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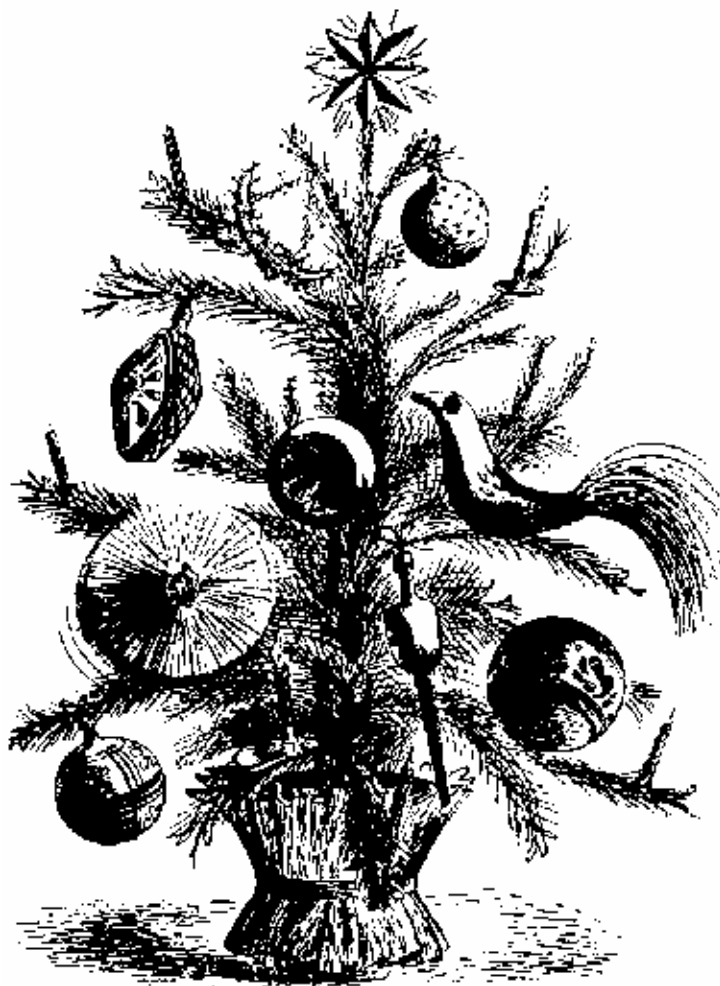
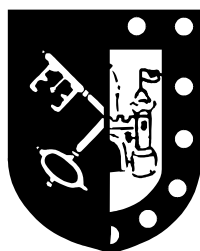
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

### **Welcome to the December issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.**

Well, the last month of the nineteen hundreds has arrived. The *Review* can look back over 1999 with gratitude. We have maintained, and even increased our readership. We have continued to attract sufficient advertising to balance the books and gathered enough interesting (I hope) material to fill 32 pages of good reading each month.

But the magazine depends on you, the readers and writers! We welcome articles from all people of good will. If you are organising an event in Berkhamsted, connected with either the church or the town, please let us have the details for passing on. If you have a view on an aspect of life in Berkhamsted, tell us about it!

The printing of this issue marks the retirement of Keith Rodway, our printer for the past 12 years. He has delivered a readable, attractive product on schedule each month. We thank him and wish him well in his retirement.

Have a good Advent and a happy Christmas.

*David Woodward*

### ***In this month's issue...***

#### **Be prepared**

**Fr Mark Bonney** and **Rev Peter Hart** urge us to use Advent as a proper preparation for Christmas.

#### **Berkhamsted's story**

**John Cook** and **Harry Sheldon** have written and illustrated a history of our town to mark the millennium.

#### **Where will they all go?**

The question of new housing in the Green Belt attracts **Iain Reay's** scrutiny.

#### **Imagination – it's magic!**

Imagination is a wonderful gift for children, says **Vera Pullen**.

#### **Volunteer from your armchair**

The Dacorum domestic violence helpline needs your help on the phone lines.

#### **A millennial invitation**

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**Fr Mark Bonney  
urges us to be  
prepared for the  
forthcoming  
Holy Year.**

## **review** leader

Wittingly or unwittingly a lot of churches will be following the lead given by Pope John Paul II and opening the celebrations of the second Christian millennium with the celebrations of this Christmas. The Pope is calling the year 2000 a Holy Year, and Christmas Day will mark the beginning of that Holy Year. For Christian people everywhere, however uncertain we might be about the media hype, there is something significant about the year 2000. Like many a significant birthday, it will be a special year, and I hope a Holy Year.

