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

This month we record, amongst other activities, the visit of our ringers to Rutland and our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Doing things together is one of life's great joys. The experiences we share create the memories that we most cherish. Most of the content of the *review*, this month and every month, is either promoting or recording events in which some, or many, of our readers share. It may be the celebration of one of the great festivals of the Church and this month we reflect on Easter; or it may be one of the annual fund-raising events that the *review* promotes - this month it's the Berkhamsted Walk, next month will be the Petertide Fair, and in September, the Historic Churches Bike Ride (see Notes & Notices for last year's result). It is perhaps the annual events that have a particularly special meaning for us. We no longer sense the natural seasons of the year with quite the same intensity of joy or anxiety that our ancestors felt in the past. Our year is marked out in different ways, but we still need that sense of continuity that comes from sharing in the events that mark its regular passage.

*Christopher Green*

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### A Party to Remember

**Father Michael Bowie** reflects on the Church's greatest festival

Happy Easter! We continue to say that until Whitsun because, as the greatest Festival of the Christian year, Easter deserves the longest party. My bishop in Sheffield, **Jack Nicholls** used to say that the best recipe for living the

Christian faith is *prayer and parties* and Easter is probably the most important time to remember that. In church we try to remember that the party lasts until Pentecost – which means *fifty* (for the fifty days of the Easter party) and is the ancient name for Whitsunday, when we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the first Christians – the Holy Spirit in whose presence and power we pray and know that God is with us in all that we do.

Different Christian traditions understand the role of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives differently. One gift of the Spirit is healing, which doesn't always mean miraculous cures (though sometimes it does, just as in some traditions the prayers of the saints are also invoked to bring healing and that healing is taken as a sign of their sainthood). But the Spirit gives healing in the sense of *wholeness* – spiritual, psychological and physical – in response to prayer and this may involve many of the gifts which the New Testament associates with the Holy Spirit, which include peace, something we all need.

There is a Healing Service at St Peter's on the first Monday of most months at 8:00pm at which Holy Communion is also available (in bank holiday months it is sometimes on the second Monday, as in May: It is always advertised in this *review*). It has been celebrated for many years in many different

## *review* leader

forms. I have experience of this kind of service from several other parishes, both in the UK and Australia, and I commend it to anyone who seeks peace, reassurance or wholeness in fellowship with other Christians. It is a quiet, meditative service to which, of course, all are welcome.

We also pray for others in the course of the service, as we do at all our daily services and always welcome requests for prayer, which may be placed on the board in either of the churches or given directly to the clergy, wardens or parish office. Praying for others and visiting them, especially the sick, is one of the longest standing Christian ministries in which we can all take part. We have a list of people who receive Holy Communion at home or in residential homes and we are happy to know of others who might welcome a visit, including a visit with the Sacrament.

I mention these things because they are part of the regular pattern of life in our parish and because they are an expression of our thanks and praise for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter – part of the party, if you like, in which we want everyone to join. It can be a literal party, like the special Easter feast of Lamb roasted on a spit which our Greek Orthodox brothers and sisters share. It can be represented by lavish chocolate eggs or (preferably!) champagne: the cork bursting out of the bottle is the perfect Easter sound to my mind, suggesting the resurrection itself in its exuberance. But it can also be a daily joy in the lives of Christians and we all need that, always helpfully reinforced by prayer and fellowship and knowing the presence with us of God's Holy Spirit when things don't seem to go so well.

Whatever form it takes for you, I hope it is a great party. ❖

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Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March was Lady Day and having booked that day off work months in advance, I was privileged to be able to attend the Mothers Union Diocesan Service at St Albans Abbey.

## TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Linda Bisset finds inspiration at the Abbey

A coach had been arranged for our local branches, and I was waiting at the bus stop when the coach sailed past with the panic-stricken face of the Deanery Chaplain looking at me from the front seat as she realised I was in the wrong place.

As she realised, so did I and I dashed along to St Peter's where the rest of the party were waiting, proving to my delight, not to mention astonishment, that I can still run for a bus.

We arrived at the Abbey at about 10:30. The church was already half full and the service wasn't due to start until 11 o'clock. The Abbey fell silent as the service began with the hymn *All my hope on God is founded*, sung while the clergy and choir processed round the church followed by over seventy Mothers Union banners. It was a wonderful sight.

