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**Welcome to the March 2007 issue of  
the Berkhamsted *review***

As I write, I look over a snow-covered landscape. The heaviest fall for eleven years my newspaper tells me. But it's already thawing and the wet sleet that's falling now won't lie. We don't have proper winters any more, do we? Not like 1963, when I made a toboggan from the remains of a Georgian chest-of-drawers. I fell off and nearly killed myself. I still have the toboggan. I once took it to the skips, but hadn't the heart to throw it away. Not like 1947, when the old lead pipes burst in nine places and the water flowed down the broad stairs of the vicarage like a waterfall. Not like 1941 - alright, I can't really remember that, but my parents used to recall carrying me through the deep snowdrifts up the steep hill from the railway station to another vicarage on the wild Cumberland coast. Does the weather forecast ever speak of blizzards nowadays? No, we face nothing more challenging than a *snow event*. But deep down we relish a challenge. This issue of the *review* confirms it. A new school building, a new Hospice, a new Vision for the Diocese, a new resolution for Lent. We take them all on.

*Christopher Green*

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## *review* leader

Mid Lent - this is a time when any resolutions you may have made either to abstain from or add to are beginning to bite. Long faces are not the order of the day however and the left hand should not know what the right

hand is doing.

By ancient custom Lent is a time for self examination and Christians are bidden to see whether their commitment to our Lord really does extend beyond whatever church services are the norm for them.

Although my own practices are likely to involve more contemplation than action, I am aware of the frenetic pace of many lives. The daily demands of domestic and social life can be enormous and I can sometimes see the costs involved, particularly in relationships. If this applies to you, try and step back if you are able, to see if some changes in your lifestyle should be made.

Easter may be a variable date in the calendar but it does not just happen. For all of us there must first be as it were a Palm Sunday and a Crucifixion. Most of us are going to have made some false starts and have a darker side to face up to before we can once again experience Resurrection. The church's liturgy is there to help and we are often supported by other pilgrims, sometimes unknowingly, who are making the same journey. Essentially however this is a time for us to find time to visit our own Gethsemane alongside Christ. Then we are as ready to be renewed and enjoy Easter.

As it happens Mid-Lent finds the wider

Church in the midst of self-examination over its commitment to the children that pass through its adoption agencies.

**Archbishop Robert Runcie** was often accused of sitting on the fence over important issues - unjustly in my view. He was a great churchman and a great diplomat. I am very much afraid that our present Archbishops have followed too slavishly behind the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster in an effort to show ecumenical solidarity and thereby all three have fallen into the trap laid by the secularists.

The Anglican adoption agencies in this Diocese were handed over to the local authorities twenty five years ago together with our very experienced staff following, I believe, a Warnock Report. We did this in order that such very important work might be continued as seamlessly as possible. Placing children with adoptive parents is of course a task that is very demanding for all those involved and requires great sensitivity. The Rector of Tring, the late **Canon Donald Howells**, was chairman of the committee in this Diocese at the time of this changeover and it went smoothly as I too remember. At the moment all parties are paying lip service to the needs of the children placed for adoption as paramount above everything else and they are right. We need to bear well in mind however that confrontational political or religious dogma does not make it any easier for wise decisions to be made by those we have entrusted with this very delicate and confidential task.

May I just end on a different note by expressing my gratitude to Fr Michael and St Peter's for helping me to celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in style. ❖

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# LADY DAY

March is an in between sort of month. It can remind us that winter is not yet over, or that spring is on its way. It contains the season of Lent, yet looks to Easter, and in some years Easter itself falls at the end of the month.

Margaret Burbidge explores the challenges of *The Magnificat*



*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

There are some fixed points; the start of British Summer Time brings lengthening evenings, and the 25<sup>th</sup> March is *Lady Day*. *Lady Day*, sometimes known as Quarter Day or Rent Day, when tenants paid their dues to the landlord, is also a Principal Holy Day of the Church. It is *The Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary* and is celebrated each year by MU members. What a title for a Holy Day, and no wonder MU shortens it to *Lady Day*! For those who wonder what it marks, it is the appearance of the Angel Gabriel to Mary to tell her she was to have a baby. This is an amazing story and comes in the first chapter of Luke's gospel.

Mary, who was probably only a teenager, is told she is pregnant, and will give birth like all mothers, but this baby will be named Jesus, will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. Mary's question, "*How can this be?*" is not surprising, and I have often wondered how Mary really reacted to the angel's message. What did she feel deep inside her? Perhaps the fact that she went *with haste* to stay with Elizabeth, a much older woman and also pregnant, tells more about Mary than is reported in the gospel.

Mary's words, spoken to Elizabeth and known as *The Magnificat*, challenge us all. Jesus' birth will bring praise to God, but should also affect the way we live our lives. The hymn *Tell out my Soul* is a modern paraphrase of *The Magnificat*, and the third verse is one to take to our hearts:

This hymn is a favourite of many MU members and is often sung at *Lady Day* services. When members meet together on 26<sup>th</sup> March (this year the 25<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday), they come to worship God, but also to echo the words of Mary and show their commitment to justice and support of mothers especially those who are marginalised and oppressed.

Last year members from all over the diocese congregated in St Albans Abbey where our World Wide President **Trish Heywood**, preached and **Bishop Christopher** celebrated the Eucharist. This year we will gather with other members from the deanery in St Mary's, Hemel Hempstead. Through our worship and in sharing the bread and wine we stand in solidarity with more than three million members around the world, many of whom in their own traditions will celebrate Lady Day, some walking many miles along dusty roads to do so. We will echo Mary's *Yes, to God* made over 2,000 years ago with our commitment to family life and Christian values in this Third Millennium.

