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Patriotism is rather unfashionable these days - perhaps with good reason. Intensely nationalistic sentiments - *My country right or wrong* - are a breeding ground for conflict. Two World Wars in the last century and ongoing tensions in the Balkans and elsewhere bear witness. But we do seem to have an instinctive desire to be collectively committed to something we can believe in, something to be proud of. It may be something very specific that becomes the focus of our enthusiasm - Manchester United for example, but it may be a broader cause. Nowadays the environment offers great scope for commitment - to saving energy, to recycling, to preserving wildlife. We are social creatures. How reassuring it is to know that our enthusiasms are shared by like-minded people. **Father Basil** reminds us this month of a particularly successful collective activity - the Scout Movement and we regularly report the achievements of another great worldwide fellowship - the Mothers' Union. But commitment can flourish in almost any context. It's the same sense of mutual commitment, the same desire for achievement, that wins netball competitions and brings the Petertide Fair to a successful conclusion - in spite of the weather.

Christopher Green

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Be Prepared
Father Basil Jones
applauds the
Scout Movement

review leader

Rectors, Vicars, Policemen, and Scoutmasters are always good for a laugh and hopefully it is in a friendly way. And it is the Scout Movement that I want to write about this month because it is a hundred years young. Despite jibes of jingoism, short trousers and woggles, to say nothing of funny hats, it has survived and countless millions of the young have been influenced and enjoyed its multifarious activities.

We are particularly fortunate in Hertfordshire as the Scouts, which now includes girls, can make use of their own bases in Lochearnhead Scout Station thirty miles north of Stirling in Scotland, Coetmore Mill in Snowdonia, Orchard Farm in the Peak District and Well End in Garston. In fact my first duty when I became County Chaplain many years ago was to dedicate a climbing frame at Well End.

Light weight camping gear, GPS sometimes, instead of compasses (and still the ability to get lost!) and the wonder of teaching each other how to live in the great outdoors. The leaders too have the satisfaction of seeing individual Scouts grow in body, mind and spirit as they encounter new challenges and are helped to overcome them.

The movement has tried to keep abreast of the changes in society and the real needs of the young. This has never been an easy process and as you can imagine there has always been a critical membership ready to air their views. This reminds me of ... but never mind.

The West Herts district includes Berkhamsted, Tring and the villages around

and has seen a 10% increase in numbers over the last year. Like all voluntary groups it is always short of leaders who have to be properly vetted to work with the young. With such an increase there is a critical shortage of leaders, particularly for Cub Scouts and every pack has a waiting list which is great pity. If you feel able to help please contact **Mrs Ann Seward**, the District Commissioner (825559) or me (p31). There is also a need for secretaries who can be real treasures.

The groups come together on St George's Day for a service that always involves renewing their vows and includes any adult in the congregation who has been a Scout. I find it very moving to be linked up with the youngest Beaver of six in this way.

The life influence it has cannot be estimated. The Scout Law has changed very little over the years and includes duty to themselves, others and to God and in this country to the Queen.

This year the service was at Tring; next year here in Berkhamsted and then the following year in the open air in Ashridge. In view of the centenary of the Movement that was started by Baden-Powell there is to be a vast international Jamboree in Essex with the motto *One World One Promise*. Scouting now extends throughout the world and there are only two countries without Scouts. On the 1st August at sunrise all Scouts worldwide will renew their promises. They will here in the West Herts District and ask that everyone who was a Scout does so as well.

I make no apologies to our sister organisation the Guides for giving prominence to the Scouts on this occasion. We have always learnt a lot from them and they have been great partners in every sense of the word!



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At about the age of twelve, back home in Guyana, I became aware that there was something called *The Mothers' Union*. My grandmother was involved in it. It appeared to be a group of about seven or eight ladies who met periodically to clean, dust and polish the church. During these sessions, as ladies all over the world do, they talked – who had had a new baby, who was ill and needed visiting, why so-and-so had not been seen in church recently – things like that! Anyone who had a problem would be visited, and Father Rowe, our rector, would be made aware of the fact, so that he could take the Sacrament to those who were confined to bed. It seemed to work very well.

