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Welcome to the October 2008 issue of the Berkhamsted review

As I write this editorial, we are about to celebrate the Feast of St Matthew. Somehow this seems fitting when the financial fabric of society is being shaken by cataclysmic and alarmingly unpredictable changes. Matthew was a tax collector and as such he was despised in the community in which he lived. But money is the mortar that binds together the complex and disparate elements of society - now as it did then - manufacturing, agriculture, retail, transport, housing and of course banking. Like the Jews of Matthew's time, we are ambivalent about those who make finance serve us. Not so long ago, the golden boys and girls of Wall Street and the City were hailed as Masters of the Universe. By the middle of September they were being described in the London evening papers as spivs and sharks. A sharp lesson has no doubt been learned. The events in the world of finance in the last few weeks have brought home with great clarity the fact that we now live in a global village and that panic can spread through it in a matter of minutes. The finance industry will never be quite the same again.

Christopher Green

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**Transforming
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**Canon Anthony
Lathe in praise of
celebration**

review leader

St Peter's celebrates
its Harvest
Thanksgiving on the
first Sunday of this
month. I used to say
I have eaten more
harvest suppers than
most people have
had hot dinners - a

tiny exaggeration. It came from being a country parish priest in groups of parishes for over twenty years. Everyone had a harvest supper, from the old people's clubs, through the WIs and MUs and village hall committees, to the churches themselves. I was expected to be there.

Of course, harvest is worth celebrating and having a supper reflects the core Christian way of celebrating by eating together in a formal kind of way. But as the years went on it seemed the spirit of harvest changed. It became less of a celebration, more of a guilt trip. *What about the poor of the world?* we were challenged to ask. Should we be so self-indulgent? Ought we to be enjoying ourselves with such relish? And then perhaps the deeper questions of whether our bounty was founded on something that was not quite right - the exploitation of the land and, latterly, the genetic modification of plants.

In Norfolk, where I came from, these were real issues. I could easily see, as I motor-biked my way around the parishes, how yields improved year on year; how old-fashioned weeds like poppies, thistles and wild oats were no longer in evidence. Short-straw barley and wheat, the chemical destruction of stubble, the smell of weed killers and pesticides at certain times of the year, these were all around us. Farming changed, certainly becoming more productive, maybe more profitable, even if less attractive to the eye of people from the towns motoring through.

I knew a lot of farmers well. Without exception they cared about the land and the environment in which they and I lived. But I also knew the John Innes Institute in Norwich where scientists are working on genetic modification as well as cures for plant diseases. Here also were people committed to the common good. I remember hearing about rice which could be modified to include an element which would help prevent a common eye disease; of a quick growing plant which would reveal where scatter bombs lay hidden in the ground; of crops which could survive in drought or saline conditions. These were not monster profiteers at work, but compassionate very clever young men and women working with vision for the benefit of the poorest.

Reflecting on all this, Bible in hand, it seemed to be worth thanking God for. Creation had been given for humanity to have dominion over. Conservation is not the first Christian response to the world, transformation is. Nature cries out to be transformed for the better. Jesus came not just to save people, but to save the world. It seems to me, good science offers a more compassionate and hopeful way than sentiment or nostalgia and is, I believe, the more religious way. Science in agriculture is not only worth being glad for, but thanking God for too. We should be humbled by the thought that we human beings do have such power to transform our environment. Careful, good agricultural science can help meet the needs of the poorest, to whom we have a Christian obligation.

The least we can do in response for all we have and enjoy is to be unconditionally grateful, celebrate together, certainly worship, and maybe have another harvest supper. ❖

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An MU guide to parenting



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The Mothers' Union is a world wide Christian organisation which aims to promote and support married life and help parents from all backgrounds in parenting skills and to fight for improvements in standards of living for them and their families. This applies

equally here in Britain as it does in other countries. Did you know that The Mothers' Union has more than 400 trained parenting group facilitators in Britain and Ireland? They help mothers, fathers and their children to cope and to create a stable Christian environment in which their families can flourish.

Here are ten tips for potential parents that form a lighthearted way for them to face the realities of being a parent and to show them that the small problems they face are not unique to them.

1. *Women:* to prepare for maternity, put on a bathrobe and stick a beanbag down the front. Leave it there for nine months. After nine months take out 10% of the beans. *Men:* to prepare for paternity, go to the chemist, tip the contents of your wallet onto the counter and tell the pharmacist to help himself. Then go to the supermarket and arrange to have your salary paid directly to their head office. Go home. Pick up the paper and read it quietly for the last time.

2. *Before you finally go ahead and have children, find a couple who are already parents and berate them about their methods of discipline, lack of patience, appallingly low tolerance levels and how they have allowed their children to run riot. Suggest ways in which they might improve their child's sleeping habits, potty training, table manners and overall behaviour. Enjoy it – it'll be the last time in your life you'll have all the answers.*

3. To discover how the nights will feel walk around the living room from 5pm to 10pm carrying a wet bag weighing approximately 8-12 pounds. At 10pm put the bag down, set the alarm for midnight and go to sleep. Get up at midnight and walk around the living room again with the bag until 1am. Put the alarm on for 3am and as you can't get back to sleep, get up at 2am and make a drink. Go to bed at 2.45am, get up again at 3am when the alarm goes off. Sing songs in the dark until 4am. Put the alarm on for 5am. Get up. Make breakfast. Keep this up for five years. Look cheerful at all times.