Let this simple yes transform us. As the flower turns towards the light, its petals open and receive warmth. And in that light it will grow to be all that it was created to be. With Mary a new flower can dawn within us. ❖

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One result of the rapid rise in river water levels in recent months is, strangely, an increase in the risk to the life of water voles. Although water voles naturally live, as their name suggests, by water, their lives are precarious and a population along a river bank can be decimated by a flash flood. That is because they burrow into the river bank - they can dig tunnels up to 20 metres long under the surrounding pasture. If the river floods their burrows go under water and they often don't survive.

The water vole has in any case been in decline as a species native to this country for most of the last hundred years. This has been made worse in the last fifty years by more building on river banks, including the construction of flood defences - which destroy the banks in which voles burrow. Another factor is that they are hunted by mink. Mink have become a major threat to their survival. In the early 1990s the water vole population nationally declined by nearly 90%. Primarily, it is thought, because of mink predation. The aggressive mink responsible for this is the American mink - imported for commercial fur production but now spreading along river banks across the country and killing off water voles as it goes. Recently there was a well publicised case of animal rights activists releasing mink into the wild, which clearly increased the mink threat.

As a result, in a number of places in the Chilterns, mink are being culled by shooting or trapping. Mink control is taking place on the rivers Colne, Ver and Chess and there is talk of starting it on the Bulbourne as well.

The project on the River Chess has been particularly successful. The River Chess is

## Ian Reay's &news &views

### Vanishing Voles

**Ian Reay** looks at life on  
the riverbank



a chalk stream with wet water meadows used for low intensity grazing along stretches of its banks - which makes it an ideal habitat for water voles. But mink arrived - the first one was shot at Sarratt Bottom (on the Chess) as long ago as 1967 - and have been contesting the site ever since. In 2001 a survey showed a healthy population of water voles on the Chess between Chessham and Chorleywood, but by 2003 this population had almost disappeared, having shrunk by as much as 97%. The vole was in danger of complete extinction on the river Chess. The blame was laid on mink. This was because there had been no changes to the riverside habitat in that two year period which could have had any significant effect on water voles, and no abnormal flooding.

In Autumn 2003 a local landowner trapped eight mink and in February 2004 *mink rafts* were placed along the river - one for every kilometer. These rafts trap mink, which can then be taken away for their age, sex etc. to be recorded at a research institute at the University of Oxford (known as WildCRU). In this way a picture of the population can be built up. A total of eleven mink were killed. The river was also fenced off in a number of places to protect the river bank from other intruders, such as cattle, which could destroy the suitability of the bank for vole burrowing. This stratagem seems to have been successful since, by 2005, the water vole population was estimated to have grown fivefold - although it had still only reached a fraction of what it had been in 2001. Nevertheless this project is controversial and some experts believe that the mink is not such a villain as has been made out, and that habitat destruction may be a more important factor. ❖

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The story of how I have come to this point in my life is as follows... I have spent the past three years as a residential student at Ripon College, Cuddesdon studying for ordination and a Bachelor of Theology Degree (BTh). As you will know Ripon College, on the outskirts of Oxford, is just one place where men and women are trained for priesthood in the Church of England. Though the college offers varying degree courses its main responsibility is to train people like me first to be good Deacons and later Priests. This transformation is overseen by the college staff and also the Churches Ministry Division. My later training and Curacy will be overseen by the Rector and the Diocese.

Prior to attending Ripon College, I lived and worked at Windsor, Berkshire. This is where I grew up, discovered what it is to be human and where I struggled to discern my vocation. For me, this was to lead to formal training and I see it as part of my training.

Having done the majority of my *growing up* in Windsor, it is clear that a prophet is without honour in his own country! Though, having a modest musical background I spent many years as Director of Music in the Parish & Garrison Church of Holy Trinity, Windsor. This combined

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John Pritchard




with other interests managed to keep me solvent as I discerned how and where I might make my major commitment in life.

In the years which immediately preceded my coming to College, I was employed at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle where I worked full-time as a Sacristan while undertaking theological study with **Canon John White**, Vice-Dean of the College and my first mentor. This time was especially significant. It marked for me a new journey of learning and discernment in understanding the complexities of our Christian faith. It was my beginning in

understanding the value of that elusive truth of God which so often seems to be represented by so many seemingly opposing voices within our contemporary church.

As a 32 year old, I am excited by the opportunities to come amongst you. Not least to be trained in Berkhamsted for my future ministry, but to learn as positively as possible how, as people of belief and faith, we might be called to witness and understand the Christian gospel in our generation. I understand part of the traditional diaconal role is to read the Gospel in worship which goes along with the continued study of the scriptures. I have a hope that we will be able to do this together at some point.

As I prepare for this new time in my training, please remember me in your prayers as you will want to remember others about to be ordained. I look forward to seeing at least some of you as I approach ordination and hope to *move in* in July. ❖



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A member of St Peter's congregation and a tenor of international standing, **Phillip Conway-Brown**, whose son Oliver, aged four, attends Victoria C of E First School and Nursery, performed Schubert's *Winterreise* to attract donations for the school's proposed new £500,000 multi-purpose educational block.

More than 100 people packed the Lady Chapel at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted, on 14<sup>th</sup> January after choral evensong, to hear the composer's greatest vocal work staged by Phillip and his piano accompanist **Jeremy Thurlow**, Director of Music at Robinson College, Cambridge.

*"The evening couldn't have gone better,"* said Victoria's delighted head teacher, **Janet Robinson**. *"Phillip and Jeremy gave a beautiful performance, full of emotion and depth and the audience was really appreciative – as was shown in people's generous contributions".*

*"We'd like to say a huge thank you to Phillip and Jeremy for their time and talent, to the Church for hosting and promoting the evening, to everyone who came, and to all our donors - Justin and Sue Apthorp at Majestic Wine, Sue Rodwell at Rodwells Drinks, The Flying Corkscrew and Waitrose, Berkhamsted".*

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## SCHUBERT SUCCESS

### Fund-raising for Victoria School

Cathy Salmon reports



From L: Philip Conway-Brown, Jeremy Thurlow and Janet Robinson.

