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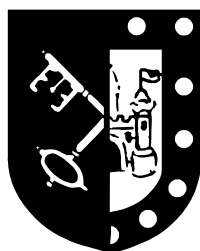
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Welcome to the April issue of the Review.

This month we have received an exceptional number of excellent articles for the magazine, including some from new contributors. This is extremely encouraging - thank you, and keep them coming! Regrettably some have had to be held over but they *will* all be used, as David noted in a recent editorial.

On a different subject, I'd like to draw your attention to the article on page 13 launching this year's Petertide Fair. As spring arrives (can summer be far away? - to misquote!), so the fair gets closer and this year will take place on Saturday, 28th June. Of course, planning started several months ago but there is still much to do. In this issue and the May edition we'll be looking at the two causes the Fair is supporting this year - both aimed at enhancing the quality of life of people at the two ends of the age spectrum. Richard Foster starts off by looking at the *Chernobyl Children's Lifeline*, still a desperately needed resource ten years after the terrible nuclear disaster. The *Review* will keep you up to date with the Fair as the event draws closer, and of course if you'd like to help then contact points are in this month's article. *Chris Smalley*

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Father Mark Bonney looks forward to springtime while **Rev Peter Hart** celebrates new life.

The Petertide Fair 1997

In the first of two articles, **Richard Foster** profiles one of the charities supported by this year's fair.

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***Fr Mark Bonney
is looking forward
to springtime and
new beginnings.***

review leader

Eastertide continues throughout this month and focuses our thoughts on the new life it offers. It's springtime with all its new life indeed. And

there are two areas of new life that I wish to mention this month.

The first is the new life that Fr Robin and Elizabeth Figg and their three boys Matthew, James and Paul are to begin this month as they move into All Saints' House and Robin takes up his post as curate of the parish and priest-in-charge of All Saints'. It's a very exciting time of new beginnings for them and for all of us. All Saints' has been without a priest-in-charge for two years now, and tribute must be paid to the sterling work done by Fr Stephen Wells. It's the longest 'three months' he's ever been asked to cover. I know everyone has valued his ministry enormously, and the whole parish is deeply grateful to him. Fr Robin comes with experience as an engineer in the Royal Navy and nearly three years in a curacy in the Bath and Wells diocese. His expectations and excitements are high - and no doubt ours are too. Please pray for him and his family, and for all of us that together we may be shown the way forward and work together for the Kingdom. Such a long gap between priests means that there are many things to be picked up, so we must all be patient so that we don't 'burn out' together! Let's allow the Spirit of God to nurture our new life gently and boldly.

The other little bit of springtime is slightly different.

In 1958, at the beginning of his pontificate, Pope John XXIII made a

special point of agreeing to the request of one of his French cardinals, and asked a Swiss Lutheran pastor to come and visit him. That pastor was Brother Roger Schulz, the founder of the Taize community. The Pope greeted Brother Roger with the words, "Ah, Taize, that little springtime...!". In explaining what that meeting meant to him, Brother Roger said later, "That audience gave new stimulus to our ecumenical endeavours. From then on Pope John had an unexpected influence on us and, without knowing it, let a little springtime be born in Taize".

Nearly forty years on from that audience the message and spirituality of Taize has been shed worldwide. Taize proclaims a Gospel message of reconciliation rooted in a loving and prayerful waiting upon God. What has appealed to so many has been the contemplative and prayerful style of worship, music and the unashamed use of quite lengthy periods of silence within worship. The Taize community is ecumenical. There are brothers from

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**Christ is Risen!
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Cover: *The Hospice of St Francis
in Shrublands Road - its story is on page 11.*

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Thanks to Vaughan's own training at the RSCM and his vast experience in conducting choirs, we were soon to improve our skills, widen our repertoire and learn the pleasure to be gained from the high standard of singing which Vaughan coaxed from us. His dedication has undoubtedly enriched the quality of our worship at St Peter's over the last seven and a half years. Many choirboys have gained much confidence from the hard work and enthusiasm that Vaughan

*Thank You,
Vaughan !*

Jean Wild pays tribute to
St Peter's outgoing Director
of Music, Vaughan Meakins.

has put into their training. I know that the parents of these boys have valued this very much and that it is something that will remain with the boys throughout their lives.

Vaughan has entertained us both in choir practices and at social events. His timely sense of humour and hearty laugh have often lightened a demanding practice, and who could ever forget his roles in choir entertainments as Ken Dodd (with the Diddymen), the Fat Controller in *Thomas the Tank Engine* and his robust performance in the Italian Salad, sung at the last harvest supper?

I would like to add a special thanks to Vaughan's wife, Magda, for all her hard work and support over the last few years. We are all pleased to hear that the Meakins family will be continuing to worship at St Peter's and we hope that they will come and join the choir on special occasions. ❖

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catholic and protestant traditions and the worship draws on the experience of both. The reconciliation that Taize sees as its vocation is a reconciliation not only between Christian denominations but between divided humanity - between rich and poor, between powerful and powerless. It is in many ways a very radical message, but one that is utterly grounded in prayerful obedience to the Lord. The style of worship has proved most accessible across denominations and across the age range - we have held two 'Taize style' evening services at All Saints' in the past few months, and they have been well supported. There will be another Taize service on Sunday, 4th May

at 8:00pm. Members of all the churches are most welcome. There is a little 'springtime' ecumenically in Berkhamsted at the moment and perhaps this may contribute in some way to that.

Finally, there is a link between my two 'springtime' items... Fr Robin spent Holy Week in Taize in 1989 and 1990 and it had a significant part to play in the discernment of his vocation. Taize has been a place of 'springtime' for many people, and long may it continue.

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Elizabeth and Egerton

The recent discovery in an attic of a large, ornate silk purse in which the Great Seal of Queen Elizabeth I was kept was given prominent coverage by the media, with a big front page splash in *The Times*. There were pictures of the purse, of the Virgin Queen and of Sir Thomas Egerton, her Keeper of the Great Seal.

Thomas Egerton lived at Ashridge. He bought it in 1604 a few years after it had ceased to be a royal residence, and Ashridge House and estate were to remain in his family for 250 years. Egerton was a favourite and confidante of the Queen, who herself had had strong connections with Ashridge.