4. *To find out if you can stand the mess children make smear peanut butter onto the sofa and jam onto the curtains. Stick your fingers in the flower bed and rub them on the clean walls. Cover the stains with crayons.*

Do you like the colour scheme?

5. Dressing small children is not as easy as it seems. First buy an octopus and a draw-string bag. Attempt to put the octopus into the bag so that none of the arms hang out. Time allowed: all morning.

6. *Take an egg box. Using a pair of scissors and a pot of paint turn it into an alligator. Now take a toilet roll. Using only Sellotape and a piece of foil turn it into a Christmas cracker. Last take a milk carton, a ping pong ball and an empty packet of Cheerios and make an exact replica of the Eiffel Tower. Congratulations, you've just qualified for a place on the playgroup committee.*

7. Always repeat everything you say at least five times. Always repeat everything you say at least five times.....

8. *Go to the local supermarket. Take the nearest thing you can find to a pre-school child – a fully grown goat is excellent. If you intend to have more than one child take more than one goat. Buy your week's shopping without letting the goats out of your sight. Pay for everything the goats eat or destroy. Until you can easily accomplish this, do not even contemplate having children.*

9. Hollow out a melon. Make a small hole in the side. Suspend it from the ceiling and swing it from side to side. Now get a bowl of soggy cereal and attempt to spoon it into the swaying melon by pretending to be an aeroplane. Continue until half the cereal is gone. Tip the rest into your lap, making sure that a lot of it falls onto the floor. You are now ready to feed a twelve month-old baby.

10. *Learn the names of every character from Thomas the Tank Engine, Bob the Builder and The Tweenies. When you find yourself singing 'If you're happy and you know it clap your hands' at work you finally qualify as a parent.*

Taken from the September issue of *families first*, the new Mothers' Union magazine – encouraging strong marriages, good parenting, active faith. To find out how to obtain a copy phone **Kathie Lally** on 863526 or <http://familiesfirstmagazine.com> ❖

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This Summer I was taken on a tour of one of the water pumping stations managed by Three Valleys Water. Here, at Clay Lane in Bushey, water is pumped up from the aquifer and cleaned, with the removal of bacteria, before it is pumped into pipes and distributed to us all to use for drinking and washing. The day of the tour was, unusually for this year, bright and sunny and whilst walking around the buildings I was shown how the site was run almost completely automatically. There were unmanned monitoring screens, silent equipment, large pipes and tanks, handles frozen by liquid oxygen, and I smelt a vaguely chemical odour of swimming pool chlorine. But what struck me most was the absence of human intervention. The site was devoid of people. Everywhere was empty and everything carried on silently. I felt this combination of modern, energised, efficient and humming machinery – albeit with no visible moving parts – slightly sinister. Why do apparently self organising, self monitoring, smoothly and efficiently running machines, with no apparent human input, have this unnerving effect? All despite the beneficial and mundane nature of their purpose – providing us all with clean and healthy drinking water.

It may be that I was just reminded of old science fiction films that I saw and was affected by as a child – such as *The Quatermass Experiment* which also, I recall, made a feature of smooth but relentlessly operating machinery which was the setting for alien evil encroachment. But then why is science fiction almost always about evil, coming often from *outer space*? Science itself has sinister overtones. Maybe that is because it concerns itself with the machine without the *ghost*, the body without the soul, a

Ian Reay's &news &views

The Most Frightening Enemy?

Ian Reay reflects on
scientific progress

compassionless creature of Dr Frankenstein. The most frightening enemy is not one without a conscience but one without even any consciousness. Our constant fear seems to be that through scientific progress we will unleash

forces too powerful for us to control; that, like Icarus, we will fly too close to the Sun and our wings will melt, causing us to crash to the ground. The current perception even more than in the past seems to be that scientific endeavour is threatening – leading not just to nuclear bombs but also climate change and related catastrophes. Recent press reports on the start of experiments at CERN designed to probe the nature of the Big Bang, the origin of the known universe, have mostly been concerned with irrational fears that the experiment could create a Black Hole which would swallow up the entire planet.

As it happens the sequel to *The Quatermass Experiment*, *Quatermass II*, had some scenes that were shot at nearby Ivinghoe Beacon. This is a hint to us of how science and technology have moved on in the last three thousand years. On top of the Beacon Hill is a Hill Fort constructed about 700-800BC, at the time when the Bronze Age was gradually changing to the Iron Age. On beacon hills, such as Ivinghoe, large fires were lit to pass on urgent messages such as the arrival of an invading army or navy. Nowadays we have telecommunication masts for our mobile phones. All this unbelievable change has happened (presumably) without any intervention from extra-terrestrials. The amazing expansion of the power of computer technology has also resulted in a large number of highly popular computer based games of increasing *realism* – but also of increasing violence and aggression. Maybe our fear of the inhumanity of science does not come from science but is all in our own minds. ❖

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CYCLING WITH THE CURATE

How Hard can it be?
Sam Limbert wonders

My brother Christopher and I arrived at the Court House at 10:30am on the dot, as planned. We stocked up on pre-cycling energy food, the sort of food that top class athletes eat before an event. We both had a cheese scone and chocolate cake. When Fr John arrived, we were eager to start, as we planned to cover as many churches in and around Berkhamsted as possible. After doing final checks on our bikes and applying fluorescent stickers, at 10:50, we were off.