Most of this month of December will be spent in manic preparation for Christmas Day and the New Year - Christmas cards, presents, food, wine and so on. Amidst all that rush one part of the preparation that can easily be forgotten is our own inner preparation: the preparation of our hearts so that Christ may be born in us again this Christmas time. One aspect of the New Start 2000 is our own individual new start with God (as well as areas like a New Start for the world's poor through the initiatives of Jubilee 2000).

This particular Christmas, and this particular end of year are a very special opportunity for each of us to have a period of reflection, self-examination, confession and asking God for his forgiveness for past wrongs. We can prepare our hearts so that we may receive Christ and be enabled to show him to others. One way of doing this is to follow a pattern very popular in Ignatian spirituality. It's something that's meant to be done every day, but if you only manage it every now and then it's better than not at all.

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Find a time and a space to be still and quiet, and having settled down ask God to direct your reflections. Then as best you can go over the past few days, weeks - or even months - just recalling what has happened. Notice how you feel about those events, but make no judgment about them. Then go over them again pondering the things for which thanksgiving comes into your heart, and then pondering those things for which the need for sorrow and forgiveness comes into your heart. Having looked backwards with the Lord, then look forward as you offer him this Christmas and the coming year. As you make this new start with him you might like to offer the following prayer:

*Jesus, Lord of time,  
help us in your eternity.  
Jesus, image of God,  
travel with us in the life of faith.  
Jesus, friend of sinners,  
heal the brokenness of our world.  
Jesus, lord of tomorrow,  
draw us into your future. Amen.*

A happy Advent, Christmas and Holy Year to you all. ❖



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### **Bovingdon Airfield**

From time to time it is worth stepping into the foyer of Berkhamsted Civic Centre to see what is on show. There is only limited space – not much more than just a display case – but Dacorum Heritage Trust over the last year or two has managed to put on some really interesting little exhibitions. A few weeks ago it was about the Writers of Berkhamsted; at present there is one on Bovingdon Airfield.

There was a major air force station at Bovingdon during the last war for both the RAF and the Americans. Several actors who were, or were to become, big film stars were stationed there, including William Holden, James Stewart and Clarke Gable. President Roosevelt's son was also based at Bovingdon and Glen Miller flew to his death from there.

It must have been about 1970 that the film of the Battle of Britain was largely made at Bovingdon. The film company collected all the Spitfires and Messerschmitts they could find, and standing on high ground in Berkhamsted you could watch the simulated dogfights over the airfield, complete with smoke trails and puffs. It turned out to be a rather disappointing picture, though.

### **Acorn to Oak**

Did you see that the highest paid woman in the UK is Hilary Cropper, chief executive of FI, the software company that is now located in Hemel Hempstead. Three of her colleagues in the firm were also included in the list of top 50 women earners. Last year Hilary Cropper earned £17.4 millions the papers tell us, and they also noted that she joined the company in its infancy in Berkhamsted in 1984.

Some of us remember the firm then. It was called F International and had its headquarters in the building that is now the offices of NCH – the old St Peter's Hall behind the Court House. I was told that the 'F' stood for female and they only employed women. That may have been the case then, but I don't suppose they get away with it these days.

When they moved into the converted St Peter's Hall, the name *F International* struck me as being rather grand for a small company; but the firm flourished and after a few years outgrew that building and needed bigger premises. It took over the office block at the back of Water Lane car park before moving to where it is now in Maylands Avenue, and seems to have gone from strength to strength ever since.

### **Correctness and the King's Arms**

We must all of course be politically correct these days or face censure, possibly prosecution. The refurbished King's Arms Hotel advertised for staff on a board outside. It said they wanted waiters, waitresses and *chamberpersons*. Presumably these days 'chambermaid' would be taken as implying that not only men were excluded but so also were women who were past the flush of youth. In St Peter's we now use a Bible that is written, sometimes in tortuously convoluted prose, to avoid any words that could be construed as excluding women, such as brethren.

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again to take guests. When it was a coaching inn in the last century it had several brushes with fame. The exiled King Louis XVIII of France stayed near Aylesbury and on his trips up to London he would take refreshments at the KA while the horses were being changed. He developed a fondness for the landlord's daughter, Polly Page, and their friendship grew. Public curiosity was roused and there was talk of Polly being in the king's arms in the King's Arms; but suggestions of hanky panky were vigorously denied. With the fall of Napoleon in 1814 King Louis returned to France, and at his invitation Polly went to visit him at the Tuileries: quite an honour for a person of her rank in society – barely higher than a chamberperson.