As a young Princess, Elizabeth was living there when her sister, Bloody Mary, was on the throne. Elizabeth was suspected (probably wrongly) of being involved in a plot to topple her sister and take the throne herself. Mary, alarmed at stories of intrigue and treason, sent a strong body of troops to Ashridge to collect Elizabeth and take her back to London, dead or alive.

Royal Prisoner

Elizabeth was ill at the time and her journey took several, painful days. The cavalcade with Elizabeth on her litter probably left Ashridge Park along Golden

Valley, out by Nettleden Lodge and then up the hill past the *Cock and Bottle* towards Redbourne. Eventually in London she was put on a barge and taken into the Tower of London through Traitors Gate, where, miserably ill, alone and fearful that she would never leave the Tower alive, the 20-year old Princess pronounced: 'Here landeth as true a subject, being prisoner, as ever landed at these stairs; and before Thee, O God, I speak it, having none other friends but Thee alone'.

Yet she survived to become one of our greatest monarchs and to reign 44 years, having, in her own words, 'the body of a weak and feeble woman, but the heart and stomach of a king, and of a King of England too.' Her coat of arms hangs in our St Peter's Church, with this inscription:

*'This mighty Queen is dead and lives
And leaves the world to wonder
How she a maiden Queen did rule
Few Kings have gone beyond her.'*

As for Sir Thomas Egerton, Baron Ellesmere, Keeper of Elizabeth's Great Seal and Lord Chancellor of England, he is remembered in Berkhamsted in Ellesmere Road, Egerton Road and Egerton-Rothesay School.

Where are We?

Joe Collier, the Gravel Path butcher, is always getting his picture in the paper, this last time for winning the *Best Butcher in the East of England* award, beating off challengers from Skegness and Leigh-on-Sea. Congratulations to Joe, and his customers know he deserves it; but is Berkhamsted really in the East of England?

We pay our bills to Eastern Electricity of course, but I have seen references in different contexts to our being in the Home Counties, the South, Central England and the Midlands. In the new 1997 National Trust Handbook we are in the South-east section; but then it puts Stratford-upon-Avon in the South-east too, which is so

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bizarre as to be laughable. Now for purposes of butchery we are considered to be in the East, just like Skegness and Leigh-on-Sea.

Where, in fact, are we? When someone asks you where you come from and you say 'Berkhamsted' and they say 'Never 'eard of it, where's that?', what is your reply? Personally I can't force myself to say 'near Hemel Hempstead', and usually end up with 'a few miles North of Watford'. Everyone has heard of North of Watford even if they have never been there.

Gates

My comments in the February *Review* about the use of 'gate' in place names prompted several readers to write in pointing out that often 'gate' means street, from the Old Norse word *gata*. This use is particularly common in the north and east of England where the Vikings left their mark.

Mr Oliver Mason writing from Wadhurst lists street names in Newcastle, York, Worcester, Manchester, Leeds, Norwich, Lincoln, etc. which have the suffix 'gate'. He also points out that since 'Watergate' this suffix is used to denote a political scandal, for example 'Irangate'.

If, in connection with our recent Waitrose development, there had been the least substance in hints that councillors were influenced by considerations of personal gain, would we now be gossiping about 'Kingsgategate'?

Privatised Trains

So now we know who is going to run the trains on our line. National Express has won the franchise for our local services and Richard Branson will run the expresses. As far as the inter-city services are concerned in a few years time we are told to expect new trains which will tilt as they whizz through Berkhamsted at 120



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mph. Already plans are being considered for these trains to have four or five different classes: not just first and standard classes but perhaps super first, club class and economy as well.

When the first issue of *The Berkhamsted Times* came out about 120 years ago the back page contained details of the rail services and

fares from Berkhamsted, and then there were four classes. The single fare to London was 4s. 6d. first class, 3s. 6d. second class, 2s. 5½d. third class and 2s. 4d. Parliamentary or fourth class.

Before that in 1839, soon after the line was opened, there was just first and second accommodation, but in fact in each class there were two prices, depending, as far as the second class passengers were concerned, whether the carriage had a roof on it or not. Then the fares were even higher, and in relation to a working man's wages they must have seemed enormous.

Ferret Abuse

Subjects for this column are not often drawn from beyond the boundaries of the town, but I have a soft spot for Boxmoor and can't let a reference to a recent front page story in the *Herald Express* go without comment. This said that the brewers who own the *Heath Park* pub on the edge of Boxmoor wanted to change its name to *The Ferret and Trouser Leg* but the idea was abandoned after angry reaction from animal lovers and others.

We are in Beachcomber territory here. Surely there is scope for someone to get a grant for a thesis on the subject of '*The degree of suffering inflicted on Ferrets by being put down Trouser Legs*'; or perhaps '*The Effect of the Choice of Pub Names on the Susceptibilities of Animal Rights Activists*'. ❖

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Since the Middle Ages hospices, run by nuns and monks have cared for the sick and terminally ill. The hospice movement in this country has grown in recent years and there are currently about 200 hospices.

The Hospice of St Francis in Berkhamsted was the inspiration of Pam Macpherson who with a group of St Peter's parishioners met regularly to pray for healing and who used the Prayer of St Francis in their worship. When Pam first mentioned to me her vague idea a house of caring in March '78, providing respite care, looking after the chronically sick young or the terminally ill, were ideas she tossed about. With characteristic enthusiasm Pam spent months in discussion and exploring possibilities. The then rector, Edward Norfolk, and Bishop John were consulted.

A prayer vigil in St Peter's Church in June '79 showed solid support for a local hospice, and the following month a steering committee was formed. Then on a very wet Sunday afternoon in November the first open meeting was held in the Court House. A tightly packed audience heard an inspiring address by Miss Dorothy Summers, director of studies at St Christopher's Hospice, on the concept and reality of hospice care. So with only about £500 in the bank, it was fund-raising in earnest.

Snowball coffee mornings made an incredible £25,000, with Sir Kenneth Cork one of their enthusiastic supporters. Alma Duncan's lovely flower cards, and Harry Sheldon's beautiful line-drawing of a long boat on the canal made notelets a pleasure to sell. Sister Christopher and Sister Winifred of the Franciscan convent in Shrublands Road organised the first

A History of Your Hospice

In the first of two articles, **Angela Morris** looks at the history of our local hospice, the Hospice of St Francis.