At 10:50 and a few seconds, we'd stopped. Just metres from the Court House, Fr John had somehow managed to lose his bike chain. One rotation of his pedals and he'd already stopped. The cycling hadn't started well. Fortunately, some quick handy work by Christopher saw Fr John's bike back in working order, and by 10:55 we were cycling - to Bourne End.

Here after the first of many cups of squash and biscuits, we had the experience of freewheeling. This was to be a rare event as most of our trip was blighted by steep, merciless hills. Weaving along the canal towards Sunnyside highlighted our lack of mudguards, meaning our legs were spattered by our next stop.

After Sunnyside, we set off on an interesting route up to Potten End. It was the first of the many gruelling hills. Less than half way up, I was pushing the bike. As the hill finally levelled out, I caught up with Christopher and Fr John and a gentle cycle into Potten End finished with a short sprint as we raced to be first at the church. (Please note - I won)

After an elongated water break, it was round the corner to the Village Stores. With more hills to come, we needed an incentive so bought a chocolate bar each. With Fr John struggling to choose one, I told him that however many calories he

had, he was likely to burn them off.

After Potten End, we had our second drama. Approaching an innocuous T-junction, Christopher got his back wheel


caught in a pothole. Fortunately, his helmet took the impact as he hit the road. Fr John and I left our bikes on the grass verge, picked him up and after rubbing his elbow and feeding him chocolate, he was ready to resume. Given how spectacular the accident was, he did extremely well to get going so quickly.

Despite the climbs, we continued without mishap through Nettleden and Little Gaddesden. Then we flew through Ashridge on course for Berkhamsted. We thought Berkhamsted could be easily negotiated. How wrong we could be.

As we rumbled into Berkhamsted, I hadn't done anything stupid. I'd remained on the bike at all times and not damaged myself. Although, going under the station bridge, my hand signal failed miserably. I lost my balance and scraped my arm on the bridge. But that wasn't the worst of my hapless hometown cycling. Weaving past bollards when leaving the canal, it happened in agonising slow motion. I fell into a prickly bush full of nettles. Fr John and Christopher hauled me up and helped me pull bits of bush out my hands. It had all been going so well, but now I had leapfrogged Christopher and Fr John in the *Stupid Things* league table.

Our final destination was the Collegiate Chapel. In total, we managed thirteen churches in four hours. It looks like a fairly low total, and frankly it is. However, taking into consideration Fr John's interesting routes, the lack of planning and the hills between the villages, we were pleased. We were still alive, we hadn't broken any bones and we hadn't damaged the curate.

So in answer to the question -
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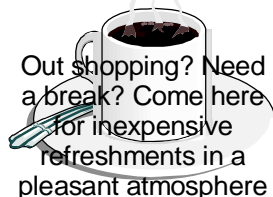
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On Friday 5th September a new cross was put in place. It took about three minutes to lift it from the pavement outside the south door of the church, raise it 85 feet (26.0m) to the top of the tower and lower it into the steel shoe that had already been bolted to the timbers supporting the tower roof, to receive it. The new cross has been made in Berkhamsted by **Paul Stonhill** at Riverside Joinery. It has been in Paul's workshop since the beginning of the year, ready to be put in place. The delay has

THE TOWER CROSS

Christopher Green writes



arisen because of the red-tape surrounding permission to bring the crane on site to do the lifting. This involved closing the north side of the High Street and required the permission of the Hertfordshire Highways Authority. It took them more than six months to make up their minds and even on the Thursday, the day before the job was done, they were trying again to postpone it. Fortunately the crane company had long experience of such bureaucratic dithering and was on site first thing on Friday.

The new cross is of oak, without lead cladding. At 14 feet (4.3m) in height the cross is a few inches taller than

the old cross. Its arms have a spread of seven feet (2.1m). Because it is darker than the old cross it seems to stand out more boldly against the sky.

The blessing of the new cross took place on Sunday 14th September - by a happy coincidence the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. After the 9:30 Eucharist, the congregation, led by Father Michael gathered on the lawn below. Our curate, **John Pritchard**, ascended the tower and following a prayer of dedication offered by Father Michael, John sprinkled the cross with holy water - preparing it for the next 180 years - at least. ❖

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Alden Pyle - Signifier of American Exceptionalism from the Puritans to George Bush - and how the *Quiet American* found his way into my novel

3:45 - 4:45pm **Chris Mullin, MP**

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It's now more than 30 years since British Telecom strung some wires from the pole on the corner to our house.

Over the years, we have rubbed along through the various changes that my telephone supplier has made, including adding an 8 prefix and making the Berkhamsted exchange turn into 01442.

The latest decision of making a charge to receive a bill and yet another charge to enable a customer to pay for the service provided using *coins of the realm* really was the last straw, so I *downgraded* - by changing from business to residential.

Little did I know that BT, as the GPO/ British Telecom is now known, is divided into separate organisations which don't actually talk to each other, although you contact all by the same means.

I ended up with *BT business* owing me money and *BT residential* being owed money. Remember, same bit of wire, with same number to same customer. *BT business* didn't indicate how the refund was to be made (this was March), so, being a simple kind of person, I checked with BT, who suggested there might be a problem, but made a note on the computer file that I would be paying *BT residential* less the credit owed by *BT business* and if there was a problem, they would get in contact.

They did get in contact - apparently by disconnecting the telephone line on Friday 13th June!