Our world-wide president **Trish Heywood** was preaching at the service. In her talk she told us that there were three and a half million members in seventy-six countries round the world, and in many places they too would be celebrating Lady Day. The theme of the service and indeed for the Mothers Union for this year is **Answering God's Call**. Trish talked about how three hundred Mothers Union workers throughout the world were doing this by helping those who are suffering whether from lack of food, war, natural disaster, or drought.

Mothers Union workers are drawn from their local dioceses and speak the language, understand the cultures and customs and have first hand experience of the problems their neighbours face. They give vital leadership in their



communities enabling and developing people to help themselves. She

said, as many have found, that *if God calls he will also show the way and God empowers those he chooses*. Trisha also told the story of Jairus's daughter to illustrate the point that God does not distinguish between rich and poor and finally Jonah's story to show what happens if you try to run from God.

Then a representative from each branch took up a *bucket of love* containing a donation that the branch had raised to help the Mothers Union workers.

During the Eucharist, the Abbey Girls choir sang. Their beautiful pure voices lifted the service to a high and by the time we concluded with *To God be the glory, great things He has done*, the atmosphere was truly electric.

I have been to a few Deanery and Diocesan services and it never ceases to amaze me how a bunch of such ordinary women (and a few men), can have such an effect when we meet together. I always come away feeling re-committed to the aims of the Mothers Union. We are ordinary people, leading ordinary lives, who mostly don't get a second look, but together we make a difference! ❖

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The Swift is a bird that can be easily recognised by the clean sweep of its wings and also by the two-tone scream which is its characteristic song. In fact the bird song is not two-tone but only sounds that way. A male bird will call a female with its

own single tone screech and the female immediately responds with a screech on a different tone. The female follows the male so closely that it sounds as if they are the same bird.

The Swift is a migrating bird that spends a lot of its time flying to and from Central and Southern Africa, and we can only see it for about three months in the Summer when it breeds here. But we are seeing fewer and fewer of them. Since 1994 their number has declined by about a third in England and nearly two thirds in Scotland. Although at one time Swifts nested in trees (old Woodpecker holes were a favourite domicile) they have now become completely adapted to urban life and they breed under the eaves of houses or in small holes in walls – they need a 3cm gap. With this species of bird at least, then, one would have thought that the growing spread of brick and concrete across the countryside would actually be advantageous to their survival. But this is not so.

The problem for Swifts is not that there are too many buildings being built but that the new buildings are unfriendly to Swifts – they are the wrong sort of buildings. Swifts are very fond of the kind of low cost housing that was built a half a century or more ago, but modern architectural design, modern building regulations and the use of clever modern materials are all unhelpful to the Swift's nest building habits. Swifts like, for example, to nest under the eaves of

## Ian Reay's &news &views

### Unfriendly Buildings

Nesting problems for the swift.

**Ian Reay** explains

houses but nowadays we don't have a gap there any longer, we put in soffit meshes or other barriers, and ventilation is secured through grills. The walls of big modern office blocks present a bare cliff face to Swifts with no nooks or crannies to get a grip on, let alone holes big enough to make a nest.

If we are to prevent the complete collapse of the Swift population in this country we urgently need to devise ways of retaining the Swift nests that we have and ways of making new and refurbished buildings habitable for them. It is already illegal to destroy an occupied Swift's nest when, for example, re-roofing a building (although there is, apparently, no record of any prosecution ever taking place) but unoccupied nests are not protected. The Swiss are way ahead of us in the protection of Swifts, which have been protected there since 1929. Before repairing or altering a house the owner has to agree a *Swift protection action plan* with the Canton.

But we can do our bit in this country without the need to involve officialdom. We can leave space for them in our eaves when we repair our roofs or we can put nest boxes into the brickwork of our buildings. Swift nest boxes can be made from bricks or stones with holes in them that can be made part of the fabric of a wall.

There should be lots of houses and buildings in Berkhamsted that would be suitable guest homes for Swifts. If you would like to know more about Swifts and what you can do to help them survive and how to encourage them to nest in and around your own home, you can find more information on the web-site:  
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Our ringing delighted at least one resident of Cottesmore, the first tower we visited; we were treated to the sound of a glorious organ at Oakham; we probably disturbed the beauty sleep of the bats at Harringworth; we competed with the local choral society rehearsing at Uppingham; and we reflected upon mediæval skill and brave airmen in the peace of North Luffenham.