Father Rowe (much loved) was *English*, as were most of Guyana's priests at that time, and it was undoubtedly Mrs Rowe's influence that ultimately made the group into a formal unit. The Guyanese ladies would not have known the history and background of *The worldwide Mothers Union* as we know it today. I have a framed membership certificate belonging to my grandma, dated October 20th 1957 (she would have been 67 years old) formally admitting her to the St Swithin's branch of The Mothers' Union. The objects and promises are, in essence, the same as today – to uphold marriage (*The Christian principle of the permanence of the relationship between husband and wife*), to be faithful in prayer, bible reading, to bring up children and *teach and train them as members of His church*.

My mother Mavis, would undoubtedly have also been a member of The Mothers' Union when she was in Guyana. I have little recollection of this, as before I left Guyana in 1960, I worked away from home for over five years, so was not really aware of what was happening at St Swithin's Church. Mummy eventually found herself with us in England and in 1988 was formally enrolled as a member of The Mothers' Union of St Mary's Northchurch, where she remained an

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Childhood memories
of the MU in Guyana.
June Haile writes



mothers union
Christian care for families worldwide

at home member until she died in 2004.

And now me! I am also privileged to be a member of The Mothers' Union, and have been since 1998. Here in England, we can also concentrate on the overseas activities of the Mothers' Union, an element seemingly almost absent from the original Guyanese concept where in-

house concerns seemed to be prominent. The reason, I think, is that no-one was well off, and members were not in a position to do much for anyone outside their own towns and villages, except of course, pray! Prayer is always the bedrock of our activities. We in the affluent Western countries can afford to be compassionate and generous over the plight of our sisters in poor countries, and give of our time and money in order to help in times of natural disaster, illness (HIV/Aids) and poverty. I am happy to say that in Guyana The Mothers' Union appears to be thriving – sponsoring parenting sessions, supporting young mums, and training facilitators (some of them men) to work in various parishes and communities as part of the very successful Mothers' Union worldwide parenting programme. This can only be done because of the prayer and generosity of its overseas members. And, all over the world, Mothers' Union members are supporting each other by prayer. From 6th - 10th July 2007 in our **Wave of Prayer**, we join with members all over the world to pray for this diocese of St Albans and our sisters in our link dioceses in Africa and Australia

I am indeed proud to be a member of such an organisation. Our group meets in members' homes on the third Tuesday of each month, and has a varied and interesting programme. You are very welcome! For more information contact **Margaret Burbidge** (tel: 862139) or **Kathie Lally** (tel: 863526) ❖

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When we find an ancient artefact, an antique or a very old book, it has a distinctive quality. Such an object, viewed out of its contemporary context speaks to us differently from a similar object of our own time. This quality does not only reside in the physical attributes of *oldness* - decaying paper or damaged wood. When, for example, we see a *silent film* or even an old film or a television programme which dates from a time when values or styles were noticeably, if only slightly, different from our own, we respond differently to the way in which we respond to a current, *living* event. Think of a forty-year old newspaper or a twenty-year old television news programme. A current news broadcast is about as contemporary or current as you can get. It refers to events still in flow, linked to events yesterday and anticipating events tomorrow. We are part of this flow. To a more or less conscious extent we partake in this flux of ideas, happenings, views, relationships, causes and effects. A contemporary news broadcast, like a modern functioning artefact (a pen, a chair, a desk, a house) partakes in the present flow and we are carried forward by the same associations and repercussions. But an old artefact, an old film or an outdated newspaper spoke, in their time, to another audience. When we confront them we are like intruders, or passive observers, stepping momentarily into a different time. The confrontation with the past brought, out of context, into the present interrupts our normal responses and associations - for a moment we pause and fall silent.