Christmas bazaar and I still have two wastepaper baskets and Christmas tree decorations bought that December morning. Angela Russell-Smith co-ordinated the sale of retail and donated goods a job which she does to this day.

Education of local health workers and

the distribution of information, ideas and ideals was a priority. Pam Macpherson, Vera Pullen and Beryl Langley worked tirelessly giving talks to groups large and small throughout the hospice catchment area.

In the first of the well known newsletters in October 1979 Pam wrote, 'We have deliberately refrained from establishing geographical limits, but believe, from the experience of similar units, that we should seek to serve a population of about 300,000. We are already forming links with interested persons and groups in Hemel Hempstead, Harpenden, Potten End, Tring, Wendover, Chesham, Amersham, Bovingdon, Whelpley Hill and, of course, Berkhamsted'.

Beryl Langley formed and co-ordinated the Links, a representative of every church and chapel in the hospice area her aim. Links were asked to spread the word about the hospice, support the work with prayer and fund-raise. Talents and skills were much sought after, then and now.

Secretarial and administrative volunteers from the earliest days included Kathleen Matthews, Gwen Roberts, Gladys Fenner, Elaine Butcher and Thelma Childs. Angela Russell-Smith and Vera Pullen appeared virtually to live in the hospice office. The very first 'office' was Pam's front room in Kingsdale Road. Then the convent became the office, open

on Wednesdays from 10am to 12noon. In January 1980 the district administrator for the health authority allowed the team the part-time use of one room at 16 Manor Street, then the clinic, for three months. Two years later they were still there. Vera remembers typing in a 'cupboard'.

Pam dreamt of raising £5,000 by April 1980 and promised to start a domiciliary service as soon as the target was reached. Home-nursing care began on 1st July 1980. Jeanette Griffith-Jones followed by Barbara Burles and later Christine McIndoe were the first highly trained specialist nurses employed. The patients were any with a terminal illness referred by their G.P. or hospital consultant. The nursing staff and medical director worked closely with local G.P.'s and district nursing sisters. Pam wrote at the time, 'We aim to put our arms around all the family, supporting them in such a way that anxiety may give way to peace'. Keeping in touch with bereaved families by telephone and letter was not enough and in June 1983 the Three Bells Club was formed. This was a monthly supper club for bereaved spouses, where a four course meal with wine was prepared by volunteers. It met initially in St Francis House and later moved to the Court House.

Three Bells Club? The name was

taken from the hospice logo which shows the bell tower of the church of St Francis in Assisi. Tradition tells the bells tolled themselves when St Francis died.

Back in time now to 1st September 1982 and the momentous day when the purchase of St Francis House was completed and the Franciscan nuns returned to their mother house. Essential maintenance and decoration completed, day hospice care started on 31st January 1984, at first one day a week, then two, Tuesday and Thursday. The aim here was to give carers a break, and patients a 'change of wallpaper', and an opportunity to see the medical director, physiotherapist and occupational therapist. More of that next month.

The boxes scheme was set up by Mr Wyndham Roberts of Saunders Shoe Shop in 1983 and helped considerably towards attaining the £500,000 needed to open the in-patient unit. In 1986, the culmination of seven years hard work saw the opening of an eight-bedded in-patient unit with Dr Nell O'Connor as medical director, Sister Mary Lodge nurse-in charge and a full complement of nurses. One of the first

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The Petertide FAIR 1997



Spring is here, and it's time to start thinking about this year's Petertide Fair, to be held this year on **Saturday, 28th June**. We have chosen two charities to support this year: a well-known local cause, the Gossoms End Elderly Care Unit, and, further afield, the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. Richard Foster tells us more about the Chernobyl initiative opposite, and next month we will learn more about the Gossoms End centre.

Much planning and preparation goes into ensuring the Fair is as successful and enjoyable as everyone would like, and for this we as much help as possible. If you feel you would like to contribute to this important annual event, please do get in touch with one of the organising committee - we need as much help as possible! *Chris Smalley*

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I am delighted to hear that the parochial church council has chosen the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline as one of the charities which it will support through this year's Petertide Fair.

The world's worst nuclear accident happened on 26th April, 1986 at the Chernobyl nuclear power station on the northern borders of the Ukraine and the Republic of Belarus. However most of the contamination was in fact on Belarussian territory. Belarus is part of the former Soviet Union, but is now an independent state whilst retaining close links with Moscow.

The charity was founded in 1992 by Victor Mizzi, who still runs the it from his home in Hazlemere, Surrey with minimum administration costs so that virtually all the funds can be used directly for the purposes of the charity. It brings children over to this country from Belarus for one month's recuperation. The children stay with host families through the charity and to date some 4,500 children have been brought here. About half of these are ex-cancer and leukaemia victims, and it is estimated that one month's recuperation in this country can add two years to a child's life.

Additionally the charity sends medical and other supplies to hospitals and orphanages in Belarus. It has sent some 800 tons of aid to hospitals, together with toys, medicine, and paint.

Another feature of the charity's work is to arrange for a limited number of children to come to this country for longer periods to attend schools. Yelena Dekhterevitch is one such girl whom we have had the pleasure of hosting since September 1996. Another child brought here by the charity is Igor Pavlovets, a badly disabled Belarussian Chernobyl victim who featured on a recent Carlton television documentary. I commend the charity as being worthwhile of your support.

Richard Foster

It costs £250 to bring a child to the UK for a month's holiday to recuperate and to have a chance of a higher quality of life on their return. We want to give as many children as possible this chance through the proceeds from the Petertide Fair 1997.

A History of Our Hospice

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patients was a Buddhist nun, a hospice caring for all in need regardless of race or religion. It was at this time that Pam Macpherson retired from the position of honorary director of services and from the council of management, setting down a heavy burden.

The year 1988 saw the Pilgrim Group for recently bereaved relatives and friends meeting monthly with volunteer support at first in All Saints' Hall and later in Blue Mist. Then in 1989 other highly trained volunteers began the telephone help-line.