*Photo: Rowena Pike*

*audience."*

At the end of January, Contractors RPL of Luton moved on site at Victoria School to start the demolition and rebuilding programme, but the school still has around £10,000 to raise (on current estimates) by December to secure the project, which will replace the existing 1930s nursery hut at its listed site in Prince Edward Street. Completion is anticipated before the start of the next school year in September 2007.

Parents and pupils past, present and future are being urged to contribute to a Parental Giving

Scheme and enthusiastic pupils are currently collecting coins in new building-shaped money boxes to play their part in funding the foundations for their future education.

*"Victoria is a wonderful school at the very heart of our community and this was my way of contributing to what I see as a hugely worthwhile cause,"* said Phillip. *"Jeremy and I are thrilled that the concert was so well supported and raised in excess of our wildest hopes. We both really enjoyed the evening and were delighted it helped so much with the fundraising. It was wonderful to perform to such an appreciative and enthusiastic audience"*

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On the cover this month is another of the churches in the new Berkhamsted Team - St Lawrence, Nettleden. Until 1895 Nettleden

was a detached part of the parish of Pitstone in Buckinghamshire. The first mention of Nettleden is at the beginning of the 13<sup>th</sup> century in the Cartulary of Missenden Abbey to which perhaps the land belonged - another Buckinghamshire connection. Then it was called *Netelydene* - meaning *a clearing with nettles in a wooded valley*. However, no part of the present church of St Lawrence dates back that far. The earliest part is the tower, of fifteenth century date and rendered flintwork.

The rest of the church was rebuilt in 1811 and is mainly of brick. Yet there is a feature of the church that hints at an earlier origin. Forming the foundations in several places are large boulders of Hertfordshire Puddingstone - a tough natural rock

## ST LAWRENCE NETTLEDEN

Christopher Green writes

consisting of countless flint pebbles bound together in a flinty cement. Hertfordshire Puddingstone occurs widely in the Chilterns

but only as isolated boulders or cobbles, on the surface or partly buried in the soil. Large pieces of Hertfordshire Puddingstone are present in a number of medieval churches in the Chilterns or lie in the churchyard close by. Is this just chance or are these pieces of puddingstone, as some believe, the remains of pre-Christian monuments - prehistoric cairns or circles or avenues? This is not as fanciful as it may seem. **The Venerable Bede**, writing his *Historia Ecclesiastica* in the eighth century, tells us, that when Mellitus, later Archbishop of Canterbury, was sent by Gregory the Great to England in 601, Gregory advised him, where possible, to incorporate pagan monuments into the fabric of church buildings. Could Nettleden be an example of this practice? ❖

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### A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **A Retreat in Daily Life**

*Oh, taste, and see how gracious the Lord is! - Psalm 34*

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The week itself starts with an initial evening session on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** (8:00-9:30pm) at one of three venues, private homes in Berkhamsted. On Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday you will meet individually with your assigned guide at a mutually agreed time. The week ends with an evening session with everyone together on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May** (8:00-9:30pm) at the Court House.

For further information and/or an application form please contact

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**V**ision for Action is the inspiration of Christopher, Bishop of St Albans. It was launched across the Dioceses in the autumn of 2005. Its overall aim is:

To encourage congregations and parishes to work together in love and commitment to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

To fulfil this aim four key areas of activity have been chosen to form the framework for mission in the Diocese.

They are:

To encourage, support and develop the ministry of each person.

To encourage parishes to develop the use of church buildings as places of worship and mission.

To strengthen the commitment to stewardship amongst clergy and laity in order to further the mission of the Church.

To encourage and develop the necessary skills within parishes to bring the Gospel to children and young people.

**Vision for Action** is not a demand for more and more exhausting busyness, but rather a catalyst for the release of energy in creative and imaginative ways. It is not a set of rigid guidelines imposed from above, but a framework for the sharing of ideas and the exploration of new ways to serve God in our parishes. **Vision for Action** invites parishes to consider one or more of the key areas of mission in the light of their own particular situation and to build on their experience and aspirations.

The sharing of ideas and experience lies at the heart of **Vision for Action** and aims to encourage parishes to learn from each other

# VISION FOR ACTION

## A diocese with a mission

**Christopher Green** - member of the Bishop's Council Policy Sub-Committee explains

and to make use of the excellent resources that are available in the diocese and beyond.

To facilitate communication among parishes a **Vision for Action** Link Group has been created. The Link Group, by personal contact, helps parishes know about

the resources that are available and the initiatives that are being taken. It is there to feed information between parishes and between parish and diocese. There is a Link Group member for each Deanery and the key point of contact is between this person and the **Vision for Action** Representative in each parish. The Parish Representatives are therefore at the heart of this two-way communication.

It is important to understand that Vision for Action embraces both established activities within parishes and new initiatives. Moreover, **Vision for Action** is not concerned solely or particularly with major projects. What seems routine and unexceptional in one parish may seem like a flash of inspiration to another. This is why sharing of ideas and experience is so important.

Much of the February edition of *Seeround* is devoted to a celebration of Vision for Action. It refers to initiatives in many parishes, from theatrical productions, to discussion groups, from children's groups to stewardship campaigns, and illustrates the way in which **Vision for Action** is giving parishes a sense of belonging to a wider fellowship of church and community and of moving forward together with a common purpose.

Our own parish has plenty to offer - Youth Groups, Toddler Groups, Sundays Together Lunch, Fairtrade Stalls, Grief & Loss Support Group, Petertide Fair and many other activities - and no doubt much to learn as well. ❖

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Sue Davis commends the poetry  
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to a serious, sensitive  
evocation of love and  
loss. One or two are  
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some in Aldbury where Rosemary now  
lives. The title poem refers to the scattering  
of her mother's ashes in the Tamar estuary.