Reproductions of old things, pictures or furniture, or re-enactments of famous plays written in past ages, do not have the same effect as an actual past event seen from the present moment. Such reproductions and

Ian Reay's &news &views

The Past is Another Country

Ian Reay reflects on relics
and reminiscence

re-enactments are part of the contemporary culture; they are present events, part of the current scene. Films or plays set in the past make compromises with the present time by, for example, using current hairstyles or modern forms of language and pronunciation, or simply

by virtue of the unspoken and unacknowledged attitudes displayed. The past, in this form, is just another facet of the present. A sudden bringing into the present of a past event is quite different and gives rise to a sense of *genuineness* - which reproductions do not do. The pause, the momentary silence, brought about by the past confronting the present and breaking up the normal flow of inner conversations and reflections is what we recognise and seek in the *genuine*. It is the inner experience that corresponds to the socially acknowledged status of an authentic artefact.

It is the same with recounted memories. A spontaneous memory does not belong to the present. It gives rise to this same pause, the same momentary silence, as we become aware of this feeling of distance and strange familiarity. Of course, in time the memory becomes absorbed and mixes with the present, becoming part of it; but that first moment, like the moment of being introduced to a new friend, is distinctive.

Such a spontaneous memory was related to me by **Bob Forst**. Bob was born in Vienna at the beginning of the 1920s but had to leave Austria as a teenager, before the Second World War. He fled from the Nazis and came to England where he settled and has lived here ever since. For a period of time during the war he lived on the canal at the lock keeper's cottage at Cow Roast. On page 9 are some of his memories from that time as he recently recounted them. ❖

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It was in 1941 and 1942 and I was then not yet married when I rented a room in the lock house at Cow Roast, between Berkhamsted and Tring. In addition to the room I had full board and lodging and I remember the motherly and obliging way in which I was received. I celebrated my twenty first birthday there.

This lock is the highest point on the canal. From there it is downhill in both directions, to London and Birmingham. For that reason there was a lock keeper who worked for the canal owners and who kept everything in order.

In those days there was a lot of commercial traffic on the canal; barges passed by until it was quite dark. They always went in pairs, the one in front acting as a tug, towing the lighter behind. Each could carry 100 tons, and so together they carried 200 tons. Naturally that was much more than could be carried by road, but the journey was much slower, lasting, in fact, several days. The barge loads were mostly heavy and bulky, such as coal, sand or grain - but not always, I can remember a barge full of mousetraps.

The crew was always made up of an entire family. The father steered the barge, originally it would have been towed by a horse, but by my time there were no more horses; a diesel motor had replaced them. In some of the older barges the post to which the horse had been tied could still be seen. The mother steered the lighter behind and the children went ahead on bicycles to prepare the locks so that the barge could go in without delay. To go uphill the locks had to be filled and to go downhill they had to be emptied. Time was important because their payment depended on it.

A BARGE FULL OF MOUSETRAPS

Bob Forst remembers the Grand Union Canal during the Second World War




While travelling, the barge was in front of the lighter but in the lock they were side by side. And there was scarcely enough room for them; there were only a couple of inches to spare. To fit them in required a great deal of skill, particularly for the lighter which had no motor.

The families lived like gypsies, the children were almost never in school and none of them could read or write. In theory the children should have had a couple of days in

school while the barge was being loaded and unloaded but in practice the teachers had no time or interest to concern themselves with children that they did not know and who would quickly disappear again. So they sat at the back of the class and learnt nothing.

The lock keeper with whom I lived had to enter the passing barges into a register, otherwise his job made few demands on him. With the job came a good house with a large garden, and we had poultry, a pig, and vegetables. In the wartime when food was scarce, that was very useful. But he combined, quite voluntarily, social work with that. He gave advice to the families about their problems, he read the love letters of the young people and wrote the answers. He also stopped any abuse of the children and was a real friend to the boat people. His wife was very kind and motherly and I will always remember with gratitude the friendly way in which she received me into her house. She tried to teach the children so that they were at least able to sign their own names. She had also

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Thomas Coram Middle School celebrates its netball league champions

The Year 5/6 girls' netball team at Thomas Coram Middle School has won the District League, winning seven and drawing one out of its eight matches.