Blue Mist, the house next door to St Francis House, was acquired in 1992 and is used for the day hospice, meetings and seminars. Continuing education in palliative care remains a priority.

In addition to the paid staff, the hospice is wonderfully blessed with about 200 dedicated volunteers. Many of these, dear reader, have been active since those exciting days in 1979 when raising the first £500 was such a challenge. How has their work prospered? Read more about the Hospice of St Francis next month.

A new medical director, Dr Rosalind Taylor from Cumbria will be in post when you read this, and we extend to her a warm welcome. ❖

Angela Morris is the St Peter's church Link for the Hospice of St Francis.

CUTTING COMMENTS

Local independent councillor
Norman Cutting highlights
recent local council events.

s I see it, national government keep taxes lower than necessary for political reasons and thus do not have the money to give to county and borough councils, but these local councils can raise local taxes to make up the short-fall but a limit is imposed on how much they can actually raise. This limit does not apply to town and parish councils. I can't think of any good reason why the town council does not raise the money to pay for the things that borough and county do not have the money for, such as cleaning the streets and storm drains on a regular basis.

It looks as though an Allotment Association for Sunnyside (old) will be formed within weeks. So the council's environment committee will be encouraging the use of allotments generally. It is producing a publicity and

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The case of the disappearing catalpa tree in Lower Kings Road seems to be dragging on. Waitrose have taken the opportunity to plant - getit? - their entrance sign in the spot where the tree should be. As it was a protected tree within the conservation area, then it should be replaced from whence it came; however, the borough council seem to think otherwise and have asked the town council for alternative sites. Waitrose contractors also managed to disconnect the electricity cables feeding some of the lighting columns on the bridge and canal fields car park. Guess who will end up sorting that out and paying for the privilege.

The funding for the canal and riverside partnership is now in place and design work will be underway shortly. The committee felt that the proposed town warden could have a role to play within the scheme and British Waterways be approached for a contribution towards the cost. The town warden was one of those things that seemed a good idea, but it appears the town council dragged its feet on making a decision and may have lost out this coming year for borough funding. I have it on good authority that the borough officers agreed it could be considered by the budgets and assets committee as a late item, but for some reason wasn't.

The second committee I want to bring you up to date with this month covers transport and highways. The proposed new

bus stop near to the town's main post office was endorsed by full council by ten votes to two. The other two major items discussed by the committee were the difficulties that both young and old have in actually boarding and alighting trains, and the proposed car parking charges in the town centre car parks.

I understand the latest proposal from Railtrack to reduce the large gap between the platform and the trains could involve reducing the camber of the track. This will mean a speed limit being imposed for through trains and will be looked into over the next few months. The proposed stairlift for the disabled for which Railtrack requested part funding from the borough and town councils has received qualified support from the borough. The town council has resisted the call for funds for the time being owing to the limited facilities the proposal will provide and the reports in the press that Railtrack haven't spent the money they had already earmarked for the maintenance of the rail infrastructure.

The car parking charges proposed by the borough council were the subject of much discussion. The town council recommended to the borough that the charges should mirror the new Waitrose charges for all three main Berkhamsted Town Centre car parks. They also recommended that an area in the Water Lane car park should be set aside for long-stay parking at the rate of 70p per day. The comments of the Chamber of Commerce were also to be sought. In early February, the Chamber made it clear that they were opposed to the idea and that an alternative site, such as the old swimming pool area, should be identified for permit holding long term parking. ❖



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I observed an interesting juxtaposition of events in Hammersmith this week. It was announced that the Hammersmith flyover, built in the 1960s to bring M4 traffic into West London, is in a dangerous condition and needs extensive rebuilding. I believe that defects have appeared in the concrete which was used to form the T-shaped supports for the carriageway. A few days earlier it was announced that Hammersmith Bridge is to close for a year, again for extensive repairs. The present Hammersmith Bridge was opened in 1887, one hundred and ten years ago, to carry horses, carts and pedestrians across the Thames. For over a century it has cheerfully borne a level of traffic which cannot have been conceived by its builders - cars, buses and juggernauts in their thousands every day. Why has it lasted almost four times as long as Hammersmith flyover?

Hammersmith Bridge, along with Putney and Battersea Bridges, the

Built to Last

Stephen Halliday recalls a forgotten hero who helped build the foundations of our modern society.

Embankments, London's sewers and numerous other major structures in the capital were built by Sir Joseph Bazalgette, chief engineer to the Metropolitan Board of Works, the London-wide body which was responsible for reconstructing most of the Victorian city's infrastructure.

He also created numerous London streets including Charing Cross Road, Northumberland Avenue and Queen Victoria Street. He was one of a small band of Victorian engineers who were building structures and using materials that were untried. He was on close terms with some of the most distinguished of these famous men. When he applied for one job he supplied testimonials from I.K. Brunel and George and Robert Stephenson, which is rather like applying for a job as a parish priest and enclosing testimonials from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John!

Precisely because they were using new materials and creating new structures Victorian engineers often erred on the side



The Petertide FLEA MARKET

Spring cleaning? Finally got round to that back room, the garage, the shed? Or are you clearing a house - or know someone who is?

Well, don't forget that we need lots of good quality bric-a-brac, furniture, books, and any other saleable items for this year's expanded Flea Market at the Petertide Fair on 28th June. Nothing is too big or too small!

We can store items from now until the day of the fair - we can even arrange collection if this helps. If you can contribute to this important part of the fair, please call **Tony Blair** on 864660 who is managing the market, or **Chris Smalley**, this year's fair co-ordinator on 826821.

of caution, building to higher standards than we would now regard as necessary: what we now call 'over-engineering'. A good example of this is to be found in the Embankments which Bazalgette built between 1863 and 1874. Originally the Victoria Embankment, from Westminster to Blackfriars, was intended simply to house the great sewer which intercepts London's sewage and conveys it to the treatment works at Barking. However it soon became apparent that it would serve other purposes. This Embankment also contains an underground railway, a service tunnel and water, gas and electricity mains. Moreover the Embankments were also built as a by-pass to the Ludgate Hill - Fleet Street Strand axis which was, until that time, the only direct route from the City to Westminster. The Victoria Embankment is therefore a major traffic route built on a honeycomb and has served as such for the last 130 years.

