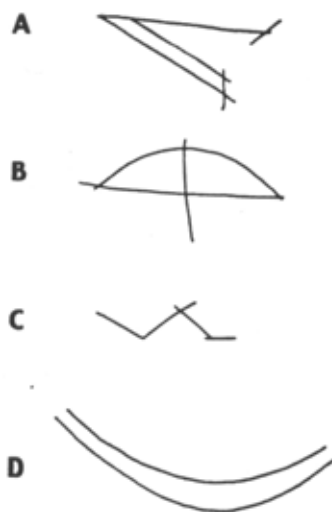
On the cover of the review this month we have a picture of the interior of St Peter's Church. It shows the space beneath the central tower and we can see the great pillars that hold the tower up. These massive pillars, the tower piers, are among the oldest parts of our church and they form one of the finest, unspoiled examples in Hertfordshire of the Early English architectural style. They were built at the beginning of the thirteenth century. We believe that the first Rector, Robert de Tuardo was instituted in 1222 and by that time the building of St Peter's in its original form was probably well-advanced, if not completed. We shall never know the names of the stonemasons who built the church, but we can see the marks by which the work of individual craftsmen was identified nearly 800 years ago while the building work was in progress.

The stone used in the construction of most of the interior of St Peter's is Totternhoe Stone from quarries at Totternhoe, near Dunstable. This is a soft limestone from the Chalk and easily carved. Throughout St Peter's, within easy reach from the ground, there are many graffiti scratched on the stonework. Some are ancient, others are quite modern. We should record them, perhaps a topic for another article in the *review*. On the tower piers, among the graffiti, are the marks of the masons who built these massive pillars. At least nine different mason's marks can be recognised, of which eight are illustrated in the accompanying drawing. The marks are drawn at the correct relative scale; the larger marks are about 10cm (4 inches) long.

## WHO BUILT ST PETER'S CHURCH?

### Only their marks remain

Christopher Green  
explains

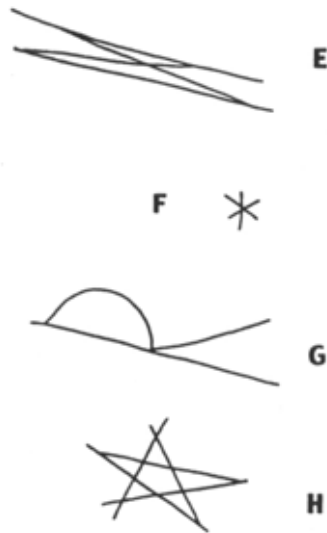


The marks are inscribed on many of the individual blocks in the stonework; they occur at all levels up to the top of the pillars; and they are remarkably numerous. For example, at least 66 marks are present on the stonework of the north-east pier. Nearly half of these (30) are the mark labelled **A** in the drawing and all the other marks in the drawing, except **H**, can be identified. They are best seen by allowing a torch beam to shine obliquely on the stonework. There are good examples of mark **B** on the stonework beside the steps going up to the vestry. Altogether on this face of this pier there are five mason's marks represented and at least 19 individual marks in all.

What was the purpose of mason's marks? First, we need to understand that medieval masons were probably hired on a short-term, piece-work basis for specific building projects. The marks were almost certainly put onto the individual blocks by the mason who prepared the block, so that the foreman could keep a tally of the work done by each workman as a basis for payment. The marks would also have allowed the foreman to identify the work of each individual for purposes of quality control. For the work at St Peter's, the blocks were probably rough-hewn in the quarry at Totternhoe and finished by a gang of stonemasons working in a temporary workshop on the building site in Berkhamsted. The marks are therefore likely to have been made by members of that gang. What we don't know is whether each mark belonged to an individual mason who took it from job to job; or whether the marks were issued by the foreman to the

members of the gang for the purpose of the particular job in hand. Perhaps practice varied from time to time and place to place. Mason's marks were in use throughout the medieval period and can be seen in other churches in Hertfordshire. At St Mary's, Cheshunt, for example, built between 1418 and 1448, there are many mason's marks on the stonework of the nave arcades.

Another interesting question is whether the marks in St Peter's can be traced in any other church, possibly indicating the work of the same masons in both churches? There are several churches in Hertfordshire incorporating Totternhoe stonework of 13<sup>th</sup> century date. I have so far found only one other building in which mason's marks, closely resembling those in St Peter's, are present. On the stonework forming the internal decorative arcade at the west end of St Albans Abbey, mason's marks apparently identical to those labelled **F**, **G** and **H** in the accompanying drawing are present, together with several other mason's marks not represented in St Peter's. Were the



masons who helped to build St Peter's Church also involved in the construction of St Albans Abbey? It seems possible. The mason's marks at St Peter's are confined to the tower piers and this is the

finest quality early stonework in the church. No mason's marks have been found elsewhere in St Peter's, even on stonework in parts of the church that would seem to be almost contemporary with the tower piers, such as the arches they support and the adjoining Lady Chapel. Perhaps the building work was seasonal, or took place in stages, as funds became available, and in consequence several different groups of masons undertook the building of the church over a period of years in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century. We may never know, but what

we can learn from the distribution of the mason's marks on the stonework is something about the plan of the original building and something about the way that building was altered to create the church we know now.