Naturally, I reported the fault via the web site on the evening of June 16th and then via the local pay phone on the 17th. It transpires that *BT residential* thought I had been disconnected for non-payment, but *BT business* disconnect automatically after 6 months. No matter how I tried to point out that being owed the very same amount by *BT business* cut no ice, but they managed to transfer me to *BT business* (different outfit remember, and they don't talk to each other), where they

CROSSED WIRES

Norman Cutting battles with BT

confirmed that the money was still just sitting in their bank.

"Can you send it to *BT residential*, please?", I asked. "No, but we can send you a cheque, so you can pay them", came the reply. I agreed to this as I wasn't getting anywhere trying to explain how stupid this appeared to a mere customer, particularly as they were just holding onto the money. Strange also how only a few days earlier, they sent a letter saying they were sorry that I had left BT, and would I like to return. I hadn't left BT as far as I knew.

After spending some time in a pay phone (why no seat - or loo?) trying to find out what was happening, I decided to just BACS the money while I wait the 10-14 days that *BT business* say it will take to get my money to me.

Then on the Wednesday, 18th June, a letter arrived from BT saying that if I didn't pay the outstanding monies, my telephone contract would be terminated on 26th June. Off to my local pay phone to find out just what was going on. Another hour and more listening to rather distorted noise. It appears that I was disconnected in error - I think - however, my telephone number has been *lost*, but not to worry, "We will try to get your line back working by the 20th".

It seems that the line was indeed reconnected on the 20th, but the number remained a mystery, so not really a lot of use as it wasn't known to anyone except BT.

On the 26th June my lost telephone number suddenly reappeared, but now the broadband has disappeared. By now, I'd found out that *BT business* had told my internet supplier that I no longer wanted the service (ignoring me!), forgot to tell *BT residential* as well and arranged for my wiring to be removed in the exchange. Getting even this information was like drawing teeth!

All Saints' Church in Shrublands Road, which recently signed a Single Congregation Constitution marking the coming together of the Anglican and Methodist congregations, has a new minister.

The Revd Caroline Weaver was welcomed



From left : Revd Tony Cavanagh, Councillor David Collins - Mayor of Berkhamsted, Revd Caroline Weaver, Councillor Carol Green - Mayor of Dacorum

ALL SAINTS' WELCOMES NEW MINISTER

Audrey Hope writes

at a special service on Sunday 7th September attended by the Mayor of Dacorum Councillor Mrs Carol Green and the Mayor of Berkhamsted Councillor David

Collins. The service was conducted by the Revd Tony Cavanagh, Superintendent of the Hemel Hempstead Methodist Circuit, who welcomed a large congregation,. The sermon was preached by the Rector of Berkhamsted the Revd Dr Michael Bowie.

Representatives of the churches in Berkhamsted and Tring welcomed Caroline to her new position. The choir under Peter McMunn concluded the service with the Rutter setting of the blessing *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*.

Caroline has served as a minister in the Hemel Hempstead circuit for nine years and is also a prison chaplain at The Mount. Before entering the ministry she was Library Development Manager for Berkhamsted and Tring. ❖

It's now August. The telephone is now back to its usual old self and it's only now that my internet actually is doing what it said it might do on the packet.

It seems that once the BT machine gathers pace, nothing will stop it. Naturally, broadband is related to a telephone number, so not a lot could be done until that was resolved. Then it seems computers are very selective in their memory and I never existed before.

"Not to worry sir, we will soon get you connected with our super new package costing just 50% more than we used to charge". A couple of weeks later, yet another bit of kit arrives (just after my existing kit decided there was an internet connection after all). Oh, the joys of not having to disconnect the telephone just to check for messages or agility show dates/changes.

Hang on, it is the same as I had before, only 50% more expensive! On the phone I get to find out why.

Over two months it was: I must use their equipment, I should turn it off and back on again, I should turn it off and on at least 10 times, *"Yes sir, that's what you get, we are giving you the right speed, so it must be you"* or even *"You can't get any more"*. The only thing they didn't suggest was putting the equipment in a bucket of water.

Last week a kind lady said she would look into it and ring me back (OK, you know what happened – why does it?). This week, I'd had enough and said I wanted to cancel and annoy someone else. The little Irish man at the other end of the phone said *"Don't worry sir, I'll fix it"*

Apparently, the equipment in the exchange hadn't been changed from my *old service* as I was a *new customer*. Two minutes latter, the impossible actually happened, but why does it take so long for the customer to be believed?

Honest, I'm not making it up – you couldn't! ❖

SUMMER SHADE

Townsman's August walk
viewed by two *review*
photographers with the
encouragement of Bryn and Kirby

Some photographers get assignments in exotic places, have to endure unspeakable conditions and move mountains to get their film back to the editor. So it was with great trepidation that we set out on the Townsman's Walk armed only with a camera and the August *review*. Kirby, ever mindful of the need for provisions, lead us to the ice cream van parked in front of the Monument, our starting point. From then on we were guided by the Townsman.

We set off past the monument and wandered downhill following the track. *Toms' Spring* took on a new meaning as Bryn detected deer (1). With the dogs under control but the deer suspicious of our presence we only managed a few photographs. Coming out of the trees at the bottom of the hill we turned right at the rickety fence. The signpost was well hidden in foliage exactly as described and we crossed over the field to the gap in the hedgerow. The next field was far more exciting with the wheat well above the dogs' heads; we walked down the wheat lined path (2) whilst Kirby followed the tractor's route and emerged triumphantly ahead of us at the *Conservation Headland* (3). A short walk away from Duncombe Farm, we found the holly bush but decided against investigating the vegetation for the sign (4).