In the recent District Netball Tournament held at Adeyfield School, Hemel Hempstead, Thomas Coram was runner-up in their pool after winning five matches out of six, losing to Bridgewater school by only one goal. It was there that they were presented with their District League trophy.

Sarah Roberts, Year 6 leader and netball coach says, *"The team has performed superbly. The girls work very well together and have been virtually unbeatable this season."* ❖



←p9 A barge full of mousetraps

taken into her own family a little girl that somebody somehow had left behind.

The barges were painted in bright traditional colours and decorated with a lot of brass that was always wonderfully cleaned and polished, although the boat people themselves seldom looked clean. In each barge was a cabin, the one in the tug was for the father and mother, and the one in the lighter was for the children. Each also had a chimney decorated with several brass rings; in the tug this was for the motor and in the lighter it was for the cooking stove. I was never invited in so I have no idea what it was like inside.

In Cow Roast there was a pub that only boat people used. The uninitiated were not drawn in. Now it is a smart restaurant. A lot has changed since those days.

The commercial traffic carried on until the 1950s and 60s but has now quite disappeared. Nowadays no one would tolerate the situation in which the children were placed. Also with much better roads and lorries it is probably no longer profitable. A whole way of life, really a separate culture, has disappeared. The canal is only used for pleasure now.❖

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We have a regular book fair in the Court House on the first Saturday of alternate months. There was one in June and after buying eggs and olives in the market I found myself irresistibly drawn to it. There was a copy of **RA Norris's** book on St Peter's Church, published

in 1923, but I already have two copies of that so I managed to resist it. Then there was a little book by **Malcolm Tomkins** *So that was Hertfordshire - Travellers' Jottings 1322-1887*. Having established that several of the travellers had visited Berkhamsted and judging that their comments would be just right to fill odd spaces in the *review* - I had to have it. Next, a reprint of the *Natural History of Wiltshire* by the seventeenth century antiquary John Aubrey. Having been brought up in Wiltshire and not having a copy of Aubrey's very perceptive notes on its landscape, of course I had to have that too. And then, *Bury Wills and Inventories*. What, you are wondering, is that about. It consists of transcriptions of wills proved at Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk between 1370 and 1650. Dry stuff you may think, but I have an interest in historical household furnishings and these are often listed in old wills in considerable detail and their value assessed. So of course I added *Bury Wills and Inventories* to the eggs and olives.

Later in the day, looking through it, my eye was attracted to the word *Berkehmsted* in the will of **Nicholas Talbot** who died in 1501. His will has unexpected interest for Berkhamsted local history, in particular, rendered into modern English, the following three passages.

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker, to our blessed Saint Mary, and to all the saints in heaven, and my body, if it happens that I depart

THE GREAT AND GOOD OF BERKHAMSTED 1501

Christopher Green writes

within seven miles of Great Berkehamstede, to be buried there within the chapel of our Lady, betwixt the image of our Lady of Pity and the image of our Lady of Grace, within the parish church of the said

town.

I will that a priest sing for the space of a whole year for the souls of ... Sir Harry Mathew late parson of Berkehamstede, Sir John Moyr late parson of the same, and also late parson of the North church, and Sir Thomas Ly late parson of Berkehamstede.

Item: I bequeath to John Nyxson late of Berkhamstede 10/-. Item: I bequeath to Robert Franke 5/-. Item: I bequeath to John Herryson, if he live after me, 6/8. Item: I bequeath to William Kyrkeby 3/4. Item: I bequeath to Herry Tompson 3/4. These foresaid persons dwelling with my lady Cecile Duchess of York, on whose souls Jesu have mercy. Item: I bequeath to Sir Thomas Ryle priest, late of Berkhamstede, 5/-. Item: I bequeath to William Ryche of the said Berkhamstede 3/4. Item: I bequeath to John Laurence of the same town 3/4. Item: I bequeath to Owan William Receiver of Berkhamstede 2 yards of damask. Item: I bequeath to the parson of Berkhamstede a Saint Antony cross.