Clearly it had to be immensely strong, with tunnels beneath and a tidal river on the south side. What should be used to build it? In 1824 a man called Joseph Aspdin had patented Portland Cement which was much stronger than the Roman cement used until that time and particularly suitable for structures that would be immersed in water. However it was very difficult to make. The slightest error in the blend of clay and lime which it contained or in the temperature to which it was heated would render it useless. Before Bazalgette, no-one had risked using it in a major civil engineering project. Even Brunel was wary of it. Bazalgette decided to adopt it but, to

ensure that it was of the right quality, he appointed an engineer called John Grant to test *every batch* that was delivered. For one Embankment alone, *fifteen thousand batches* were tested. A small quantity of the cement was made up into a mould; left to set; immersed in water for about two weeks; and then tested to destruction. If it didn't come up to scratch it was rejected. The cement manufacturers, mostly in the Medway valley in Kent, soon realised that supplying dodgy cement to Bazalgette was no way to make a living, so they instituted their own quality control procedures. As a result the product gained a reputation for reliability and was soon widely adopted for other major projects.

When I first read about this it seemed to me that Bazalgette cannot have been as easy man to deal with. But then I asked myself how often I have seen the Embankments being dug up and repaired, despite the huge volumes of traffic they carry. And then I heard about Hammersmith Bridge being repaired after a hundred years of heavy use. What a pity he wasn't around to build the M25.

Bazalgette was very famous in his lifetime but has since been almost forgotten. On 6th March, at 8:00pm, I gave an illustrated talk about him to Berkhamsted Local History Society at the Civic Centre. In particular I was glad to speak about his greatest work, the huge network of intercepting sewers which he built beneath London and which is still in use to this day under the management of Thames Water. Our local treatment works is a later addition to Bazalgette's massive system. ❖



review letters

Tony Roberts raises giving by 66 percent!

Rev. Matthew Baynes writes:

Before your readers get too excited I should point out that this achievement happened, not in the parish of Great Berkhamsted, but in the parish of Coseley, in the West Midlands. At the beginning of 1996, I sat down with my treasurer to draw up a budget for the coming year. However we juggled the figures, we were forced to recognise that, by the end of the year, we faced a deficit of £5,500 rising to £20,000 by the end of 1997. Something had to be done and plans for a stewardship campaign were put into immediate effect. As part of the campaign I knew I needed to find someone with stewardship experience able to communicate with Black Country people, who are not overjoyed about parting with their brass. Tony Roberts was the man for the job and I was extremely grateful when he agreed to help. Tony, along with Gwen, came up to Coseley, and Tony in his own

inimitable style addressed the congregation. He pulled no punches and told them the hard truth that the church was in danger of closing. Although some did not like what they were hearing, and Tony received some flak at coffee after the service, the majority of the congregation clearly took on board the heart of his message. Since the review, our giving in the parish has risen by 66 percent, meaning that last year we ended with a deficit of only £1,200 and, by next year, should be able to produce a balanced budget. I am extremely grateful to Tony and Gwen for the time they gave to be with us, and for all the preparation they put into the campaign. The sharing of resources and skill between parishes, like this, must be a model for the way that the church can develop and flourish.

*Parish of Coseley,
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The King Herod Society

Vera Pullen's call in the February Review for a King Herod Society provoked differing reactions. Here are two.

John Evans writes:

I read with some amusement the article by Vera Pullen proposing a 'King Herod Society'. I am proud to be the member of staff at Woods responsible for, amongst other things, the furniture and leisure products. We pride ourselves on our customer relations and consequently tread a fine line when it comes to dealing with out-of-control children whose parents ignore them.

Garden centres can be dangerous places for children whose parents look upon them as somewhere children can amuse themselves. Heavy stone ornaments, dangerous chemicals and ponds (we had an unsupervised bather last year) are just a few of the hazards.

I like to think my parents did a good job teaching me how to behave. I spent ten years in the church choir along with my three brothers and passed that teaching on to my own children, who if they were taken into a shop were not allowed to 'touch' anything and certainly not to open or to try it out. Some children nowadays are allowed to take items off display, open them, play with them and in some cases break them. Last summer, I tactfully and gently asked a young 'lady' of about four not to jump on a good quality lounge and cushion. She then ran to her mother who protested that 'she was only young'. Moving to our gift shop the young 'lady' proceeded to dismantle the greeting card racks and only agreed to stop when told by her mother 'that horrible man would tell her off'.

We see and read about the results of this lack of discipline all the time

especially in school holidays when the 'results' come into the shop in arrogant groups and have to be watched and in some cases ejected. My C.V. will show that while at junior school I once played the part of King Herod. Please consider me for the job.

*18 Marian Cottages, Tring Road,
Wilstone, Tring HP23 4PBT*

Bryony Baynes writes:

The February Review carried an article entitled *The King Herod Society*. I personally found it extraordinarily disturbing. King Herod perpetrated one of the greatest crimes against children in the history of mankind; to link his name, however tongue in cheek, with anything dealing with children is very upsetting. I am the mother of three young children; the youngest, David, is admittedly a terror in church and I spend most of each Sunday's service trying desperately to contain him. Parents, like me, are already under much pressure; I am all too aware of disapproving stares and clucking tongues wherever we go with the children. If that air of disapproval is extended to the church community, what hope is there for the future of our churches? That is not to say that I would ever countenance bad or disruptive behaviour from my children; if they misbehave in church or anywhere else, my husband and I deal with it in a stern, yet loving manner. Moreover, in today's society where there is so much abuse of children, to make light of violence towards them is simply not funny.

*Parish of Coseley
West Midlands*

New Homes

John Blumson writes:

I was interested to read in Nigel Faiers' article in the February *Review* about the housing project in Shrublands Road that the 'grand old houses' were no longer occupied by a single family - with or without their servants! As the editor himself will know from his former house, the majority of these older houses are still family homes, and very nice ones too. Leaving aside the sad destruction of No.1 (Rothsay School) and No.3 to make way for more modern buildings, there are ten

family homes compared to four that one might call 'institutions'. Indeed the Abbeyfield home at No.23 has recently been reconverted to family use. The family homes and the institutional houses manage very well alongside one another and we also all wish the new residents of the flats in the twin houses a happy and fulfilling life.