The dogs quickly located the stile at the

start of Clipper Down (5,6) and despite the leads, both opted to use the conveniently placed stile bypass. The view over Aldbury and Pitstone from Clipper Down was certainly very *fine* and worth a sit in the grass to enjoy the panorama (7). There was no need to refer to the map as we reached the end of Clipper Down; the dog kennels were clearly audible. The route back along the Mobility track was shady with log benches providing a welcome break. Kirby in particular thought the bench with views of Aldbury (8,9) worthy of a halt.

We managed to cross the wooden bridge without encountering either Billy Goats Gruff or the wicked Troll but Kirby took no chances and crossed under the bridge. Back at the Monument, the ice cream van had gone ... ❖

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From **Liz Jackson**

In reply to the letter from **Mrs B Grose**, published in the September *review*, I would like to point out that here, in Berkhamsted and its surrounding parishes, we care a great deal about our single, lonely, anxious, widowed and elderly people of all ages. To clarify this, the following are just a few of the available activities:

St Peter's

Grief and Loss Support Group - Lunches on 3rd Wednesdays each month - All ages.

Coffee morning - weekly on Saturday at the Court House - All ages.

Sundays Together Lunches - to recommence on Sunday December 7th - All ages.

Holy Trinity, Potten End

April to October, every Tuesday 12:00 noon lunch in the Church Hall - All ages.

The Jubilee Club in the Village Hall - Thursdays, once a month for anyone over fifty.

St Mary's, Northchurch

Lunches in the Parish Hall - every Thursday - All ages.

The Monday Club - every second week - All ages

Sacred Heart Church

The Candlelight Club - once a month

Given just this small selection I think there is something for almost everyone, should they wish to join (*Ed. Some offer help with transport*). But word-of-mouth is very important. We cannot know if no one tells us, that certain people need assistance. And, we also have to respect that there are some people who wish to remain in their situation with little or no contact. It does not mean that we don't care.

At St Peter's, we already have a Pastoral Care Team, with more parishioners to be trained later in the year. The team keep their fingers on the pulse of those unable to attend church, whatever the reason, and they can arrange visitors where they are wanted.

As well as the above listing, Berkhamsted has a number of societies to which anyone can belong. The Library also keeps the Berkhamsted Arts Trust Calendar (the *green sheet*) in which local events are advertised. The latest edition, has just been published and runs from September 2008 to July 2009. Most households receive the *green sheet*, delivered by the Royal Mail.

As a final note, I am the person who has been approached to coordinate the *Sundays Together* lunches which will recommence on December 7th 2008. I shall be looking for *helpers* both young and old, male and female, during the coming weeks. If you would like to help, contact me on 864382.

From **Muriel Lander**

I was most interested to see the photograph of Father Basil in the September *review* and the mention of St Augustine's, Wembley Park. I was also married in that church.

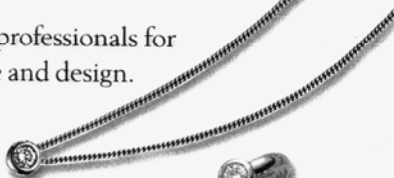
My husband Arthur was a curate at St Augustine's for most of the last war and I just remember seeing Father Basil when he was a boy. Arthur was in charge of the daughter

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**Prayer - but
not about
football**

**The Revd
Jonathan
Gordon writes**

review Northchurch & Wigginton

In this last month I have been surprised by the numbers of people who have come up to me and remarked: *You are a Manchester City supporter and Your prayers have been answered.* The

background to this is

Manchester City have been taken over by the Abu Dhabi United Group and have become the richest club in the world. The club now have the ability to buy any player in the world who is deemed worthy of joining the club. There is even a rumour that they are going to buy Manchester United's **Ronaldo**, which would be very funny. However exciting these developments are; I can officially say that I don't pray about football. It would also be fair to say that I don't pray enough, yet I know that it is something that should have a central place in the life of the church.

Prayer is a subject that is often surrounded by a degree of confusion and even scepticism. A good example of this is **Richard Dawkins's** book *The God Delusion*. Dawkins describes a prayer experiment which was seeking to investigate whether praying for the sick helps them to recover. The experiment was centred on 1,802 patients across six hospitals and prayers were said by three churches geographically distant from the hospitals. The patients were divided into three groups: Group 1 received prayers and didn't know it, Group 2 received no prayers and didn't know it, while Group 3 received prayers and did know it. Those who were doing the praying only knew the Christian names and the first letter of the surname.

The standard prayer was to name the first name of the patient and then ask for *a successful surgery with a quick, healthy recovery and no complications*. Dawkins reveals at the end of the experiment that *There was no difference between those patients who were prayed for and those who were not*. However, there was a

difference between those who knew they were being prayed for and those who did not know one way or another. This group developed more complications. It was suggested that they had experienced *performance anxiety*. One researcher noted that some patients worried that they must be in a bad state if they needed prayer and others were anxious that if they didn't recover speedily they were letting the church down.