We don't know whether **Nicholas Talbot** died within seven miles of Berkhamsted, so we don't know whether he was buried in St Peter's. But how fascinating to have a glimpse of the pre-Reformation interior of the Lady Chapel and to recognise three of our late fifteenth century incumbents - **John More, Henry Matthew, and Thomas Lee**, instituted respectively in 1478, 1484 and 1490, and to learn the names of some of the Duchess of York's loyal retainers who had lived with Lady Cicely in Berkhamsted Castle, probably up to the time of her death in 1495. ❖

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The name of Sir Robin Knox-Johnston is well known in Berkhamsted, just as once was the family of four brothers whose grandparents lived in the town. Yet when Robin

left the Boys' School in 1957, he felt that he was accounted a failure for he joined the Merchant Navy which was not really one of Headmaster **Garnons Williams'** considered careers for pupils. It was only when Robin achieved sailing celebrity status with the first solo, non-stop circumnavigation in 1968-69, and with his resulting knighthood that he felt that his old headmaster actually came to acknowledge his existence. Failure was transmogrified into success, and subsequently led to his brilliant achievements and youth-work with the Sail Training Association that he set up. In the last year, this sixty-eight year old has given us the stirring example of adventure in his boat *Saga* in the Round-the-World race.

Failure has a strange habit of jumping back at us in a different guise. It should be the subject of speech-day addresses, juvenile encouragement, and of sermons. I have reflected on this with the events of 12th May, the day Sir Robin returned. Two or three months ago, provoked by winter despondency, I entered my name for the single *Daily Telegraph*-sponsored berth for one leg

THE FACULTY OF FAILURE

David Pearce goes to sea again

of the Round-the-World clipper race. So jocular was my application and so balanced was my age on the extreme cusp of the conditions that I

quite forgot that I had applied. It was therefore unreasonable of me to feel miffed when told that I had not been assigned the berth. Failure. Nevertheless - and here was the candy to sweeten disappointment - I had been *pecially selected* to go for a day's sailing in the Solent on one of the clippers. I grumbled, as you would expect, about having to settle for the Solent instead of the Sargasso, but took up the offer.

Quite by chance, though with a little disgraceful manoeuvring and pushing, I managed to join the Clipper Fleet that assembled off the Needles to welcome Sir Robin back from his world voyage. It was a memorable experience.

It was a day of brisk wind and high cloud; a bright window in an otherwise wet week. In the sea lanes west of Cowes were gathered six of the clipper fleet, two naval vessels, the Cowes' harbour master's launch, and a motley assortment of zipping,

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This year the rain fell on the Petertide Fair causing us to move some attractions inside! I must thank all the stallholders for their hard work and cheerfulness in the less than ideal conditions.

Thanks also to Thomas Coram School for treating us to excerpts from their forthcoming production of Oliver and to Victoria School for continuing to dance inside the church despite getting soaked outside.

Many thanks to those who advertised in the programme and for raffle donors, The Rex Cinema, Hearts and Flowers, and to our advertising sponsor Claire Lloyd. Thanks are due to the Watford Palace Theatre for sponsoring the "Who am I" TinTin competition. (see p23).

Lastly I am indebted to the many helpers before during and after the event, and of course to the organising committee who have helped us to raise in the region of £7,700 for our causes.

Paul Jullien





CAPTION COMPETITION

What is happening above? There is a free annual *review* subscription for the best caption to be judged by Judith Limbert. Suggestions to the Editor by 10 July (p2). It is connected with the Pimms stall below:



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review letters

Hilary Talbot-Ponsonby writes

Augustus Smith (see June *review*) was a great man for Berkhamsted, particularly in education. He not only saved Berkhamsted School but also started Park View School, the first Primary. It was for this reason that, in about 1968, Ashlyns School governors were asked to choose a name for the first Middle School, **Miss Ada Timpson** (former Headmistress of Victoria School) and I suggested Augustus Smith.