As one seasoned ringer remarked: “*An outing gives a purpose to visiting places one might otherwise miss.*” Not everyone is a student of church architecture, but there are invariably interesting corners to be found, and intricacies and inspiration of stained glass to be admired alongside the care demonstrated in flower arrangements and well-kept churchyards – any of which might create a picture to inspire a photographer. *HMS Cottesmore* is remembered in St Nicholas’ church. Is there a story there akin to the *Spirit of Berkhamsted* lifeboat? In the church at Harringworth, the east window is the village memorial to those who died in the First World War. From the ringing gallery at Uppingham, we were well placed to admire the *Ascension Window*, apparently not the best work of its Lancashire makers, but a fine example of late Victorian stained glass nonetheless. We can only hope that the evening performance of Haydn’s *Imperial Nelson Mass* went well in spite of our ringing clashing – all too literally! – with the musicians’ practice time.

The gems to be appreciated in and around the church at North Luffenham ranged from a mediæval bell to jam tarts! The third bell in their ring of six is known to date from the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and three others are dated early in the 17<sup>th</sup>. How stirring to ring such historic bells, and to listen to the warm harmonics so

## RINGING IN RUTLAND

April Foolishness  
or Just Plain Fun?  
Valerie Clark writes

well matched by the *modern* additions. Airmen who served at the nearby airbase, closed in 1998, are commemorated in stained glass, in their colours

mounted nearby, in the churchyard, and in the installation of a new frame for the bells after they had been silent for 40 years. Some of the figures carved on the roof beams of the nave show a little of the red and blue with which they had been decorated. The roof over the chancel was obviously of more recent date and design: how frustrating that there seemed to be no account of the hoop-shaped beams and side supports. Oh, I nearly forgot the jam tarts: 48 foil cases held the candles above our heads!

There were secular elements in our tour. We lunched at a coaching house important since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Part of the Gunpowder Plot may well have been hatched in the Hall adjacent to our final tower. And no-one could miss the spectacular Welland Viaduct – 82 arches of 40 foot span and averaging 57 feet in height. (You have to excuse the fact that they built to imperial measurements in 1876-8.) If the bricks used in its construction were laid to form a path 5ft wide, you could walk on it from London to York. A Victorian reminder that we were in hunting country. Many of the navvies who worked on the viaduct kept lurchers – and frequently fell foul of local gamekeepers!

Yes, we enjoyed our ringing too, taking particular satisfaction in ringing Rutland Surprise Major in both the *county town* and again at Uppingham. Newly qualified – and wearing a badge to prove it! – Margaret joined a band of over 60s to ring a touch of Grandsire. As the day drew to its close and having said there were to be no speeches, Margaret merely made a few impromptu remarks over dinner. She caught the essence of our day out in her honour – *ringing means people* – for we all enjoyed friendly support in the challenges of bellringing and appreciated each other’s company as we wine and dined. ❖



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We recently held a meeting on Maths for parents showing them ways of helping their children at home. It was led by an LEA / Maths Consultant and was very well received by parents.

Children raised £280 for the Unicef appeal in February and the school discos arranged by the PTA were very popular. The children also enjoyed a Science based theatre production in March.

Music is important at the school and we are currently looking to acquire some metronomes to use

with the children. Please let the school office (01442 865781) know if you have one surplus to your requirements and we will be grateful for it.

The school has recently been accredited as a self evaluative school by Herts LEA after a stringent assessment day. We are very pleased to have achieved this accreditation. We have also submitted our application to become a *green flag* environmentally friendly school which is the former Gold Eco Award and are currently waiting for the assessors to come in so we can show them all we have achieved in this area. ❖



A briefly sunny Palm Sunday procession. We were very lucky this year to avoid rain.

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The Easter bunny (aka Carolina Bowie) at the Easter Day service at St Peter's

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Corals the Bookmakers have moved to bigger premises on the other side of in the High Street and a new bookmakers has just set up shop in the old education place next to the HSBC, so gamblers are now well provided for in the town. For both drinkers and smokers there are a dozen places here where they can get what is needed for their addictions. But what about those of us, and I know quite a few, who have little opportunity in Berkhamsted to satisfy our particular craving? I refer to people hooked on second-hand books.