Snap up the last few copies before they  
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### *Catching the Ebb-tide*

Silvered blue as wood-smoke  
the estuary  
the cradled grains

fine relics  
that sharp as grit  
prick your eyes

lingering as mist  
cling to your hands

trailing memories  
that shimmer by

then catching the ebb-tide  
swirl  
to pull our hearts again

to strew the waiting sands  
with blessings.



**C**hristopher Green in his characteristic article (January *review*) that inspires a reader to look again, makes reference to the memorials in Little Gaddesden church. As you would expect in the church that

commemorates the Earls of Bridgewater, the various Viscounts Brackley and Barons of Ellesmere there are plenty of weeping cherubs, draped urns and admonitory skulls.

On the north wall, by the vestry door, there is the epitaph to **Lady Frances**, Countess of Bridgewater, who, we are told, *was a happy mother of fifteen children: four sons and eleven daughters; five of which she buried young*. Two sons were buried in Cripplegate, London, and little Anne, aged 8, here in the south chapel. **Lady Frances** was *unparalleled in gifts of nature* and - perhaps more to the point of demanding and extended motherhood - she was *strong of constitution*. She lived virtuously for 52 years. Her husband – it will not surprise – *had an active body and a vigorous soul*.

This family appeals to me because of one brief, glorious connection with the incomparable poet, **John Milton**. In 1631, The **Rt Hon Sir John Egerton**, who was the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Bridgewater and member of the Order of the Bath was appointed President of Wales and the Marches. This necessitated removing his surviving, but still large, family from Ashridge to Ludlow Castle in 1634 - the earliest the place could be made decently habitable. There, with them was **Henry Lawes**, the musician friend of **John Milton** and a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal. Lawes was well connected with the aristocratic literary circles, and he may have had some role as a musical tutor to the youngsters. That summer, in Ludlow, the plan was to mark the arrival of the new President with the performance of a masque. **John Milton** would write it; Lawes would compose the

## LITTLE GADDESSEN AND LUDLOW

David Pearce  
finds the connection

music; the younger children would be the stars; and their parents and all the local gentry would be the audience. It would celebrate the grand occasion, Britain's glorious heritage, the triumph of Goodness, the beauty of the River Severn, and – because

dear serious-minded Milton was the author – the absolute and *sun-clad power* of Chastity. That was a big and proper subject for consideration in those days – even for the young!

**Lady Alice Egerton**, aged fifteen, was the heroine, and with her beauty and goodness she was a match for the villainous Comus. We do not know who played that part. In close support were her two brothers: **John Viscount Brackley** aged eleven, and **Mr Thomas Egerton** who was nine. It is possible that one of the elder daughters took the part of Sabrina, goddess of the River Severn. **Henry Lawes** played the part of Thyrsis, the Attendant Spirit. In his speeches poor young Thomas was very fearful for his sister's safety knowing the





immediacy of a rout of ugly monsters; but his wiser older brother knew that Alice would be a match for any molester – or would she? The play is full of imagery and contrast, poetry, and music – both the pure lyricism of Alice and the head-banging beat of the mob. Eventually, in dance and in harmony, Goodness and Happiness bring them all reunited onto the lawns of Ludlow Castle.

And what became of them all? Their mother, Frances, died *religiously* in 1635, the very next year. Thomas died unmarried, and presumably still chaste in 1647. The father who was Earl and President joined them in the vaults in Gaddesden two years later; as, in 1686, did his son, John, the elder of the acting brothers, and 2nd Earl of Bridgewater who had served both Charles II and James II. In 1689 Lady Alice, the last of them, died, but was not brought back to her Ashridge home.

For us, the most memorable triumph of

their whole lives was that Michaelmas Day, the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1634; before England was divided in civil war, and when Milton and Lawes together - the Puritan and the Establishment - joined their creative talents.

Now, when I look up at the weeping cherubs and the shroud-draped tablets, I think rather of a golden day, of the lawns of Ludlow, of those excited children, and their proud parents. ❖



## reviewletters

### *From Audrey Hope*

I was amazed to read **David Pearce**'s article about his tall ships experience and the reference to marine artist **Claude Muncaster** whose paintings inspired the venture.

**Claude Muncaster** was my husband's uncle by marriage and his elder son Martin was in Berkhamsted very recently for the funeral of **Rona Prodger** who died in January at the advanced age of 103. Rona was Claude's much-loved first cousin and they were inseparable as children.

An inspired artist, at the end of his life **Claude Muncaster** went blind but far from despairing he developed a new avenue for his talent. Many will remember his wonderful contributions to *Thought for the Day* and he even said he was glad he had gone blind because it had opened up a new field for his creativity.

It was a privilege to have known him.

**H**oly Cross Church, Rangoon, which I described in the February *review*, was not in fact the first Anglican church that I saw during my visit to Burma last October.

The first one was in the town of Katha, a long way up the Irrawaddy, well beyond Mandalay, and about 750 miles from the sea. Katha is an important river-port, where huge teak logs are loaded onto barges to go down-river. The handling of the logs here is nowadays done by caterpillar tractors with front-grabs, not by elephants, alas.

Conspicuous along the river-front are several Buddhist temples and monasteries, one or two very large, with gilded or yellow-painted spires. This is not where the church is to be found. Nor is it at the central point of the main street, which runs parallel to the river, a block or two away from it. This position is shared by a large Baptist church, showing signs of effective support by American Baptist donors, and the Fire Station. If you think of the Baptist church as being in the equivalent position to St Peter's Berkhamsted, then the Anglican church of St Paul occupies a position like that of Sunnyside church, in a quiet north-eastern corner, with large houses. This is not surprising, once you think about it, because this was where the most important British residents lived. One of them, in the late

## TRAVELS IN BURMA

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**Patrick Lepper finds an Anglican church 750 miles up in the Irrawaddy**

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1930s, was a young Old Etonian police officer called **Eric Blair**, none other than the writer **George Orwell**. In this neighbourhood were established several important institutions, notably the Tennis Club, with ample grounds and a river view from under

shady rain-trees, and, with somewhat less ample grounds, St Paul's, Katha, the Anglican church.