The Augustus Smith School started in September 1970 and was later formally opened by Margaret Thatcher when she was Minister of Education. Every year students spent holidays in the Scilly Isles, strengthening the connection with **Augustus Smith**.

In 1988 the County Council decided to sell off the Thomas Bourne School in Durrants Lane, the second Middle School, and with the amalgamation of the two middle schools a new name, Thomas Coram, was chosen. So, sadly there is now no town memorial to Augustus Smith.

(Park View School was opened in 1834 and continued in use until 1971. It was eventually demolished in 1984 to be replaced by the office building, Salter House, which still occupies the site. Ed.)

←p15 The Faculty of Failure

wave-leaping inflatables. Helicopters were overhead; television cameras were trained on the scene below, and there was a fine sense of expectation. Out of the mist to the west came a white yacht with blue bands – *Saga* – under shortened sail, but still creaming through the roll and pitch of the waves, and arrowing into the channel that the escorting craft had formed. Robin's grandchildren were on one clipper and Robin stood waving and beaming broadly, pleased at all the fanfare from family and sea-going friends. From the Cowes Royal Yacht Squadron an eleven gun salute was fired.

We negotiated the lumbering ferries and had some ado to keep up with Sir Robin and his crew from Bilbao, although, when we entered the neck of Portsmouth

harbour, *Saga* had to be towed as her auxiliary engine had failed. Later, on the quayside and surrounded by cameras and interviewers, Robin spoke of various setbacks and of the frustrations of technology, but, as he stressed: '*There is no point in anything if it is easy.*' Those of us listening to him were impressed not only by the enormous achievement, but by the composure and wisdom and geniality of a man who had coped with difficulty and failure and was so obviously bigger in spirit for the encounter. Later, when all the buzz had subsided and he stood almost alone on the deck which I daresay he was loath to leave, I said quietly to him only: '*Congratulations from Berkhamsted.*' It was a day I would not have missed: what had seemed like failure had actually ended up rather well. ❖

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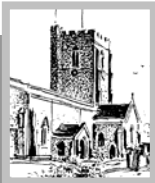
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The Challenge of Divine Grace

The Revd Jonathan Gordon finds it in Luke's gospel

review Northchurch & Wigginton

Possibly the most important component of Christianity, but in a way the most difficult to accept is the idea of divine grace. An American counsellor once remarked that the two major causes of emotional problems in Christians are the

failure to understand, receive and live out God's unconditional grace and forgiveness, and the failure to give out that unconditional love, forgiveness and grace to other people. The Gospel of St Luke is a narrative showing what grace looks like. In Jesus, in his words and in his actions you can see divine grace. It is a challenging concept. It is indiscriminate, offered to all, bringing healing and forgiveness and breaking down the barriers that divide and separate. It is not bound to a law or a creed, but in a sense has a life and energy of its own. God's gift of salvation is a free gift. Faith is accepting that we are accepted by God. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more or make him love us less. It is a wonderful truth that the God, who is almighty and beyond our imaginations, is also the God who loves each one of us and cares for us.

A story from St Luke, the widow of Nain, is timely. It is a story of divine grace. Luke tells it with a great deal of drama. Jesus heads towards Nain followed by his disciples and a large crowd, but then he meets a man who has died being carried out. No burial was allowed within the walls of a Jewish settlement, so he is being carried out through the gate of the town. He was the only son of a widow, and his body was likewise followed by a large crowd.

Sometimes in funerals today there is a reading called *Death is nothing at all* I

don't mind reading it but I am not sure that I agree with it. Death is a very big something - the breaking of a relationship, the pain of separation and a huge sense of loss. The tragedy in the Gospel has an extra poignancy, not only does it deal with the pain of bereavement, but with the widow's economic insecurity, as now she has lost her means of support.