Later on another monarch was to call at the KA. In 1841 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert on their way from Windsor to Woburn Abbey stopped there for a change of horses. Triumphal arches were erected and the High Street was lined with decorated with poles.

### **Snooks**

A final story about the KA. Legend has it that a man called Snooks worked for Polly Page's father there as an ostler. Snooks decided to try his hand as a highwayman, holding up and robbing a postboy at night on Boxmoor. He was eventually caught and hanged near the spot where the crime was committed. The year was 1802. There is an inscribed gravestone there today: you can see it from the A4251 in the middle of a meadow among the Belted Galloway cattle.

### **Berkhamsted's Story**

Will you forgive me if I put in a plug for the little book I have written and Harry Sheldon has illustrated called *Berkhamsted's Story – A Book for the Millennium*. It is intended for children, and as the year 2000 approaches the town council will be giving a copy to every child in the Town's middle schools as well as to children of equivalent age in the other schools here. There will be an



*The refurbished King's Arms hotel in the High Street*

official launch of the book on 10th December in the town hall, after which it will be on sale to the public in the town clerk's office in the Civic Centre and at various other outlets in the town.

You can imagine that the principal problem in writing such a book of only 64 pages is deciding what to leave out. I regret, for example, that no space could be found for a reference to Cicely, Duchess of York, the last important resident of the Castle and mother and grandmother of kings. But there is so much material both in words and pictures, and I have a large file of things that never got in.

Harry's late wife Joan took a lot of interest in the preparation of the book and it is sad that she died before she saw it printed. The whole thing was a Berkhamsted effort: Maud Eager of *EG* in Northbridge Road did the layout and design, and it was printed in Northbridge Road too, by Technik Kolor Print Ltd. John Brooks, the town mayor, put a great deal of personal effort into the enterprise.

The production of a book with over 200 illustrations in colour and inevitably only a modest print run was never going to be a commercial proposition. The town council was the principal sponsor, together with Dacorum borough council and many local people and organisations. Any profits will go to Berkhamsted youth projects.

Anyway, do get a copy, if only to admire Harry's illustrations. ❖

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**Jenny Wells** invites you to  
come to Mary Sumner House.

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I was there one day last month. It was good, during a busy day, to be able to sit quietly for five minutes and contemplate. Several of us sat in a circle of chairs centred around a single candle and a simple arrangement of stones. A short service was led by a young member of staff. I really appreciated this time of peace before I left to wend my way through tourists to the Underground station.

Mary Sumner House is in Tufton Street and it is named after our founder. In the 1920s it was bought by the M.U. It is regarded worldwide now as the home of the Mothers' Union and our visitors from overseas always want to go there.

It is a large building with an impressive number of rooms and a conference hall. The Princess Mary room on the second floor is a quiet haven where members can sit and relax or meet friends.

I have friends in my last parish who regularly stay in quiet rooms there when they visit London. They value the chance to stay in such pleasant surroundings at a very reasonable price.

Perhaps you might like to visit on one of their open days? If so, let me know. ❖

# All Saints' Festival

6-7 November

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**David Woodward** looks back  
over the first festival weekend  
at All Saints' church..

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The All Saints' festival weekend (6th and 7th November) was a well supported success.

The centrepiece was an exhibition of 14 displays illustrating aspects of the life and activities of the two congregations at All Saints. A stand of photographs showing the history of the present building from 1904 to the present day attracted particular attention. But the whole exhibition was widely felt to be interesting and provoked a good response.

Another feature, much appreciated, was that there was something for every age group from games, stalls, demonstrations, music, drama and the rest. The Sunday morning service was held in a packed church.

The wide range of stalls did good trade, many of them selling out well before the end. We made a profit on the weekend of £1,792. Most of this will go towards the cost of establishing a millennium garden as an act of outreach, while ten per cent was sent to the Hospice of St Francis. The photographic competition attracted a good level of interest and we hope to publish some of the winning entries in coming issues.