I am still waiting my call from Sue Lawley to take part in Radio 4's very long-running *Desert Island Disks*. Incidentally, I have always listened to this programme from the time when it used to be introduced by Roy Plumley and the celebrities were told that on the island they could have a gramophone, eight records and 'an inexhaustible supply of needles'. When towards the end of the programme it comes to the question 'In addition to the records, which luxury would you want on the island', without hesitation I will ask for a large, untidy second-hand bookshop.

New books are all very well: we have at least three shops in the town where you can handle them, look through them, even buy them, and if the book you want is not in stock but still in print, they will order it for you. You can also get books cheaply on the net; but what makes second-hand books different is that they have character to them that new ones don't. Each one, because of the varied amount of use and wear and tear it has had, is unlike any other. Buying them is much more hit and miss, and the objective is different you buy new books to read; second-hand books are to covet and gloat over. To be fair there are a few hidden away places in Berkhamsted where you might find the odd old book that is worth acquiring *The Home and Colonial* has one or two, and round behind the Town Hall

## CONFESSIONS OF AN ADDICT

**John Cook** has nowhere to turn for a cure

there is a higgledy-piggledy self-service collection. Then next door but two to where we live in Castle Street is *Heritage Antiques*. If you go into the second room on the left in that warren there is a surprisingly interesting little selection — small, but there is no rubbish, and the display is changed fairly frequently Quite often I nip in there for a quick fix.

The bigger and more organised dealers in old books publish catalogues but these are more for earnest scholars and serious collectors than oddball enthusiasts Much of the pleasure to be had from buying old books is in the process, which is essentially haphazard. Stumbling upon a little bookshop in some sleepy market town, as you go in the little bell over the door tinkles, the owner looks up from what he is reading and perhaps nods a welcome, then returns to his book more often than not you have the place to yourself. The arrangement in every bookshop is quite unique: they are the antithesis of Tescos. You may not find anything much worth having, but you feel obliged to buy something because of the pleasure had from the browsing, and just now and again you have the blissful experience of finding a real treasure. Occasionally I buy a book because I feel sorry for it - it is not a rational process. So one comes away with another book or two to find a home for. After 60 years or so of this I have so many books that my wife Joan has forbidden any more being brought home unless an equivalent number are turfed out, for fear that our ageing house won't take the weight. This has driven me to resorting to smuggling them in, like an alcoholic with bottles of whisky. Alcoholics of course can join Alcoholics Anonymous. gamblers have Gamblers Anonymous and smokers can get patches from Boots, but we old book

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On a very cold Friday in the middle of March, fifteen pilgrims set out on the Parish's sixth Annual Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Known as England's Nazareth, the original Shrine was destroyed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century and the restored Shrine was opened in 1931 both based on a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth. The original was built in the eleventh century by Lady Richeldis who lived in the Manor House at Little Walsingham. She had a vision in which Mary appeared to her directing her to build a chapel replicating Christ's home in Nazareth in honour of the mystery of the Incarnation.

We met in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's Church and, following prayers and a blessing for a safe journey led by **Fr Michael Bowie**, we departed from Berkhamsted at lunchtime. Some three hours later, we arrived at Little Walsingham to join with Fiona and Keith Middleditch and some 150 other pilgrims from parishes countrywide. Having settled in our rooms and had supper in the very well served Refectory, we paid our First

## WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2006

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**Pat Hunt** commends a very beautiful experience

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this brief service. It was an added bonus to see Fr Martin and Geraldine again and catch up on their news. Then, a visit to the local hostelry to sample its delights!!

Saturday morning dawned still with a biting easterly wind and, after breakfast, Fr Martin stoically led us in Stations of the Cross which provides an extended meditation on the Passion of Christ. Although very cold, some pilgrims then walked the mile to the Roman Catholic Shrine which incorporates the original Slipper Chapel and a modern church. In bygone days, pilgrims would have walked this mile barefoot having discarded their slippers at the so named Slipper Chapel!

During the afternoon, a relatively small group braved the elements and enjoyed a guided tour of Little Walsingham taking in the Court House, the Prison, the Abbey grounds resplendent with snowdrops and

Visit to the Holy House. As Fr Michael was unable to join us until Saturday, **Fr Martin Wright**, who was also on Pilgrimage with his new Reigate Parish, very kindly led us in





the Parish Church. This proved very worthwhile and brought together a number of strands which served to give a much better idea of how Walsingham had thrived as a centre of pilgrimage during the pre-Reformation period.