When my ship, the Pandaw IV, called at Katha, we were taken round the town in pony-traps, calling at the old Tennis Club (locked up) and at Orwell's house, but we missed the Anglican church. However, thanks to Daniel our all-providing guide, himself an Anglican, I was given a special one-man excursion at the end of the planned tour, and my pony-trap, no longer in convoy, sped back through the town to the old British quarter.

My young driver drew up in a lane which passed along the north side of the church, a modest rectangular building, timber-framed with brick infill, with a pitched roof covered in the ubiquitous corrugated iron. On closer inspection, the body of the church turned out to have several projections: at the west end, an ample, modern-looking porch, together with a much older-looking, four-legged timber belfry; at the east end a chancel with a round-headed east window; along the north and south sides narrow lean-to aisles, the narrow vertical space between nave roof and aisle roof forming a clerestory. (My compass-points are all purely liturgical; I think the church actually faced west or south rather than east.)

Inside, in place of arcades, two lines of squared timber posts supported the nave roof, the aisles being no more than passages with a row of chairs against the walls, facing inwards. The nave seating consisted of sturdy benches facing east, with arm-rests, and backs which also served as book-rests



for the row behind. Other furnishings were instantly familiar: altar, communion-rail, lectern, pulpit, and chairs and desks for clergy to north and south. I counted six prominent crosses, all with trefoiled ends to head and arms. Around the walls were small framed pictures of the Stations of the Cross.

I came out of the church and opposite me across a little yard was a house which was clearly the vicarage, its ground floor brick-paved and open to the world, Burma-fashion. A sign hanging from the lintel said in Burmese and English, *Priest: Rev D Say Htan, Church of the Province of Myanmar (Anglican)*. Hearing movement in the background, I called out in English “*Good morning!*”. There was a chuckle in a man’s voice, and a young Burmese man in shirt and trousers (not the skirt-like Burmese longyi) came out and smilingly introduced himself as **Daniel Say Htan**, Priest-in-Charge. I explained that I was travelling up-river in the Pandaw IV, and that, at the end of our extensive tour of Katha, not wanting to miss the Anglican church, I had been brought there specially by pony-trap. At this, he went and found the trap-driver and brought him in to share some fruit and biscuits, bearing which his wife Cynthia then shyly joined us, after a little gentle persuasion.

Daniel asked where I lived, and I explained that Berkhamsted was about 30 miles north-west of London. I also explained that one reason for coming to Burma had been to lay wreaths at the grave of my godfather,

who had been killed fighting the Japanese in the Arakan in 1944, and also at the grave of a friend’s uncle, **Guy Wethered**. He, I explained, was a Major in the Gloucesters (aged only 24), and had been killed in the attack on the Japanese positions at Pinwe, some 40 miles north of Katha, in November of that year. Hearing this, Daniel took me into the church, and showed me a photograph and a plaque in the vestry, which had been presented in 2002 by veterans of the Royal Sussex Regiment, who had been involved in the same advance. The plaque read *To St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Katha, in grateful thanks for hospitality received by the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion at Christmas 1944*. I was moved to see this unexpected link with **Guy Wethered**. After the capture of Pinwe, the Gloucesters and the Royal Sussex had obviously pressed on south along the railway, driving the Japanese before them, and reached Katha, the key objective on the Irrawaddy, just before Christmas. Though Guy had been killed, his comrades had perhaps been, that Christmas, where I was standing.

My last memory of the Priest-in-Charge of Katha is of asking what a wooden box suspended from the roof on cords might contain. “*Ah,*” he said, “*that is my son Andrew!*” He gently removed a mesh cover, and set the cradle gently swinging. There inside was a beautiful baby boy. ❖





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On the evening of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the Bishop of St Albans joined us for a very moving ceremony which began on the steps of our Shrublands Road Hospice. The following are some of his words there.

*These walls have witnessed so many memories, both of love and sadness, so many moments of tenderness, so many goodbyes - but now it is time for us to say goodbye to the building itself.*

*So we give thanks for this place, for the work of over 26 years, for those who inspired its beginnings, for those who have maintained its presence, by generosity of wealth, time and commitment and for those who have seen a vision for the future, in the shape of a new building.*

*We give thanks for all the people who have worked here, for all who have been touched or inspired by the care and compassion they have received, for those who have found their peace within these walls and for those who found eternal rest.*

*As we say farewell, may we never lose hope and may we take with us all the wealth of memories - memories of individuals and of families and friends - may they keep us going through the tough times and give us confidence for the future.*

**The Reverend Liz Hughes** then produced the candle that had been lit at *Light up a Life* and this was held aloft as we shut the door of Shrublands Road behind us. The

## THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS MOVES HOUSE

**Ros Taylor**, Medical Director of the Hospice, writes



Bishop then took the lantern and transported it to our new building at Shootersway where a crowd gathered at the entrance to the site. The driveway from the site gates to the new building had been

beautifully lit with candles along all the curb stones giving it a really magical feel. The crowd of a hundred slowly moved, with their candles, to the front door of the new Hospice where the Bishop said a

Blessing

*"Peace be to this house. Peace be to all those who enter here, to those who work here, to those who will dwell here for a while. Peace be to those who will find here comfort and rest. Peace be to those who will find hope and inspiration to face the future"*

Faith Leaders from the local Hindu and Buddhist Community also contributed with their own welcome to the new building. The Bishop then walked around the building to four key areas - Education, the Inpatient Unit, Fundraising and the Chapel, and words were read by staff members about these key areas of our work. By this time everybody was freezing and we all shuffled into the warm Reception Area for mulled wine and mince pies. The ceremony ended with *Deep Peace* - the music we played at the topping-out ceremony last summer. ❖





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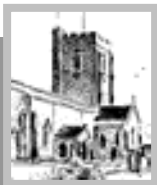
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**Getting the  
Right Balance**  
**The Revd  
Jonathan  
Gordon** puts the  
case for a  
positive Lent

## *review* Northchurch & Wigginton

Lent is sometimes presented in a way that makes it seem like an endurance test, with an emphasis on giving things up and self-denial. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but another way of seeing Lent is to use it as a time to do something

positive. Lent is the time to prepare for the celebration of Easter and God's universal love, so a good positive Lent is to focus on what we can do to help other people.