What she did not expect was the reaction of Jesus. There are many healing stories in the Gospels. People come to Jesus, are brought to him, or family and friends intercede on their behalf, yet in this instance the woman does nothing. However, we are told that when Jesus saw her he had compassion that leads him to demonstrate his power. He tells her not to weep and then tells the young man to rise. He sat up and began to speak and was then reunited with his mother. Not surprisingly the crowds are overcome with fear and see in these actions evidence that a great prophet has visited them and God has looked with favour on his people. Interestingly, the focus is not on the individuals alone in the story, but conveys a sense that all the people of God have been blessed.

Luke wants to show that around Jesus a new community is developing, but a community that the religiously righteous would not like. It contains the poor, the gentiles, woman, children, the lost, those who were disliked and looked down upon. This is a good guide for the church. We are not perfect; we can contain those who have made mistakes, those whose lives have not always been models of virtue. We are still called to live holy and good lives, but not to win God's favour, rather, as a consequence of being accepted and forgiven by God's grace.

There are many excuses for not coming to church. Too busy, don't like the hymns, don't like the services, etc... One excuse that is not allowed is *I don't come because I am not good enough*. None of us is, but God makes us welcome. ❖

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TUESDAY CLUB

On **Tuesday 5th June**, **Jane Fisher** gave us a lively, amusing & very informative talk entitled *Getting to know Worcester China*. She told of her interesting work as a Museum of Worcester Porcelain guide. She outlined the history of the factory from its founding in 1751, describing the developing skills & processes in domestic china making. She also commented on and identified the age of pieces of china brought by members.

HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS EVENTS

Saturday 7th July - Walk with the Stars.

Calling all ladies to do a 12 mile sponsored midnight walk from Hemel Hempstead to Berkhamsted and back. Men also needed to steward the walk. Contact the Hospice of St Francis fundraising department (01442 869555)

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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



On a sunny June afternoon, Joint President **Judith Lowther** welcomed members and was sorry to say that some members were absent due to ill-health. Let us hope they will soon be better and with us again. She read two poems to us at the beginning of the meeting and then with Secretary **Janet Mitchell** went through the monthly correspondence. Birthday cards for June were handed out.

Our speaker this month was **Hugh Grainger** who gave us one of his comedy talks entitled *Joys of Old Age*. He recalled comical jokes and situations relating to neighbours, friends and relatives which we could all connect with in similar circumstances. An appreciation was given by **Ali Saunders**.

Our next meeting is on **Friday 6th July** at the Court House at 2:00pm Why not come and join us? New members and visitors are warmly welcomed.

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Sunday 16th September - In aid of the Friends of Great Gaddesden Church.

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He later encountered the latest victims of this terrible conflict which has now spread across the border from Darfur into Chad. He met a family of six – old father, 35-year-old daughter, three teenage girls and a little boy – who had fled with nothing.

Oxfam's main responsibility in these terrible situations is water supply and sanitation. The aim is to provide each person with 15 litres of water a day (less than a tenth of UK average consumption) and the hope is that a water supply can be placed within 15 minutes walk of each camp resident and that they will not have to wait more than 15 minutes at the tap. Even so, to supply the needs of a family of six involves six times threequarters of an hour per day before you even start to find firewood and other essentials. A specially designed Oxfam tap stand which can serve eight people at a time costs £200 and the lidded buckets with taps and other ingenious features cost just over £2 each. To find water sources in this arid terrain is both difficult and expensive but the need is desperate. With no sign of a political settlement in sight, these victims cannot go home. **Please support the Oxfam appeal to bring them basic essentials in their dire situation.**

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Sunday 29th July 11:00am - 4:00pm

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Tuesday 31st July 1:00 - 4:00pm

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Dacorum Borough Council has announced that from mid-June residents will be able to put food waste in both GREY and GREEN wheeled bins. This means that there will now be a weekly collection of food waste, so there will be less chance for smells to develop or flies to gather.