As this year's visit was during Lent, the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon services were very much focused on healing and reconciliation. This included the Laying-on of Hands and Sprinkling at the Well, both of which provided some very thought-provoking and moving moments – followed by some light relief later on Saturday evening in the local hostelry – again!!

It was also uplifting to attend the Parish Mass on Sunday morning in the large Parish Church of St Mary's and All Saints', full to capacity, with the Eucharist celebrated by some fourteen priests and a Bishop!

There is so much one could say about a Pilgrimage to Walsingham, not just the Shrine and the Holy House but the village itself and I can only commend you to join us next time and find out for yourself what a very beautiful experience it is - and always will be.



*photos: Pat Hunt*



## ← p15 Confessions

addicts have no where to turn for a cure. I did think of giving them up for Lent, but six weeks of abstinence from them would have been just too much of a penance. When it becomes obvious that we have accumulated just too many I get a book dealer I know who is also a local Farmer to come round with his Landrover and trailer and take a load away. (He is a good chap - Derek Proctor I recommend him - he advertises in the *review*)

The traditional place for second-hand books in London is Charing Cross Road, but the shops that have survived there and in the little streets off it now lamely cater for tourists and are expensive, as are the specialist bookshops elsewhere in Central London. I still occasionally go to Bell Street in Marylebone which I used to haunt in my lunch hours although only two bookshops remain there now. But what we do have here and in the surrounding towns are the book fairs that

do the rounds, coming to Berkhamsted on a Saturday every two or three months, usually to Ashlyns School. I always try and go, and rarely come away empty-handed. On more than one occasion I have bought a book of which I discovered I already have a copy; and it wouldn't surprise me if somewhere I find I have bought a book which a few months before I got rid of.

What do I buy? Rarely fiction: often works of architectural history, building construction, English history generally (It is surprising how interesting history becomes in one's twilight years); poetry, particularly eccentric anthologies, any book with nice pictures in it. Within a generation we are told that books will be largely out-of-date and absolutely everything you need will be easily accessible through cyberspace. In the meantime is there a cure for us addicts of these obsolescent object? Perhaps some reader can suggest one; but, come to think of it, if there is I am not sure I really want to know. ❖



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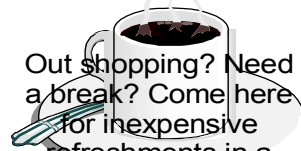


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## *review* Northchurch & Wigginton

### **Role Models**

**The Revd  
Jonathan  
Gordon** writes  
on the example  
of Jesus

One subject that has been coming up recently in the media is concerned with the issue of what is and what isn't a good role model. The focus of the debate has usually been the example being set by Premier League footballers.

Prominent sportsmen, it is suggested should lead exemplary lives and provide an example to young people. Some do, but others, whether it is through bending the rules of the game, the use of bad language directed against referees, or bad behaviour off the pitch, are seen as providing a bad example. Whether footballers or even celebrities actually do have such influence is possibly a more open question, but the assumption in the media is that young people will copy or see as acceptable the bad behaviour they see on the television screen.

The New Testament is concerned to present the life of Jesus as an example and encouragement to those who seek to follow him. The Gospel of John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet, which was an action usually undertaken by a servant. This example of humility is taken up by St Paul in his letter to the Philippians. Jesus, who was *being in very nature with God made himself nothing*. St Peter in his correspondence remarks that Jesus left us "an example" that we might follow. When attacked or ridiculed *he did not retaliate* and when he suffered *he made no threats*. The writers were aware that the various churches had to deal with arguments over status, clashes of personalities and also

persecution, but they wanted them to gain encouragement and inspiration from the example of Jesus in his earthly ministry.

A radio phone-in on behaviour and celebrity generally took the line that each individual should be free to choose how they live and no one can tell another person what they should or should not do. Christianity reverses all this. The issue is not so much how do the choices I make impact on me, but rather how do the choices I make impact on others. We may find that in common with the churches in the New Testament the implications of this can be profound. Like them, we can find encouragement in the example of Jesus who *did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*. ❖

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Spring is with us. The bluebells are carpeting the Ashridge woods. What greater opportunity can there be to enjoy the Chilterns than an energetic walk or a gentle stroll?