We thank all those who came, who helped or who took on an organising role in what we hope may be the first of many such festivals. ❖



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Brassey his first contract, the Penkridge viaduct in Staffordshire. Brassey then built much of the London to Southampton railway and executed railway contracts in Italy, France, Canada, the Crimea, Australia, Argentina, India and Austria. At one time he employed six thousand men on the Great Northern railway contract alone. In a brutal age Brassey was noted for his humane treatment of labourers of all races. He appears to have had many friends and admirers, and no enemies. His son, also Thomas (later Earl) Brassey was a minister under Gladstone who used to take summer cruises in his luxury yacht, *Sunbeam*.

**Benjamin Hall, 1802-1867**

A Welshman who was an early

# SIGNIFICANT VICTORIANS

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**Stephen Halliday** concludes  
his review of some Victorian  
figures who deserve a  
higher profile.

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campaigner for the Welsh language, Benjamin Hall sat as M.P. first for Monmouth and later for Marylebone. In 1838 he became a baronet and in 1859 Baron Llanover. A vigorous Parliamentary campaigner, he directed his energies against the abuse of election expenses in Parliamentary elections and against sinecures in

the Church of England. An opponent of Edwin Chadwick's authoritarian methods he ousted Chadwick from the Board of Health in 1854 and effectively excluded him from further public office. In 1855 he became Chief Commissioner of Works in which capacity he was responsible for improvements to the Royal Parks and for the final stages of the re-building of the Houses of Parliament after the conflagration of 1834. A tall, imposing man, 'Big Ben', the principal bell in the new Parliamentary clock in St Stephen's Tower, was named after him.

**W.H. Smith, 1825-1891**

Thwarted in his wish to go to Oxford, William Henry Smith was obliged to join the family business, a small newsagency founded by his grandfather the previous century. In 1851, against the wishes of his father (also W.H. Smith) he negotiated with the London and North-Western Railway a monopoly on bookstalls at their stations and advertised on the platforms. In 1862 this was extended to all the major railway companies which placed the company in a strong position to benefit from the huge increase in newspaper readership which followed the abolition of stamp duty in 1854 and made the business immensely profitable. In 1868 he entered Parliament as M.P. for Westminster and in 1877 became First Lord of the Admiralty

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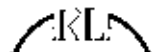
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 In lands of war and prejudice grant  
 us peace,  
 In a world of despair give us hope,  
 In a world of sadness and tears show us  
 your joy,  
 In a world of hatred show us your love,  
 In a world of arrogance give us humility,  
 In a world of disbelief give us faith.  
 Give us courage to face the challenges if  
 feeding the hungry, clothing the naked,  
 housing the homeless and healing the  
 sick.  
 Give us the power to make a difference in  
 your world, and to protect your creation.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## A New Old Age Pensioner's Song

I'm 65 today, 65 today  
 Middle age is over and past  
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 But I'm not ready yet for slippers  
 and pipe  
 (though I smoke one cigar each day)  
 The body got weaker but the brain  
 still works  
 I'm 65 HOORAY!!  
 A Prayer for the Third Millennium  
 was sent in by May Kempster

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## SIGNIFICANT VICTORIANS (continued from page 11)

against the wishes of the Admirals who requested a 'person of rank'. His effective reforms of naval administration led to his appointment in 1885 as Secretary for War. A devout Methodist, he gave generously to many philanthropic causes and was dubbed 'Old Morality' by *Punch*.

### Sir Joseph Paxton, 1801-1865

Son of a farmer, apprenticed to a gardener, Paxton so impressed the duke of Devonshire with his enthusiasm and ingenuity that the duke appointed Paxton head gardener at Chatsworth and took him on a tour of Europe to gather ideas. He created the famous Chatsworth fountain, 267 feet high, and a 300 foot glass conservatory which he based on the structure of a lily brought home from

South America by a botanist. The success of the conservatory inspired him to design the 23 acre Crystal Palace (the name sneeringly coined by *Punch* in a critical article) for the Great Exhibition of 1851 after 233 other designs had been rejected by the organising committee. He completed the design, based on pre-fabricated, interchangeable panels, in nine days. It held 14,000 exhibits, was visited by 6 million visitors and generated enough profit to build the Kensington museums. The structure was dismantled and re-erected at Sydenham, South London, by a group of soldiers whose work so impressed the authorities that they developed into the Pioneer Corps. The Crystal Palace was destroyed by fire in 1936. ❖