All of this sounds very strange. Prayer is mysterious and cannot be reduced to a provable or un-provable experiment. We are told in the gospels that Jesus prayed and this also opens up many questions which defy straightforward answers. Jesus prayed before he chose his disciples: possibly a prayer for guidance and discernment, yet one of those disciples was Judas who betrayed him. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, *Take this cup away from me*, it is a prayer of struggle and acute anguish. On the cross Jesus prays, *My God why have you abandoned or forsaken me*, which is a prayer of agony and abandonment. Also, not all Jesus' prayers were answered: there is a prayer in John for the church that *they all may be one*. You would have to say that this prayer remains a work in progress. Perhaps the element of struggle in the prayers of Jesus shows that prayer can never be reduced to a formula.

Prayer is not wish fulfilment. We pray in church for those in need and I don't know why some people recover and others do not and I think it would be wrong to try and put meaning on the suffering of others.

We pray for peace and I don't know why we are constantly surrounded by images of war and violence. Maybe this not knowing is a good place to start with prayer. A few weeks ago at the Greenbelt Festival I heard **Phillip Yancey**, and American spiritual writer speak. He has recently written a book on prayer and he spoke on the subject. Yancey uses certain words to describe how we might feel when we pray - guilty, helpless, humble, doubting, honest and exposed.

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Steven Devine playing J S Bach's concerto for two harpsichords with **Adrian Davis** and **bridgewater sinfonia** on Saturday September 13th, 2008 in St Peter's Church

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church in South Kenton - the Church of the Annunciation - before and during the war, and after the war he was invited to preach at St Augustine's. While he was preaching, he noticed a crack in the wall opposite - and if my memory serves me correctly, he could see daylight through it.

The result of this was that this lovely church had to be pulled down. I have the feeling that no one else had noticed anything wrong until Arthur pointed it out. I think I am right in remembering that a land-mine had fallen nearby, killing a passing postman. I know that the loss of a building cannot be compared to the loss of a life. All the same, it was very sad to lose St Augustine's.

I'm sure Father Basil will remember far more than I can after all this time.

From **Christopher Morris**

I am glad to see that, in his article *Building St Peter's*, Christopher Green refutes the commonly held idea that the Lady Chapel was a later addition to the north transept. Cobb does not refer to this but Norris states it as a fact and gives the date for the north transept as 1220 and for the Lady Chapel as 1230. In addition to what Christopher says, the fact that the timber posts, carrying the west ends of the Lady Chapel roof purlins, are embedded in the east wall of the transept shows that the two were built at least at the same time and, possibly, the Lady Chapel first.

What has always interested me is why the much more expensive vaulted construction to roof the Lady Chapel was only adopted in this one part of the building. Was it to mark this as special area or was it simply that funds did not permit its use elsewhere? Cobb by the way refers to it only as the east aisle of the north transept "*which still retains its original groined (sic) roof*". This rather suggests that he thought other areas originally had a similar roof but he does not elaborate.

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The Dacorum Heritage Trust would like to invite art groups or other societies to The Museum Store for a chance to sketch many of the most interesting objects.

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Sunday 7th December

HO HO HO for the Hospice!

Christmas has come three months early at the Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted where staff and volunteers are busy kicking off their new fun festive fundraiser - Hemel Hempstead's first ever Santa Dash.

People of all ages, shapes and sizes, even the family dog, can register to take part in the Santa dash - a two and a half mile run, walk, jog, or skip through the streets of the town centre dressed up in a free supplied Santa outfit.

Everyone at work, at home and at school can get involved and in the festive spirit and collect sponsors to raise much needed cash for the charity.

Registration costs just £15 for adults and £5 for kids or £35 for a family (2 adults and up to 3 children including the dog).

Organiser **Fran Martin** said: *This is all about fun – it's a great way to do something entertaining as a family and raise money for the Hospice at the same time. It's the first time we have organised an event like this and the first time that Hemel will have seen hundreds of Santas running through the town! We want everyone to get involved and make this a Christmas moment to remember.*

We are delighted to have the Snow Centre on board as our main sponsors along with Premier Inn Central who are giving away a free bacon buttie and a cuppa to all Santa dashers .

Call **Fran Martin** on 869555 or email fran.martin@stfrancis.org.uk now for your Santa pack.

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TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday 2nd September was the first meeting of our 2008/2009 programme, After our August break. Some members were on holiday so we were fewer in number than usual but we were delighted to welcome one visitor. **Margaret Burbidge** was our guest speaker whose title was *A toast to older women*. Her absorbing talk was interspersed with music, prayers, short bible readings and three times at the appropriate readings a candle was lit and a rose placed beside it. Naomi (Ruth 3: 1-3), Anna (Luke 2 : 36-38), Elizabeth (Luke 1: 39-56). Three members read the words that these ladies might have said. Margaret's talk concluded with a toast - in orange juice and sparkling water - to all the women, named and unnamed that we remember.

Watford Palace Theatre

**Thursday 2nd - Saturday 25th October -
Absent Friends by Alan Ayckbourn**

Artistic Director **Brigid Larmour** says: *We are setting the play in its original period, 1974, partly because of the opportunities for kitsch, but mostly because of the enormous change in women's lives over the past 35 years, which mean that the play would lose part of its meaning if we updated it.* Inspired by a real life event, **Absent Friends** was a turning point in Ayckbourn's career. Considered a huge risk when it premiered in Scarborough in 1974, it marked a shift from the brilliant light comedy of his earlier plays to the darker, richly tragicomic world for which he is now celebrated around the world, in which we can all recognise ourselves.