The timing of this is significant. A recent survey found that for the first time in ten years a majority of people in Britain believe that the quality of life is best improved by putting the individual first. The survey did acknowledge that there are still many people who believe and act upon the principle of altruism, and that distinctions could be made between self-help and self-reliance as opposed to hedonism. However, it did identify a trend among today's graduates or *Generation Y* who seem more caught up in self-absorption and for whom having a good social life and a good time are more important than anything else. The report reminded me of a student I knew in Southampton who said what he was looking for in life was a job that paid him loads while he had to do hardly anything. As always with surveys and statistics you can interpret them in numerous ways, but maybe over the last decade there has been a shift towards individual fulfilment as an end in itself.

Jesus told a parable about a farmer who had such a good harvest he did not know

what to do with it all. The parable was a warning to those who think the most important thing in life is having an abundance of possessions. The farmer decided simply to build bigger barns, store his riches and then concentrate on having a good time. Unfortunately, he was not given the time to enjoy his wealth and the parable warns against having a healthy bank balance, but being poor before God. Jesus called the man in the parable a *fool* despite all his possessions and trappings of success. He would have done better to use his harvest for the benefit of others, show concern and compassion for those in need, and remember that everything he had was a gift from God. Caught up with his own needs, he lost sight of everything and everyone around him.

Jesus does not say that the needs of an individual are unimportant. We are encouraged to love other people as we love ourselves. Each one of us is unique and we need certain things to help us flourish and find a sense of purpose and direction. Perhaps the important thing is to find the right balance. There is such a thing as rational and healthy self-interest. There are many emotional problems in life because people do not love themselves and wish they were someone else. Loving yourself means that we have to accept ourselves and not waste time trying to be someone else. God has given each one of us something significant. Loving yourself means being able to accept our own strengths and limitations. If we can't do this we will not really be able to show any love or concern for other people.

Once we take as our starting point that we are loved and valued by God, then we can look at the world from a new perspective. We are able to see beyond the limits of our own horizons, and become more attentive to those around us. ❖

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## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI

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Joint President **Judith Lowther** welcomed members to our February meeting and was pleased to see two visitors who we hope will join us soon. Together with **Joy Lovell** they took us through the business part of the meeting. Our speaker this month was **Lydia Carmichael** who intrigued us with her talk on her *Life as a Foundling*. She was taken to the Thomas Coram Hospital, which is currently Ashlyns School, as a child of five years old where she was resident for ten years. Many Berkhamstedians will recall the girls and boys walking through the town in crocodile, looking so neat and tidy. There were some fine photos on display for us to view. A vote of thanks was given by **Maureen Stonhill**. We meet next month on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm. Our speaker will be **Robert Lancaster** - the title of his talk is *Pull Yourself Together Girls*. Why not come and join us?

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**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** 1:45 for 2:00pm  
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## DACORUM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** 7:30pm  
In the Centenary Hall, Berkhamsted Collegiate School, Kings Road. Programme includes Brahms Symphony No. 2 and Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 *The Emperor*. Soloist: **Alvin Moisey**; Conductor **Thomas Loten**. Tickets £8/£6, U16 free, from 863830 or Berkhamsted Arts & Crafts or at the door.

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## MARKET DATES

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Farmers Market	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>
French Market	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>

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## IAN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Rotary Clubs of Berkhamsted 25<sup>th</sup> Half Marathon and 5 Mile Fun Run. Starting from Berkhamsted Cricket Club at 11:15am (Fun Run) and 11:30am (Half Marathon). Entry Fees - in advance: Fun Run £6/£5; Half Marathon £17/£15 (£1 extra on the day). Further details from 890222

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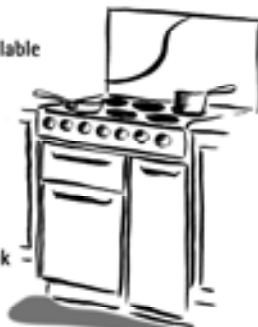
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## THE BERKHAMSTED SPONSORED WALK

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May** Now it's official. Global warming is with us, and it's said to be the fault of our addiction to hydrocarbons. Perhaps, some would say, it's a natural change in the global climate such as has been experienced over the millennia. Who can tell?

What is not in doubt is that walking is environmentally friendly, and a very pleasant and healthy way of taking exercise. What better way to get its benefits than join in the Berkhamsted Walk?

There will be three routes, 18, 11 and 5 miles, all in the spectacular scenery of the Chilterns. It's an opportunity to enjoy the delights of spring, with a chance to see the amazing sight of the bluebell woods in the Ashridge National Trust estate. Why only a chance? If the winter stays mild, will there be bluebells in May, or have the seasons gone awry?

Details of the Walk will be in next month's *review*. In the meanwhile, please make a resolution to take part in the Berkhamsted Walk. It might even be an unseasonable warm and dry day! Whatever you do, please support The Children's Society in its work with disadvantaged children.