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to Bryn's sponsorship. Bryn could decide that chasing deer is more fun than walking. To ensure this doesn't happen, Bryn will be on a lead and his progress

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## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



On 17<sup>th</sup> April, Joy Lovell, our joint president welcomed members and guests from Ashridge Group 7 to celebrate our 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Court House, Berkhamsted. After the usual business matters we were highly entertained by a six-piece accordion band *In Accord* and when they played *We'll Meet Again* it was very appropriate for our party. An appreciation was given by **Judith Lowther**. An excellent tea was provided by **Sue Bull** during which the raffle was drawn and the competition judged for a napkin ring. Next month on 5<sup>th</sup> May it is our *Resolutions Meeting* at the Court House at 2:00pm. We welcome visitors and new members.

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This year's Ride is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September when there will be over 600 churches and chapels to visit across the two counties.

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## OXFAM 22<sup>ND</sup> CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

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It's all happening on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted, 9:00 -11:30am. Children's clothes for spring and summer at bargain prices - for babies to teens, for girls and boys. Books, toys and baby equipment add to the *shopping opportunity*.

Your help as a donor, purchaser, or helper will be welcome. Call in to the High Street shop to let us know what you can offer. If you're reading this after the event, call into the shop any way. There will, as always, be a huge range of children's clothing, and other bargains.

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## BERKHAMSTED CHORAL SOCIETY

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The BCS 75th anniversary celebrations continue with a concert version of Gershwin's opera *Porgy & Bess* at the Wycombe Swan at 7:30pm on 10th June. Supporting programme includes works by Mozart and Vaughan Williams and three songs commissioned from **Jacques Cohen** by BCS to commemorate their 75th anniversary. Tickets £16.50, £12.50 and £8.00 from ticket office (01494 512000) or online <[www.wycombeswan.co.uk](http://www.wycombeswan.co.uk)>

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## FRIENDS OF ASHRIDGE

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**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - Walks & Talks: The Woods at Bluebell Time. 7:00pm  
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**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Gentle Stroll, 2:30pm Monument Green (851227 for details)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Spring Plant Fair 11:00am-4:00pm Monument Green (865821)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Walks & Talks: Birdlife in Spring. 6:00am Steps Hill Car Park.

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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At our meeting on 4th April we welcomed **Mr John Wooley** who spoke about the Great Train Robbery (1963). At the time he was a young village policeman who, with his sergeant, discovered the robbers hideout at Letherslade Farm. He re-enacted this so superbly that although the subject was serious we were often chuckling. It was interesting to hear how most of the robbers were arrested and how many had re-offended following completion of their sentences.

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## The proposed closure of the Planetarium

I was profoundly sorry to hear recently that it is proposed to close the Planetarium in London. Many years ago, when my two daughters were quite small, we were spending a few days with my parents in London - having a post-Christmas break before school began again and we took the children to the Planetarium. I remember entering the darkened theatre and sitting in chairs that allowed us to lean right back. Then, miraculously, the ceiling opened revealing the night sky as it would have appeared at the time of the birth of Our Lord. I have never forgotten the experience. I rest my case. *Muriel Lander*



## J S Bach B Minor Mass on Palm Sunday

The Chiltern Chamber Choir with the Madrid Bach Choir and an excellent orchestra gave an inspired performance of this great work under the baton of **Adrian Davis**. St Peter's organist **Jonathan Lee** ably played two instruments. His acrobatic switches between chamber organ and harpsichord were remarkable.

*photo - Rowena Pike*

## May

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| SUN | <i>St Peter's</i>                 | 8:00am Eucharist<br>9:30am Sung Eucharist<br>6:00pm Evensong                                    |
|     | <i>All Saints' 7<sup>th</sup></i> | 10:00am Sung Eucharist – Anglican led   |
|     | 14 <sup>th</sup>                  | 8:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led<br>10:00am Morning Worship + Holy Baptism – Methodist led |
|     | 21 <sup>st</sup>                  | 10:00am Sung Eucharist – Anglican led   |
|     | 28 <sup>th</sup>                  | 10:00am Morning Worship – Anglican led  |

All services at *St Peter's* unless otherwise indicated MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer

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| 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                                  |

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun  | SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH 12:30pm  | <i>Court House</i>                      |
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| 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</i>              | <i>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.                               | Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)          |
|                      | <i>Non-members always welcome.</i>  |   |
| 4 <sup>th</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>           |