*25 Shrublands Road
Berkhamsted HP4 3HY*



CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS!

Do you have a contribution for the *Review*? Our subject areas are diverse - from church matters to the secular, serious and light-hearted. Don't wait for someone else to write about your pet subject! Illustrations - photographs and drawings are always welcome, both for inside the magazine and for the cover. And let us know if you're planning an event - and tell us about it afterwards!

We can handle contributions in many formats: paper (typed, double spaced if possible but handwritten not refused) and word processor disks (Word, WordPerfect, ASCII text formats). Photographs can be colour or black & white, and we can handle drawings on paper or in electronic format (CorelDRAW! V4, bmp, pcx, tif, cgm formats for the technical).

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**Revd Peter Hart,
of St Mary's,
Northchurch,
reflects on
new life.**

Late winter rains have started to make an impact on the River Bulbourne, and at the time of writing the muddy bed contains the possibility of a flowing stream. Ducks have waddled into the Rectory garden and have greeted us with a look of surprise, as we disturb their search for a nesting site. All around us, the yearly signs of new life return and there is more daylight to enjoy. In pagan times the celebration of the new year coincided with the coming of spring, whereas nowadays thoughts turn to having the lawnmower serviced and booking holidays. Wedding preparations begin in earnest; exams loom.

No doubt you are already ahead of me in spotting these obvious metaphors of new life, as in the medieval French carol:

*Now the green blade riseth from the
buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has
lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has
been:*

*Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.*

The natural world and the Easter story work together to focus our minds on the miracle of birth and rebirth.

As the season allows us to spend more time outdoors, how can we focus our meditation on the correspondences between the natural world and our spiritual life in a meaningful way? There is a terrible risk in sounding like Nigel Molesworth's soppy classmate Fotherington-Thomas, who used to walk around saying, "Hello, clouds. Hello, sky".

All that we have learnt through Lent and Easter must now be translated into action. We have heard the story again - the narratives of the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection - and our Christian life of service must be renewed and reinvigorated in the light of what we have experienced.

Has our Lenten abstinence from biscuits, chocolate, alcohol, or whatever else we may have given up, equipped us to lead a better and simpler life? Have our weeks of study, prayer and reflection made us more willing to share our faith? Does following the journey of Christ during Holy Week have a continuing impact on the post-Easter weeks?

We must make tangible everything that we have analysed, discussed and imagined, rooting it in our daily lives and our parish life. To borrow a phrase from the American civil rights movement (so often unthinkingly denigrated as 'political correctness') we must take 'affirmative action', translating abstract ideas into realities, turning thoughts into deeds. As part of our Christian witness we need to question ourselves constantly about what we can contribute as individuals and as church community to the work of the Kingdom.

We can all play our part in the life of the parish and the wider community. We can all reflect Christ's concern for humanity in our daily conduct and contacts. We can keep each other informed; we can extend our hospitality to those outside our own cosy circle; we can encourage the efforts of others. The new growth that surrounds us should inspire us to plant and nurture new ventures, weed out our prejudices and excuses for inaction, and bring God's work to fruition.



WILL YOU TAKE THE PRAYERS?

A question that can strike terror into the heart; it is something that is a privilege to do and which can be shared by many people. An evening session is being organised by Fr Mark assisted by Carol Lewis (Carol is a reader from Sunnyside, and a member with Fr Mark of the St Albans Diocesan Fellowship of Prayer) to encourage and assist those who either lead the intercessions in public worship or would like some help to decide whether this may be a ministry they could offer. All Saints' makes good use of lay people at present to lead intercessions and this meeting would be a good refresher of 'do's' and 'don'ts' for them. Fr Mark is keen to encourage lay people to assist with the intercessions at St Peter's and invites anyone who would like to look into this to join the session. Please come on Friday 25th April at 8:00pm in the Court House. Give your name to Fr Mark please.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE DEPARTED

An Easter service of thanksgiving and commemoration of departed family and friends will be held at St Peter's church on Sunday 13th April at 6pm. Similar services in recent years have been much appreciated by many people so it is hoped that this year's service will be equally helpful. All who care to come will be very welcome.

There will be light refreshments in the Court House after the service. Sylvia Banks (871195) will be pleased to answer any queries.

COURT HOUSE COFFEE SHOP



Do you go shopping in Berkhamsted town centre on Saturday mornings? If you do, why not pop in for some refreshment in the Court House. It is open every Saturday from 8:30am onwards. Good quality but inexpensive coffee, and the usual choice of things to eat with it, are available in a pleasant atmosphere. See you on Saturday!

SPRING IS COMING!



Think About The Wide Open Spaces!

The first and most important event to think about is the Berkhamsted Walk on Sunday 11th May, in aid of The Children's Society. Note the date in your diary *now*. Many people have been daunted by the walk because they felt they were expected at least to try to walk 18 miles. So this year you will be able to *choose* between a 20-mile walk (for those who need be only averagely fit but want a bit of a challenge) and a 13-mile walk for those who don't want too much of a challenge but do want an enjoyable outing, with refreshments on the way, which they feel reasonably sure they can manage. The two walks will overlap on the outward leg (the Court House to Aldbury) and on the return leg (Bridgewater monument back to Berkhamsted). You can leave the decision on which route you want to follow until you get to Aldbury. The 20-mile walk will go to Ivinghoe Beacon again, but by a different route from last year. There will be more details about the walk in the May *Review*. Get into training!

OXFAM - CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

The next children's wear event will take place on Thursday 10th April at the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted (opposite W.H.Smith) from 9.30am to 12 noon

OXFAM extends a warm welcome to all parents who need to replenish their children's summer wardrobes to 'rummage through the rails' for the amazing bargains that will be available - from beach wear to best gear and school clothes to play kit - all sizes - all sexes - all seasons. OXFAM hopes to suit your needs.

Mums, feel free to bring your youngsters - help will be given with pushchairs and a free cup of coffee will be available. A good selection of children's books and toys will also be on sale. Do come and let *us* help *you*, thereby helping *us* help those less fortunate than ourselves.