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## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

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**26<sup>th</sup> Feb. – 11<sup>th</sup> March** Here we go again; campaigning celebrities will soon loom large on our television screens with details of Fairtrade Fortnight, and our more enlightened newspapers will have reasonably accurate articles about third world poverty and iniquitous trading rules. Fairtrade Fortnight is co-ordinated by the Fairtrade Foundation and is supported by many organisations including CAFOD, Christian Aid, The Church of England,

Methodist Relief and Development Fund, NFWI, Oxfam, Tearfund, MU, Traidcraft Exchange and The United Reformed Church. More information at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

During Fairtrade Fortnight, we will be urged to:

**Munch it! Wear it! Brew it!  
and Choose it!**

Choose to buy, eat, drink and wear products displaying the Fairtrade *Mark*. The *Mark* indicates the items are independently certified to internationally agreed Fairtrade standards and guarantees producer organisations have received a fair and stable price for their goods and a social premium that they can invest for the future.

A Steering Group has been formed and moves are afoot in Berkhamsted to raise public awareness and support for Fairtrade; the goal is **Fairtrade Berkhamsted**. To offer help or support or for more information, contact **Angela Morris** (866992) or **Jane Hocking**, Manager Oxfam shop.

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## BERKHAMSTED MUSIC SOCIETY

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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March** 8:00pm  
Piano duo - Goldstone & Clemmow  
playing Mozart, Schubert, Gorb and Tchaikovsky

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## ST PETER'S FREE RECITALS

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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** 1:00pm  
**Angela Brownridge** piano  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** 1:00pm  
**Cantello** -keyboard, soprano, oboe & 'cello  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March** 1:00pm  
**Trio Artemis** - violin, 'cello and piano

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## COWPER SOCIETY

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**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** 8:00pm in the Court House. **Kate Perera** will talk about *The Art of Translation*

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## OXFAM EVENTS

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### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - COMIC RELIEF**

Red noses are foaming out of the door at Oxfam as the famous Comic Relief fundraising day draws near, Red Nose Day, will see the colourful accessory out in force. The foam noses are just £1 and come with stickers to decorate and a square of Fairtrade chocolate.

Alternatively, there is the Clothes Nose, a pin badge to wear on your lapel and for your car a jazzy red air freshener comprising two vanilla-scented balls complete with spectacles to hang from the rear view mirror.

Fun with a serious purpose is the theme as Comic Relief seeks to raise funds for projects helping some of the very poorest and most vulnerable people in Africa and the UK. Oxfam is the only stockist in Berkhamsted.

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9:00am - 11:30am**

The 24<sup>th</sup> **Children's Wear Event** at the Civic Centre The date may not be auspicious, but let not superstition prevail! *Posh* Beckham received great publicity by buying a garment in a west London Oxfam shop. If nothing else, she knows where bargains can be found! The shop's takings increased three fold.

Berkhamsted's Oxfam shop is, for Children's clothes, the leading shop out of Oxfam's 800 shops and is unique in holding Children's Wear Events away from the shop. Not that the Event can match Oxfam's stall at the Glastonbury rock festival where blankets, wellies, and outrageous garb are sold to the bedraggled fans. It invariably rains! Oxfam, thanks to you the generous public, is able to make the expensive affordable, and find profitable homes for anything that is saleable, or can be recycled.

There will be, as usual, bargains galore at this year's spring and summer Children's Wear Event. A vast selection of excellent quality clothes, washed and ironed to as new condition, will be available, together with nursery equipment, children's books and irresistible toys. The target is to raise £5,000. Please come to the Event, and make it happen.

We are all too aware of the ongoing crises in Africa. The Oxfam shops, with Berkhamsted's in the top twenty for profitability, contribute to the funds needed for water supply and sanitation projects in drought stricken and war torn areas, and in refugee camps.

We're privileged people; let's share some of our good life with people in poverty for no fault of their own. You may come to the Event just to buy items, outgrown or unwanted, generously donated by other mums. As you donate or buy you are helping Oxfam to help those so much less fortunate than ourselves.

Voluntary help on the day of the Event, and in the shop at all times, is always welcome. If you want to make a difference, 'phone manageress Jane in the shop on 864225 or Nicky on 872502. If you can't make the day the shop is always well stocked, or leave a message in the shop for what you want. You too can share in Oxfam's seemingly never ending but vital work.

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## CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS

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**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** Lent lunch in the Court House from 12 noon to 2:00pm - or as long as supplies of the delicious home-made soups last.

Donations to Christian Aid

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, 7:00pm-9:30pm  
in the Court House

## review notes & notices

### Growing a future

Hear from **VB Ndlovu** from Christian Aid's Zimbabwean partner, Christian Care. Christian Care is the relief and development arm of the Zimbabwean Churches. Its Conservation farming, project teaches groundbreaking farming techniques that conserve natural resources and help people grow more food. In dry southwest Zimbabwe traditional farming methods are exhausting the soil and wasting water. Farmers here struggle to grow enough food. But Christian Care's new Conservation farming techniques prevent soil erosion, use natural compost, conserve rainwater and protect soil from the sun. Farmers like Othi Mpofu are growing six times as much food. Next year, she will train five neighbouring farmers in the new skills she's learnt. Contact 866324 for more information.

### TUESDAY CLUB

On **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** **The Revd Professor Luke Geoghegan** talked to us about *Priesthood and Citizenship*. First he described his own path towards priesthood and starting work at Toynbee Hall. It was very interesting to hear about his schooldays in Sunderland where most of his fellow pupils were sons of miners or doctors, his student days at Durham University, studying theology, and his work as an auxiliary nurse at Barts (he only survived eleven weeks of this), as a social worker with the homeless in Newcastle, his time in Wisconsin and finally training for the priesthood.

Then he told us the fascinating story of **Henrietta** and **Samuel Barnett**, the founders of Toynbee Hall. Henrietta was a Victorian heiress and Samuel a C of E clergyman. Together they dedicated their lives to helping the East End poor and improving their standards of life. They were determined that *the poor must have*

*only the best.*

Father Luke went on to give us a history of the East End and all the changes in the population from the early Huguenots to the present-day 200,000 Bangladeshis and the successful financiers.