## reviewdiary

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

|                   |  |             |   |
|-------------------|--|-------------|---|
| <b>May / June</b> |  | <b>May</b>  |   |
|                   |  | Mon 1       | 6:15am May Morn Madrigals from the church tower<br>(Court House breakfast follows) ..... <i>St Peter's</i>  |
|                   |  | Fri 4       | 10:00am Little Fishes Service ..... <i>St Peter's</i>   |
|                   |  | Sun 7       | 6:00pm Christian Aid Service ..... <i>St Peter's</i>  |
|                   |  | Mon 8       | 8:00pm Eucharist with Prayers for Healing ..... <i>St Peter's</i>   |
|                   |  | Tue 9       | 10:15am Chuckles Service <i>The House on the Rock</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>                              |
|                   |  | Wed 10      | 8:00pm All Saints' Area Committee ..... <i>Landswood, Shootersway</i>                                       |
|                   |  | Sun 14      | 10:00am Children's Society BERKHAMSTED WALK<br>sets out from ..... <i>The Court House</i>                   |
|                   |  |             | 6:00pm Choral Evensong ..... <i>St Peter's</i>  |
|                   |  | Wed 17      | 8:00pm St Peter's Area Committee ..... <i>The Court House</i>   |
|                   |  | Sat 20      | 8:00am Association of Berkhamsted Churches<br>Prayer Breakfast ..... <i>The Way Inn</i>                     |
|                   |  | Sun 21      | 7:15pm Serenata Recital (harpsichord, 'cello, oboe & soprano)<br>in the Lady Chapel ..... <i>St Peter's</i> |
|                   |  | Tue 23      | 10:15am Chuckles Service <i>Our Hidden Friend</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>                                  |
|                   |  | <b>June</b> |   |
|                   |  | Sat 3       | 10:00am Berkhamsted Team Council meeting ..... <i>Potten End Parish Room</i>                                |
|                   |  | Sun 4       | 9:30/10:00am Pentecost –<br>Children's First Communion ..... <i>St Peter's / All Saints'</i>                |
|                   |  | Fri 9       | 10:00am Little Fishes Service ..... <i>St Peter's</i>   |
|                   |  | Sat 10      | 7:30pm The Bridgewater Band with Chiltern Chamber Choir<br>- concert ..... <i>St Peter's</i>                |
|                   |  | Sun 11      | 6:00pm Choral Evensong ..... <i>St Peter's</i>  |
|                   |  | Tue 13      | 10:15am Chuckles Service <i>The Good Samaritan</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>                                 |
|                   |  | Thu 15      | 8:00pm Solemn Eucharist for Corpus Christi ..... <i>St Peter's</i>  |
|                   |  | Sat 17      | 8:00am Association of Berkhamsted Churches<br>Prayer Breakfast ..... <i>Sacred Heart Church</i>             |
|                   |  | Sat 24      | 10:00am – 3:00pm PETER TIDE FAIR ..... in and around <i>St Peter's</i>                                      |
|                   |  | Tue 27      | 10:15am Chuckles Service <i>The Loving Father</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>                                  |
|                   |  | Tue 27      | 8:00pm Parochial Church Council meeting ..... <i>The Court House</i>  |
|                   |  | Thu 29      | 8:00pm Patronal Festival Eucharist ..... <i>St Peter's</i>  |

## reviewregisters

### Baptisms (St Peter's)

26 March George Edward Birch

### Funerals

22 March Thomas George Cave

18 April Reginald Arthur Scarr

West Herts Crematorium

St Peter's Church (Kingshill)

# review factfile

## ASSOCIATION OF BERKHAMSTED CHURCHES

Telephone numbers to ring for times of services, etc.

|                                       |                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Northchurch Baptist                   | Revd David Russell    | 877001          |
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| St Mary's Northchurch                 | Revd Jonathan Gordon  | 871547          |
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|                                       | Mr Frank Furlong      | 862768          |
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| St Peter's                            | Revd Dr Michael Bowie | 864194          |
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## St Peter's

Director of Music: **Adrian Davis** (864722) [stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk](http://stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk)  
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 Bellringers (St Peter's): **Priscilla Watt**, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road (863804)

## All Saints'

Choirmaster: **Peter McMunn** (874894) [allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk](http://allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk)  
 All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership.  
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