THE LEPROSY MISSION COUNTDOWN TO CURE

A coffee morning bring and buy, hopefully with TLM goods, will be held in All Saints' Church Hall on Saturday 26th April from 10:00am to 12noon. Boxes will be opened on that morning. Please come and support this worthy cause.

If you fly regularly and are provided with eye shades could you please hand these to us: they would be very welcome as hundreds are needed for leprosy sufferers.

We are still appealing for some help from the St Peter's congregation. A representative is needed to collect the stamps (thank you to all who save these) from the box at the back of the church and help with our twice-yearly coffee mornings. Please contact May Kempster (863037, 59 Charles Street) or Meg Harper (865443, 15 Egerton Road).

VICTIM SUPPORT

Those readers who have unfortunately been the victims of personal crime (burglary, theft, violence and so on) will have received an offer of help and support from our local victim support scheme.

The scheme is a charitable organisation with a national body making representations to parliament and other institutions in order to protect those who have been victims. There are also local schemes, covering the whole country, which offer help to individuals who have suffered in this way. Our local branch, which was inaugurated 14 years ago, covers Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Tring and most of Dacorum district.

Over the past four years around 1,450 referrals per year have been dealt with by our local scheme and every one of those victims has been contacted by one of our volunteers.

Currently there is an urgent need for more volunteers, particularly in Berkhamsted and

Hemel Hempstead. Training is given. You need to be a good listener, have your own transport and be able to spare a few hours each week.

The next series of training sessions will start in May; it consists of two consecutive Saturdays at County Police H.Q. at Welwyn and then three evenings locally.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact one of our two coordinators, Jill McAdam (01923 270150) or Sara May (01442 213603)

Gordon Hufford

THE SALVATION ARMY

We are glad to be able to pass on details of activities organised by the local branch of the Salvation Army.

SUNDAYS 3pm: Gospel Meeting (open to all) held in the Court House or St Catherine's Chapel, St Peter's church.

Anyone interested in attending the hour-long meeting is advised to ring first to confirm the venue (sometimes the time changes as well!). Please ring Stephen or Heather Poxon on 876024.

TUESDAYS 9:30am-12noon: Coffee Morning (open to all) held in the Town Hall, next door to Boots the Chemists. Delicious coffee and snacks available at very competitive prices! (Proceeds in aid of Berkhamsted projects only).

FRIDAYS 2pm: Bible Study (open to all) held at 31 Beech Drive. Led by Heather Poxon.

SATURDAYS 12:45-1:45pm: 'Swingate Saturday Club' - a club for children aged between 6-11 years, held at Swing Gate Lane School, and open to all.

Anyone interested in any of these activities should always feel free to give us a call for more information. We do extend a warm welcome to one and all.

TELL US WHAT'S HAPPENING!

The Review is your mouthpiece - use it to tell people what's happening in the town. If you're arranging an event then publicise it in the magazine - and tell us about it afterwards! If you want to express an opinion, write to us - or write an article: our subject range is diverse, from church matters to the secular, serious or light-hearted. And if you can provide us with illustrations - photographs, drawings, anything you like - so much the better! (we will of course return all such materials).

The Petertide FAIR 1997

The Petertide Fair is on **Saturday 28th June**. Watch out for further details of this major event in the town's calendar. This year the Fair is supporting the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline and the Gossoms End Elderly Care Unit. More details are on page 13 of this issue.

If you can help with any aspect of the Fair or if you have an imaginative new idea to raise money then do contact one of the organising committee.

TUESDAY CLUB

On 1st April at 8:15pm Mrs Jenny Wells has very kindly agreed to talk to us, at short notice, as our advertised speaker has withdrawn. It will be Jenny's first visit to us and we all look forward to the evening.

ST PETER'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We meet on Wednesday 23rd April at 2:30pm in the Court House. There will be a speaker, as usual, but we have had to make one or two changes to our programme and we are unable to announce who it will be at present. You *will* be sure of a pleasant and interesting afternoon, so do come along and bring your friends. Visitors are always welcome.

NATIONAL TRUST ASHRIDGE

The monument, teashop and Ashridge centre open at Easter.

Guided walks are available as below:

Tues 6th May, 7pm	<i>Blue Bell Walk</i>
Tues 13th May, 2pm	<i>Gentle Spring Stroll</i> <i>(no charge)</i>
Sun 18th May, 5am	<i>Early Morning</i> <i>Birds</i>
Thurs 5th June, 7pm	<i>Parkland around</i> <i>Ashridge House</i>
Tues 24th June, 7pm	<i>Trees</i>

Tickets and further information are available from Janet Stupples (866153). Friends £2.00; Non-members £3.00.

Reminder: The NT plant sale day is Sunday, 18th May. Any spare plants potted, boxed and labelled for us to sell will be most welcome.

BERKHAMSTED W.I.



Two anniversaries on the same night! On 7th February the bells rang out to celebrate 100 years since the formation of the first W.I. at Stoney Creek in Ontario in Canada, and it was also 30 years since

Berkhamsted Institute held their first meeting. So, our evening started with a 'toast' to members of the W.I. worldwide, and in particular our own immediate friends. A special birthday cake had been made by Mrs Olive Odell and decorated by Mrs Jean Gale; we enjoyed this with our coffee later in the evening.

Reports were given on enjoyable visits to the Mansion House and to a Tate Gallery lecture on Whistler and J. Singer-Sargent. A day on the history and making of puppets fascinated members who joined a Group 7 homes and gardens day, and the secretary reported on the county federation quiz and county consultative meeting.

Mrs Inga Maidman gave a knowledgeable talk on gardening, dealing specifically with pruning, herbs, heathers, what to grow in shady borders, and ponds. Members asked numerous questions and were amazed at her tremendous knowledge of really down to earth gardening. It was a very enjoyable and helpful talk.

Miss Gladys Fenner who won the institute bursary is going to Denman College in March for a course on pergamono, a parchment craft.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month in Gable Hall, Prince Edward Street at 7:30pm. Do come and share in the firendly atmosphere of today's women working for the women of tomorrow.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

Our president, Liz Baxendale, was pleased to welcome a large number of members to our March meeting and to see the return of some who had been poorly during the past winter months.