Before putting food waste in the GREEN wheeled bin, it must be securely wrapped in newspaper or put into a composting bag. Do not put any plastic bags in the GREEN wheeled bin. Suitable bags can be purchased at Berkhamsted Civic Centre for £2 for a roll of 25 bags. Please do not use any other brand of composting bag or biodegradable shopping bag, as they may not be suitable for the DBC composting process. Food waste that is put in the GREY wheeled bin can be wrapped in any type of bag, including plastic bags.

ORDINATION OF JOHN PRITCHARD



Sunday 1st July

11:15 am
St Albans Abbey

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BERKHAMSTED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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July

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	8 th	10:00am Holy Communion with Baptism – Methodist led	
	15 th	10:00am Morning Worship – Methodist led	
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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 <i>both churches</i>	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 st Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH 12:30pm For anyone on their own on a Sunday.		<i>Court House</i> Contact: Joan Morris (863780)
3 rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm Contact June Haile (873087), Thelma Harris (865785) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)		<i>Court House</i>
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 Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)		<i>St Peter's</i>
1 st Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 7:45pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Val Atkinson (866792) or secretary Joan Gregory (864829)		<i>Court House</i>
3 rd Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)		
4 rd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)		<i>17 Shaftesbury Court.</i>
Wed	JULIAN MEETING: meets about twice a month <i>All are very welcome at 11:30am as arranged</i> at Jenny's 57 Meadow Rd or at Ruth's 1 Montague Rd 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>		
3 rd 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)		
Alt. 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 Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St Peter's (10am) Nicole Addy-Varndell (864094)		<i>Court House</i>
Fri	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)		<i>St Peter's</i>
3 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. <i>Various local churches</i>		

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July / August

JULY

Sun	1	11:15am Ordination of John Pritchard	<i>St Albans Abbey</i>
Mon	2	8:15pm Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	3	10:15am Chuckles Service <i>The Sower</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Fri	6	10:00am Little Fishes Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	6	1:00pm Lunchtime Recital - Petrus de Beer <i>violin,</i> <i>Adrian Davis piano</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	8	6:00pm Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	20	12noon Thomas Coram Valedictory Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	21	8:00am Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Mary's, Northchurch</i>

AUGUST

Mon 6 8:15pm Eucharist with Prayers for Healing *St Peter's*
Sat 18 8:00am Association of Berkhamsted Churches
Prayer Breakfast.....*Sunnyside*

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

13 May	Oliver George Clayton & Arthur Henry Clayton
27 May	Jack Ewan Harman

Weddings (St Peter's)

Fri 8 June Christian James Stuart Hanson & Anna Victoria Hill

Wedding Blessing (St Peter's)

Fri 8 June Keith & Donna Bayliss

Funerals

22 May	Nicholas Brian Walsh	Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium followed by Memorial service at St Peter's
31 May	Barbara (Bunny) Chapuis	Funeral in Devon, followed by Memorial service & burial of ashes at St Peter's

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YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST PETER'S AND ALL SAINTS'

St Peter's

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:30am to 10:30 in the Court House (next to the church in the High Street). Sunday School caters for 4 to 10 year olds, Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Contact Sally Emery (870656) or Stephen Lally for Pathfinders (863526).

Crèche is available at 9:30am for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Please contact Nicola Beadle (874538)

All Saints'

The Anglican and Methodist children meet together on Sundays at 10:00 am as *Explorers*, in four age-groups: *Trekkers* 3-5 years, *Hikers* 5-8 years, *Climbers* 8-10 years and *Pathfinders* 11 years onward. Contacts: for Explorers—Carenza Wilton (875147), for Pathfinders—Penny O'Neill (843422) or Rebecca Judd (865691). Crèche is available at the same time for children under 3. Contact: Vicky Drury (384794).

Youth Groups

TEs for Year 9 up meets each alternate Thursday at 7pm to 9pm in the Court House
Contact Jimmy Young (384929)

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St Peter's

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All Saints'

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Answer next month

June's What & Where



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