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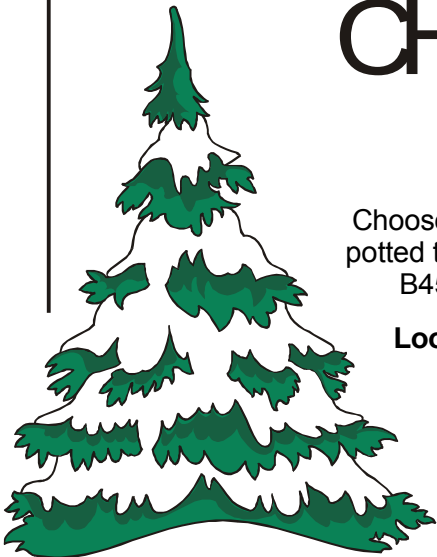
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A large amount of newsprint both locally and nationally has recently been devoted to the growing pressure of development across the south east of England. Of particular concern to residents of this town are incursions into the surrounding Green Belt and into landscape that has been designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Nobody wants to see a small and distinctive market town spread into a characterless suburban sprawl and building on Green Belt land around the town must be deplored. In 1997, substantial 'brown field' sites in the town such as at Stag Lane, the AgrEvo site and the Glaxo Wellcome, former Coopers, site were identified as suitable for housing. (Unfortunately though, Tesco is now contesting the provision of housing at the Stag Lane site, arguing that part of the site should be used for a superstore and petrol station). Despite the rezoning of these sites for housing it was thought necessary to release three plots of land from the Green Belt into residential use as well. Currently this plan is being reassessed and consultations will soon start on a modified plan in which a Green Belt site at Bank Mill Lane will be preserved and proposals to release Green Belt land between Hemel Hempstead and Potten End will be cut back.

The reason the national press has recently taken a renewed interest in this topic is that Government inspectors have published a report on development in south east England arguing that housing provision needs to be substantially larger than previously thought. Using the 'predict and provide' approach, this report implies that Hertfordshire should provide forty thousand more new homes by 2016 than

## council & news views

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**Town councillor Ian Reay**  
questions squeezing more  
housing into the Green Belt.

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were allowed for in the 1997 plan currently being modified.

This relentless pressure for new homes is causing conflicting demands. More houses in urban areas also need to be supported by services such as roads, shops and schools. A recent proposal to build 350 new homes on an old factory site at Lucas

Aerospace in Hemel Hempstead has been described by local opponents as a 'cultural desert' because of the lack of facilities in the plans. If we deplore the swallowing of more countryside by faceless suburban sprawl and resist it we are confronted also with the converse agonies of trying to fit more and more dwellings into spaces confined within town boundaries. This means good things such as the replacement of derelict sites such as Stag Lane with useful occupation but it can also mean more back-filling and in-filling of attractive, leafy suburbs. Berkhamsted is already short of open spaces within the town.

One thing though is clear. If the Government persists with its 'predict and provide' approach to planning for housing and if we are to minimise the threat to our countryside that this creates then any new housing that is to be provided will have to be built to a high density. People nowadays are on the whole living in smaller domestic units either because of later marriage with fewer children or because more people are living alone. The demand for new housing may well increasingly be for smaller units such as one or two bedroom flats. Such homes should also be more affordable. Developers should be encouraged to provide such housing schemes by means of the planning process.





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Recently there has been quite a lot both said and written about the modern child's lack of imagination - all I can say is that imagination is still alive and well in our family. I am sorry for modern children. They seem to live such busy lives with parents whisking them from one activity

to another. There never seems to be a quiet time, a time when my young daughter used to say, 'I must have time to be me, a time to daydream, and just be...'. My parents were young, enthusiastic and above all imaginative. A walk with my father was always an adventure. We were either Roman legionnaires (I could 'see' the eagle borne bravely aloft) or explorers in darkest Africa, though I hadn't a clue where darkest Africa was.

My daughter when small had an imaginary bird, which went everywhere with her. This wretched 'bird' had a habit of flying into the nearest bush or tree if the bus we were waiting for appeared, and we missed many a bus as a result. At bath-time my husband would always tell the children stories and Lesley remembers Chin Choo Chinaman who lived at the top of the airing cupboard and had wonderful adventures. Only recently she said she could actually see him and could have described him down to the last detail. One summer we went on holiday to an hotel in Wales with another couple and their small son. Every night Jim would go up to tell the children a bedtime story and within a couple of days when he went up various other small children staying there would be waiting at their bedroom doors to crowd in and listen to the story too. A magic time.

At the time Hilary and Tensing were climbing Everest we had two small nieces staying with us and our son Ian and Alison (the older niece), both six then, were

## *Imagination? It's Magic!*

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**Vera Pullen** reflects on the value of imagination to the growing child.