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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



We met on the 5th for our September meeting and, yes it was raining. Our Joint President **Joy Lovell** was pleased to see so many members and to welcome a visitor to our group. Birthday cards were handed out and Joy read to us a very amusing poem. Unfortunately our speaker was unable to attend owing to illness, but we had plenty to amuse us with various quizzes and lots of chat! **Janet Mitchell**, our Secretary reported on the Group Flower Show held at Wheathampstead where three of our members took part and were awarded stars for their exhibits. During teatime with delicious herb cakes and scones made by **Sue Bull** the raffle was drawn. Next month we meet on 3rd October at the Court House at 2:00 pm. Our speaker will be **Isobel Leek** - her title - *Magic of the Colour Red*. Perhaps you would care to join us? A warm welcome awaits you.

BERKHAMSTED LOCAL HISTORY AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

Wednesday 8th October 8:00pm at the Civic Centre. Talk by Ron White on London Midland Railway. Visitors £2.50 at the door.

HERTS BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST

Friday 17th October : Closing date for entries for *Art & Photographic Competition 2008 for Young People*. HBP is looking for the best drawing or photo of a listed building in the county. There are ten categories, by age or by school and 8,000 buildings to choose from. Details on 01992 504331 or enquiries@hertfordshirebpt.org

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Friday 31st October and **Saturday 1st November** 9:15am to 4:00pm at the Court House. Many national and local charities will be represented and there will be a wide selection of Christmas cards, wrapping paper and Christmas accessories to choose from.

BERKHAMSTED MUSIC SOCIETY

Saturday 4th October 8:00pm at the Civic Centre. **The Aurora Ensemble** - (flute, oboe, clarinet, horn & bassoon) Prize winners at the European Chamber Music Festival. Works by Reicha, Grainger, Hindemith, Ibert, Stamitz, Bartok and Medaglia. Visitors £12 from the Treasurer (862798) U18 free.

Saturday 11th October 3:00pm at St Peter's Church - The talented young pianist **Cassandra Yong**, 13, will include in her programme Mozart Sonata K 576, Brahms Capriccioso Op 76 No 1, Bach Prelude and Fugue in F Minor and Chopin Etudes. Cassandra Yong was overall winner of the 2007 Watford Music Festival and took First Prize in the European Piano Teachers Association (UK) Competition and the 71st Steinway Hamburg Piano Competition. She is joining with local resident **Jenny Habib** to raise awareness and funds for the St Elizabeth's Hospital in Hyderabad in Pakistan. The Hospital has been serving rural patients since 1958. It has only 85 beds but has an average of 693 patients, including outpatients every week. Quality, low cost health delivery has been the policy of the Hospital. The general ward charge per day is the equivalent of 95p. St Elizabeth's is in need of a Pathology Laboratory and has to raise an estimated £25,000 for laboratory equipment.

Entry to the **charity concert** is free with a retiring collection for the St Elizabeth's Hospital New Pathology Laboratory Fund.

October

SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evensong
	<i>All Saints'</i>	5 th 10:00am Sung Eucharist - Anglican led 12 th 10:00am Morning Worship - Methodist led 19 th 10:00am Holy Communion - Methodist led 26 th 10:00am Holy Communion - Methodist led

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

MON	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	6:00pm
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	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm	Eucharist	11:00am (<i>Fr Michael's day off</i>)
FRI	MP	7:30am	EP	5:00pm <i>both</i>	Eucharist	9:15am
SAT	MP	9:30am <i>St Peter's</i>	EP	5:00pm <i>St Peter's</i>	Eucharist	10:00am <i>St Peter's</i>

3 rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm	<i>Court House</i>
	Contact June Haile (873087), Angela Morris (866992) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)	
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 (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)	
1 st Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 7:45pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i>	<i>Court House</i>
	Contact chairman Val Atkinson (866792)	
3 rd Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm.	
	<i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)	
4 th Tue	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>
3 rd Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved.	
	Contact Sylvia Banks (871195)	
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 Helen Ruberry (865048)	<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 1 st Fri in <i>St Peter's</i> (10am)	
	Carrie Wegener (877404)	
Fri	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm, Adults 7:30-8:30pm.	<i>St Peter's</i>
	Contact: Adrian Davis (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)	
3 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers.	<i>Various local churches</i>

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

October/November

OCTOBER

Fri	3	10:00am	Little Fishes Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	3	11:00am	Victoria School Harvest Festival Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	4	11:15am	Bellringing visitors from Meldreth, Cambs	<i>St Peter's</i>
		4:00pm	Bellringing visitors from St Margaret's Church, Drayton in Norfolk	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	7	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>Harvest</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	11	3:00pm	The Cowper Society presents: Cassandra Yong <i>Piano</i> Recital with retiring collection in aid of St Elizabeth Hospital, Hyderabad, Pakistan	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	12	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	18	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	<i>All Saints'</i>
Tue	21	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>Jonah and the whale</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	25	7:00pm	District Bellringing practice (until 9:00pm)	<i>St Peter's</i>

NOVEMBER

Mon	3	8:00pm	All Souls' Requiem	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	7	10:00am	Little Fishes Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	9	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	11	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service <i>Daniel and the lions</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	15	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	<i>Northchurch Baptist Church</i>
Sat	15	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents: bridgewater sinfonia	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	23	6:00pm	The Cowper Society presents: St Peter's Choir <i>St Cecilia Concert</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

24th August	Harry James Townshend, Harry George Andrew Turpin, Lily May Campbell
31st August	Holly Jane O'Connell, Oliver John Zdzisław Eaton