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### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

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Between October and December, all **The Children's Society** boxes held by members of St Peter's and All Saints' – 36 in total – were counted and a total of £641 banked. So thank you to all boxholders for regularly putting your loose, and sometimes not so loose, change into your box during the year. Please keep up the good work you are doing to support the Society's work with young people in this country.

You may be interested to know that: The housebox dates back to 1881, when the charity was first founded, and it was mentioned in the first ever annual report published in April 1882.

There are now over 162,000 boxholders in the UK.

The Society has Box Collectors in 6,616 parishes across the country.

The average Box Collector has 24 boxholders on their list.

From the original wooden boxes through to today's distinctive plastic ones, the housebox has always been one of **The Children's Society's** most faithful fundraisers, providing a constant and steady source of income and now raising over £2 million each year. The more people who have boxes in their homes the more children The Society is able to help. If you would like to have a box or want to know more about The Society's work with children in the UK please give me a call. **Kathie Lally** - 863526

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# reviewholy week

## PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK & EASTER DAY : 1 - 8 April 2007

### Palm Sunday

Sun 1	8:00am	Eucharist with Palm Crosses	
	9:30am	Blessing of Palms and Sung Eucharist (starting in St Peter's car park) .....	<i>St Peter's</i>
	10:00am	All Age Communion (Methodist led).....	<i>All Saints</i>
	6:30pm	Concert – Chiltern Chamber Choir Music for Lent & Passiontide .....	<i>St Peter's</i>

### in Holy Week

2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Eucharist with Address .....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue 3	8:00pm	Meditative Act of Worship (Methodist led) .....	<i>All Saints'</i>
Wed 4	9.30-3pm	Easter Holiday Club.....	<i>All Saints'</i>

### Maundy Thursday

Thu 5	8:00pm	Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Vigil of Prayer ✚ Preacher: The Reverend Mark Pryce .....	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8:00pm	Holy Communion (Methodist led).....	<i>All Saints'</i>

### Good Friday

Fri 6	12-3pm	Three Hour Devotion including the Liturgy of the Day ✚ Preacher: The Reverend Mark Pryce .....	<i>St Peter's</i>
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### Easter Eve

Sat 7	9:00pm	The Easter Vigil.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
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### Easter Day

Sun 8	8:00am	Eucharist .....	<i>St Peter's</i>
	9:30am	Sung Eucharist .....	<i>St Peter's</i>
	10:00am	Communion (Methodist led) .....	<i>All Saints'</i>
	6:00pm	Choral Evensong.....	<i>St Peter's</i>

✚ Preacher: The Reverend Mark Pryce, Bishop's Advisor for Clergy Continuing Ministerial Education in the Diocese of Birmingham and sometime Dean of Chapel at Corpus Christi College Cambridge

## March

SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evensong	
	<i>All Saints' 4<sup>th</sup></i>	10:00am Sung Eucharist – Anglican led	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led 10:00am Morning Worship - Methodist led	
	18 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am All Age Communion - Methodist led	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Sung Eucharist - Anglican led 6:30m Circuit Service - Methodist led	
All services at <i>St Peter's</i> unless otherwise indicated MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer			
MON	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm	
TUE	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 9:30am <i>All Saints'</i>
WED	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 8:00am
THU		EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 11:00am ( <i>Fr Michael's day off</i> )
FRI	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm both churches	Eucharist 9:15am
SAT	MP 9:30am <i>St Peter's</i> MP 8:45am <i>All Saint's</i>	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 10:00am
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</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>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>



## reviewdiary

Please see opposite for services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches.

### March / April

#### March

Fri	2	10:00am	Little Fishes Service.....	St Peter's
Mon	5	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing .....	St Peter's
Wed	7	7:30pm	Eucharist .....	Lady Chapel, St Peter's
		8:00pm	<i>The Eucharist makes the Church</i> (Lent Talk 2) – Fr Michael.....	Lady Chapel, St Peter's
Sat	10	3-8pm	District Bellringing .....	St Peter's
Sun	11	6:00pm	Choral Evensong.....	St Peter's
Tue	13	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>A very big picnic.....</i>	All Saints'
Wed	14	7:30pm	Eucharist .....	Lady Chapel, St Peter's
		8:00pm	<i>The Eucharist makes the Church</i> (Lent Talk 3) – Fr Michael.....	Lady Chapel, St Peter's
Thu	15	12:30pm	Society of Catholic Priests Eucharist .....	St Peter's
Fri	16	11:00am	Victoria School C of E First School Mothering Service.....	St Peter's
Sat	17	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast .....	The Way Inn
Sun	18	9:30am/ 10:00am	Mothering Sunday Services .....	St Peter's / All Saints'
Wed	21	7:30pm	Eucharist .....	Lady Chapel, St Peter's
		8:00pm	<i>The Eucharist makes the Church</i> (Lent Talk 4) – Fr Michael.....	Lady Chapel, St Peter's
Sun	25	11:15am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting.....	the Court House
Tue	27	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>The story of Easter....</i>	All Saints'
Tue	27	8:00pm	Cowper Society Talk Kate Perera <i>The Art of Translation.....</i>	the Court House
Wed	28		No Lent Address at St Peter's	
Fri	30	12noon	Thomas Coram School End of Term Service.....	St Peter's
April 1-8			See p31 for Holy Week and Easter Day services	

## reviewregisters

#### Baptisms (St Peter's)

28 January Barnaby Nichols Bancroft Wallis

#### Funerals

12 January	Edward Charles Bunker	St Peter's Church (Chilterns)
18 January	Gwendoline Winifred Badman	Chiltern Crematorium
19 January	Patrick Stanley Hawkings	St Peter's Church (St Leonards, Stagsden)
23 January	Rona Ethel Prodger	St Peter's Church (Kingshill)

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All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership.  
Methodist minister: **The Revd Paul Timmis** (866324)

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Answer next month

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



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