But that's another story.



### What & Where in St Peter's?



Answer next month

### Answer to January's What & Where in St Peter's?



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## *review* Northchurch & Wigginton

### **A Sign of God's**

#### **Presence**

**The Revd  
Jonathan  
Gordon** spells  
out his vision  
for our local  
churches

At the time of writing January has been quite a cold and dull month in terms of the weather. The thought of spring and fresh colours in the garden and milder air seems a long way in the future. However, the month of winter does provide some high points. Most States in America celebrated Martin Luther King

Day in January, and this celebration of a remarkable life focuses on building a sustainable vision of justice and peace. King is most well known for his famous "*I have a Dream*" speech that was delivered in Washington DC, in August 1964. I have a tape of that speech and listening to King's eloquent and fluent delivery is not only inspiring, but can also get you thinking about the importance of vision and hope. So to lift my thoughts away from cold and grey weather, here are a few thoughts of a vision for a local church.

We are very fortunate in Northchurch and Berkhamsted to have a number of beautiful churches. They represent a sign of God's presence within the communities, of which they are a part, providing a place for prayer, quiet reflection, celebrations, and sometimes tears. My hope and prayer for the churches would be that every person in the community, irrespective of their faith or belief, would be able to feel in some deep sense that the church was open to them. It would be a place where people could find, friendship, companionship, and support. It would be a place where people could come to find inner strength in times of hardship and doubt. It would be a place where the challenges and complexities of

society and the world could be explored together in the light of the good news of the Gospel. It would provide a space where all ages could meet together, pray together and celebrate the presence of the risen Christ. They might also be places that challenge and provoke us to work for better local communities, a better Berkhamsted, a better Dacorum and ultimately a better world.

There are many challenges facing the church, but there are exciting things happening. To quote **Martin Luther King**, may we all be inspired by hope and come to see:

*"....the day when there will be  
peace on earth and goodwill  
towards all. It will be a glorious  
day, the morning stars will sing  
together, and the sons of God will  
shout for joy."*



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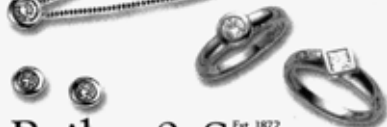
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## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI

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This Institute meets on the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month at 2:00pm in the **COURT HOUSE**. Our January meeting took the form of a Twelfth Night Party, but we have a wonderful programme of excellent speakers for the coming months. Why not come along and hear them? We offer friendship and fun, and a cuppa and cake to round off our afternoons together! The start of a year is a good time to join, but you must visit **THREE** times in a year at a cost of £1.50 per meeting. Outings are organised (usually a half-day) and the Hertfordshire Federation organises many interesting events which members are able to join in. The **WI** gives women a voice, encourages involvement in community and environmental affairs and provides a circle of **FRIENDSHIP**. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> our Speaker will be **Julia Marriage** talking on *An East Anglian Childhood*. We should be so pleased to welcome **YOU**. Further details from **Liz Baxendale** (866464)

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## BERKHAMSTED MUSIC SOCIETY

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Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 8:00pm at the Civic Centre - The Juventus Quartet playing Handel, Britten and Dvorak. Visitors £10 under 21s £5 from the treasurer (871598) or at the door.

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## ARTAID AT OXFAM

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A varied selection of works of art will be on offer early in February when parts of the Oxfam shop in Berkhamsted High Street take on the appearance of an art gallery. Pictures to suit every purse and taste will be on view and there will be other artefacts such as studio pottery, embroidered scenes and wall hangings as well as art books for the discerning customer. Quality picture frames will also be available. A feast for art lovers! Don't miss.

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## CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN HEALING

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This is a celebration organised by the St Albans Diocesan Group for the Ministry of Healing. It will take place in the context of the Eucharist, at St Albans Abbey on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am. The Speaker will be **Beatrice Brandon**, Convener of the Healing Ministry Steering Group, and the celebrant will be **The Right Reverend Christopher Foster**, Bishop of Hertford. Personal ministry for physical, emotional and spiritual problems will be offered. Further details: **The Revd Dr Anne Shaw** (01923 827663) or e-mail [anneshaw@doctors.net.uk](mailto:anneshaw@doctors.net.uk)

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## FAIRTRADE AT THE COURT HOUSE

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9am-12noon**  
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Come and buy food, teas, coffee, crafts, clothes and paper goods. Sample some of the goodies and enjoy a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee.