During business matters we were pleased to learn that our combat with North London Railways concerning the platform gap at Berkhamsted station has seen results! A letter appearing in the *Gazette* written by the managing director of North London Railways states that two members of staff will be on the platform for most of the day to assist customers

requiring it. One of our members was pleased to confirm that there were *three* members of staff to aid her on her recent train trip! There will also be station announcements alerting customers to be aware of the GAP.

It was a delight to listen to Tri Sleat, June Picard and their accompanist Iris Green, who are the *Chameleons*, as they entertained us with a selection of well known songs and ballads. Congratulations to Iris Green who had to cope with a missing note on the piano! An appreciation was given by Pam McNicol.

Our town topic this month is the eyesore of the Rex Cinema and we are arranging for a speaker to let us know what is happening on this subject. Further town topics to be discussed are: Chapel Street: car parking - when will the first fatal accident occur? And how many people have risked their lives trying to cross over the wide entrance to the Lower Kings Road entry to Waitrose Supermarket?

At teatime the raffle was drawn and the competitions judged for the flower of the month and a Victoriana item. On 4th April we celebrate our eighth birthday at the Court House, Berkhamsted at 2:00pm.

NORTHCHURCH W.I.

The Northchurch W.I. members and visitors listened and watched slides with great attention when Lady Walford spoke on her year as Lady Mayoress when her husband was Lord Mayor of London. The pageantry and showmanship of these ancient ceremonies are a great part of our national heritage and we were assured that *no* politics entered into the selection of the Lord Mayor or the aldermen. The Northchurch W.I. meet every second Monday in the month at 7:45pm in the Northchurch Social Centre in Bell Lane and visitors are very welcome.







Concerts and Recitals at St Peter's

Friday 4th April at 7:30pm
London Concertante : Schubert *Trout Quintet*
& Brahms *Clarinet Quintet*

Sunday 13th April at 7:45pm
Recorder Recital featuring young players
from the Royal Academy of Music

Saturday 10th May at 7:30pm
Berkhamsted Choral Society : Hadyn *Nelson Mass*
& Fauré *Cantique de Jean Racin*

Sunday 18th May at 6:45pm following Choral Evensong
David Brindle : Organ Recital

Sunday 1st June at 7:30pm
London Concertante : A Bach Concert

Sunday 8th June at 6:45pm following Choral Evensong
Mozart for 13 wind instruments

Tuesday 23rd December at 7:30pm
Chiltern Chamber Choir & Orchestra : Montiverdi *Vespers*

reviewdiary

All services at normal times unless stated.

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APRIL

6	9:15am	Sung Eucharist followed by Area Election	<i>All Saints'</i>
11		Parochial Church Council meeting	<i>Court House</i>
13	9:30am	Sung Eucharist followed by Area Elections	<i>St Peter's</i>
13	6:00pm	A Service of Thanksgiving & Commemoration of departed family and friends.	<i>St Peter's</i>
19	8:00am	Ecumenical Breakfast & Prayers	<i>All Saints'</i>
20	6:00pm	The Licensing of the Revd Robin Figg	<i>All Saints'</i>
27	9:30am	The Parish Confirmation	<i>St Peter's</i>

MAY

1	6:15am	Chiltern Chamber Choir greet May Day with Madrigals from the tower	<i>St Peter's</i>
2		St Peter's and All Saint's Area Committees	
8	8:00pm	Solemn Mass for Ascension Day	<i>St Peter's</i>
	8:00pm	Solemn Mass for Ascension Day	<i>All Saint's</i>
11	10:30am	Children's Society Berkhamsted Walk	<i>Court House</i>
17	8:00am	Ecumenical Breakfast & Prayers	<i>St Peter's</i>

For musical events in April and May please see page 25.

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Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

9 February Eleanor Katherine Jones, James Daniel Wilkins, Victoria Sheena Miles

Funerals

13 February	Veronica Anne Edes	St Peter's (Kingshill Cemetery)
21 February	Shirley Margaret Fendrich	The Chilterns Crematorium
24 February	Kenneth Cecil Hollingdale	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)
24 February	Arthur Charles Syborn	The Chilterns Crematorium
25 February	Lily Duthie-Jack ('Kay Jack')	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)
3 March	Herbert Kellett Ablett	St Peter's (Kingshill Cemetery)
4 March	William John Billington	The Chilterns Crematorium
6 March	Kathleen Mary Carr	The Chilterns Crematorium
6 March	Raymond Noel Sandall	St Peter's (Kingshill Cemetery)
10 March	Dorothy Betty Fleming Sykes	St Peter's (Kingshill Cemetery)

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PCC 1997/8

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Area Committees: for All Saints' and St Peter's churches are to be elected on 6th and 13th April respectively.

All parish clergy are, ex-officio, members of the PCC.

The institution of Rev Robin Figg as priest-in-charge of All Saints' will be at 6pm on Sunday 20th April.

Further information on parish activities and personnel may be obtained from the parish office (secretary: Jean Green 878227) which is usually open 9:30am-5:30pm Tues/Wed and 9:30-1pm Friday (ansaphone at other times). Any parishioner may attend PCC meetings as an observer subject to notifying the PCC secretary in advance of their wishing to do so.



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Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun Rite B)
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with
 Sunday Schools (in the Court
 House) followed by coffee in
 the Court House.
 11.15am Matins & Sermon (1st Sunday only)
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints')
Weekdays
 Holy Communion
 Wednesday 6.45am
 Thursday 11.00am
 Friday 9.15am
 Morning Prayer: Tues-Sat 7:30am
 Evening Prayer: Tues-Fri 5:30pm
 Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 Matins & Evensong said daily
Confessions: After Saturday Evening Prayer (5.00pm) or at other times by appointment.
Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals
 Please contact Father Mark Bonney.
Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 9 Kings Road. Tel: 863804

Organist: Mrs Valerie McCalla Tel: 384574 Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894
Sundays
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday - Methodist rite)
 9.15am Family Sung Eucharist & Sunday Schools, then coffee in the Hall
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)
 6.30pm Evening Service (1st Sunday - Anglican rite, other Sundays Methodist rite)
Weekdays
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