Baptisms (All Saints')

24th August	Archie Allaway, Reuben Allaway
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Weddings (St Peter's)

16th August	Paul Edward Walsh & Laura Elizabeth Mantell
23rd August	Jamie Adam Travis & Louise Mary Hiscocks

Funerals

7th August	Margaret Nancy (Nan) Gordon	Chilterns Crematorium
21st August	Elizabeth (Ilsa) Sonja Birgitta Thompson	Chilterns Crematorium
21st August	Robert (Bob) Basil Williams	St Peter's Church (Kingshill)
28th August	Denis Walter Lodge	St Peter's Church (Chilterns Crematorium)
1st September	Peter Clement Bartrum	Chilterns Crematorium

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ASSOCIATION OF BERKHAMSTED CHURCHES

Telephone numbers to ring for times of services, etc.

Northchurch Baptist	Revd David Russell	877001
	Barry Cook	877001
St Mary's Northchurch	Revd Jonathan Gordon	871547
All Saints'	Revd Dr Michael Bowie	864194
	Revd Caroline Weaver	866324
	Mr John Malcolm	874993
	Mrs Ida Rance	865829
Sacred Heart (RC)	Fr John Bolam	863845
	Mr Frank Furlong	862768
Society of Friends (Quakers)	The Clerk's Team	288 High Street
Kings Road Church	Pastor Billy Milton	864393
	Dr Richard Walker	875614
St Peter's	Revd Dr Michael Bowie	864194
	Mrs Jean Green	878227
Berkhamsted Baptist	Mrs Pat Ginger	865817
St Michael & All Angels,	Revd David Abbott	865100
Sunnyside	Mrs S Bright	875025
St John the Evangelist,	Revd David Abbott	865100
Bourne End	Revd Dick Clarkson	873014

← p21 Northchurch

He describes the feeling of helplessness before God and how difficult it can be to acknowledge or accept these feelings. In the world we are encouraged to self reliance and becoming independent so that we can stand up on our own two feet and not be dependent on others. However, Jesus cuts through this: *Apart from me you can do nothing.*

The truth is none of us is self-reliant as we are always dependent on other people and helplessness in prayer always reminds us that we are dependent on God. Yancey explains how:

Most parents feel a pang when the child outgrows dependence, even while knowing the growth to be healthy and normal. With God, the rules change. I never outgrow dependence, and the extent I think I do, I delude myself. Asking for help lies at the root of help: the Lord's Prayer itself consists of a string of requests. Prayer is a declaration of dependence upon God.

What Yancey brought out very well is that the language of prayer is about relationship and trust. It is these two things that are central to how Jesus prayed, because he always places prayer in the context of God's will: *Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven*, or in Gethsemane: *Not as I will, but your will be done.*

I think Dawkins is right in showing that prayer cannot be reduced to a magic formula, but wrong in saying the whole thing is open to ridicule. It is something that involves struggle, it also can make us vulnerable, yet it is essentially something that we do because God can be trusted and is in relationship with us. If I did pray for Manchester City, then I hope we don't sign **Ronaldo**, but bring in **Messi** from Barcelona, but who knows what the future will bring. ❖

review contacts

General

The Revd Dr Michael Bowie, (Team Rector), The Rectory, Rectory Lane (864194)
(day off Thursday)
The Revd John Pritchard (Curate), 6 Severns Close (870016) (day off Tuesday)
The Revd Prof. Luke Geoghegan (NSM), 16 Gravel Path, (875970)
The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road (864485)
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The Revd John Russell (Hon Asst Priest) 49 Tring Road, Aylesbury (01296 423022)
Christina Billington (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise (385566)
Marjorie Bowden (Reader Emeritus), 16 Broadwater (871283)
Joan Cook (Reader Emeritus), 6 Clunbury Court (866278)
John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway (874993)
Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road (870981)
 Parish Administration: **Jean Green**, The Parish Office, the Court House (878227)
 Stewardship Recorder: **Miles Nicholas**, 46 Fieldway (871598)
 Churchwardens: **Chris Hunt**, 11 The Firs, Wigginton (822607)
Philippa Seldon, 1 Fieldway (871534)
Peter Bryant, 36 North Road (871680)
 All Saint's Representatives: **Tracy Robinson**, 36 Trevelyan Way, (863559)
 Parochial Church Secretary: **Pat Hunt**, 11 The Firs, Wigginton (822607)
 Council: Treasurer: **Michael Robinson**, 36 Trevelyan Way (863559)

St Peter's

Director of Music: **Adrian Davis** (875674) <http://stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk>
 Asst. Director of Music: **Jean Wild** (866859)
 Organist: **Jonathan Lee** (0794 1113232)
 Weddings and Funerals,
 Banns of Marriage and
 Baptisms: **Fr Michael Bowie** (864194)
 Bellringers (St Peter's): **Helen Ruberry** 2 Hall Park (865048)

All Saints'

Choirmaster: **Peter McMunn** (874894)
 All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist <http://allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk>
 Local Ecumenical Partnership.
 Minister: **The Revd Caroline Weaver** (866324)

Personalities in the Parish



Answer next month

September's Personality



Tony Firshman aged 18 just before going to Imperial College to study Physics. Glasses arrived soon afterwards and beard some 15 years later.

← p15 Raising and blessing the cross at St Peter's



Beds and Herts Historic Churches Bike 'n Hike - September 13th, 2008



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