Admission is, of course, free.

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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Our first guest speaker of the New Year was **Tracy Robinson** who gave a fascinating description of her three year *Training for Ministry* course. It was a real test of stamina involving lectures, essay writing, two very concentrated working weekends each term, a summer school each year, two placements, one secular and one in a church different from home, presentations and preaching on the course and in the home church. It was inspiring to hear how Tracy and her fellow students supported each other through all the difficulties and how lifetime friendships were formed.

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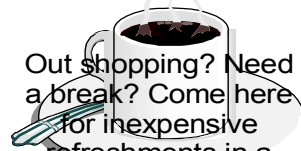


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## 38<sup>TH</sup> CHILDREN'S SOCIETY SPONSORED WALK 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006

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*And did those feet in ancient times walk upon England's mountains green?* It's hard to credit that the Berkhamsted Walk has already taken place over 37 years, a long time if not ancient! Times change, and the routes change. Sadly, what doesn't change is the need for help to deprived children through the work of The Children's Society. The sponsored walk is the Berkhamsted Committee's major fund raising activity; we look forward to your support on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** this year.

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## BERKHAMSTED LOCAL HISTORY & MUSEUM SOCIETY

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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 8:00pm at the Civic Centre - The Straw Plait Industry - A talk by **Veronica Main**, Plaiter in Residence, Luton Museum.

**Visitors £2.50 at the door.**

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## BERKHAMSTED WILDLIFE WATCH

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If you can offer a few hours a month of your time, contact **Sandie Taylor** (01727 858901) or e-mail [info@hmwt.org](mailto:info@hmwt.org)

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## ← p5 Mothers' Union continued

people who had given up the night to raise money and share the acute discomforts of homeless sleepers. Once again I had been reminded how vulnerable the sleepers are in their bags, although I did not go snooping around to find cups to wash on this night. In the dark niches a lone sleeper could have been molested or robbed. These young people were guarded constantly by patrolling volunteers, and they had the Mothers' Union hot comfort and the warmth of the Refectory to escape to. Above all they had the company and support of each other, and of youth leaders or parents who accompanied them.

My whinge about turning out between two and four o'clock in the morning makes a bit of a story but we actually enjoy it. On this night, Peter is content to be an honorary member of the Mothers' Union. But above all we are inspired and encouraged to be part of such a wonderful event and in sharing with the sleepers, young and old, one brief moment of what is the nightly experience, year by year, of so many people who sleep rough. ❖

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## February

SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evensong
	<i>All Saints' 5<sup>th</sup></i>	10:00am Morning worship – Anglican led
	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led
	19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Sung Eucharist – Anglican led
	26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led 10:00am Morning Worship - Methodist led
All services at <i>St Peter's</i> unless otherwise indicated MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer		
MON	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 9:15am
TUE	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 9:30am <i>All Saints'</i>
WED	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 8:00am
THU		EP 5:00pm Eucharist 11:00am ( <i>Fr Michael's day off</i> )
FRI	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm <i>both churches</i> Eucharist 9:15am
SAT	MP 8:45am <i>both churches</i>	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 9:15am
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH 12:30pm <i>Court House</i> For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris (863780)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker Court House</i> Contact chairman Val Atkinson (866792) or secretary Joan Gregory (864829)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)	
4 <sup>rd</sup> 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)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. <i>Various local churches</i>	



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Please see opposite for a full list of services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches.

### February / March

#### February

Thu	2	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for the Feast of Candlemas ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	3	10:00am	Little Fishes Service ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	6	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	12	6:00pm	Choral Evensong ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Thu	16	7:30pm	Installation of the Revd Tricia Gibson..... ..... <i>St John the Baptist, Great Gaddesden</i>
Tue	17	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>The Boy Jesus at the Temple</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	18	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast ..... <i>Kings Road Church</i>
Tue	28	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council ..... <i>The Court House</i>
Tue	31	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Jesus at a Wedding</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>

#### March

Wed	1	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	3	10:00am	Little Fishes Service ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	4	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents The Bridgewater Band ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	6	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	18	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast ..... <i>Sunnyside</i>
Tue	21	10:15am	Chuckles Service <i>Jesus and the Children</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>
	17-19 <sup>th</sup>		Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham

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#### Weddings (St Peter's)

16 December	Stephen Michael Brien & Catherine Mary Hackworth
28 December	Stewart James Whittle & Emma Alexandra Cooke

#### Funerals

21 December	Ruth May Walton	St Peter's Church
28 December	Eileen Grace Dawkins	All Saints' Church

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