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some. We obligingly rolled up newspapers, secured them with string and with these firmly on their backs they continued their climb. This went on for days. At last the news came that Hilary and Tensing had reached the top. Once more, with their 'oxygen' firmly in place, Ian and Alison climbed to the top of the stairs, clambered over and tied to the top a small Union Jack - and never played it again!

Sarah, another niece, when small used to 'groom' her horse every morning before going to school. The 'horse' was a thick piece of wood on 'legs' used for sawing logs, nothing remotely like a horse. She also ran a 'riding school' and kept a notebook with bookings for customers - to this day her younger sister remembers how resentful she used to feel as only Sarah could take the imaginary phone call bookings. Poor Philippa was only allowed to enter them up. One summer a small grandson came to stay and spent most of his time sitting in a large cardboard box in the garden to which had been added a piece of orange canvas kept up with a cane. In his 'boat' he spent most of the week sailing the Seven Seas and thoroughly enjoying himself. We have a lovely photograph of him 'sailing' away. Imagination adds another dimension to ordinary life and it will be very sad if the time comes when children have no time to 'stand and stare' and let their imaginations roam.





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Every day, volunteers at the Dacorum domestic violence helpline receive calls from people who are affected by violence in their own home. The helpline was set up over two years ago by a grouping of several organisations such as Women's Aid, the police, Victim Support and Relate who saw the need for a way to reach out to people who were often isolated and had lost much of their confidence.

Domestic violence comes in various guises, as physical, sexual and emotional abuse. However, although individual circumstances are different, frequent characteristics include degradation and mental and verbal abuse.

Many of the callers who ring the helpline are women but increasingly calls are also received by men who are seeking help to change their behaviour and from other members of the family and friends. Callers are from all walks of life.

The helpline volunteers have all been trained to listen to callers' problems and offer help, support and guidance. Some callers ring several times to talk things through before deciding whether to take any action. Others merely want someone to listen. Violence in a relationship is still a taboo subject and some find it liberating to be able to talk about their problems.

It is hard to say what the extent of the problem in Dacorum is because statistics

# Volunteer from your Armchair!

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**Jean Jenner** explains that domestic violence should not be ignored and that help is at hand.

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on domestic violence are notoriously difficult to collect. Sufferers are often reluctant to report incidents and unwilling to mention them to researchers. The figures that exist nationally show that assaults are rising. As a guideline, in 1995 6.6 million incidents were reported and according to government figures, 100 women were killed by their partners in 1994. This figure doubled, to 200, in 1997.

Violence between men and women living together is a complex issue which sadly won't go away overnight. The message we are trying to get across is that domestic violence is not a family secret, it's a crime.

The good news is that action at a local level does help. We are looking for 'armchair' volunteers to answer calls in their own homes through a call divert system. Training is given but the main requisites are an ability to listen and plenty of common sense.

Please ring us to be a volunteer on 235147. And use the same number if you can offer to display our helpline poster. But if you are living in fear of abuse from a partner, please call the helpline on 243132. It is open between 10:00am and 10:00pm seven days a week. ❖

*Jean Jenner is the co-ordinator for the Dacorum domestic violence helpline.*



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## A View from the Parlour

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Town mayor **John Brooks** proposes a scheme which will allow us all to take a rest.

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By the time this issue of the *Review* appears in print I am very hopeful that many of you will have seen and appreciated the splendid circular wrought-iron seat that the Berkhamsted Round Table has so kindly donated to the town. Indeed, it is even possible that you will have also admired the wooden bench that the Berkhamsted Lions Club has contributed to the High Street scene. It is moments like these that gladden the heart of every town mayor that has ever been.

So, continuing in the spirit of Christmas and the millennium, I would like to initiate a Berkhamsted Millennium Bench Sponsorship. The town council is already contemplating, in next year's budget, an allocation of money for benches in locations that would be appreciated by people who are half-way home with the shopping: Swing Gate Lane, Chesham Road, Kings Road, Cross Oak Road, Durrants Lane, Ravens Lane and Ivy House Lane to name but a few.

Dedicated benches cost nearly £400 and need to be strategically placed so as not to impede prams and wheelchairs. There is also the cost of installation which I am sure the town council would consider more than sympathetically. If, however, anyone or any company would like to be associated with the project – or commemorate a loved one – please let me or the town clerk at the Civic Centre know. Your gesture could be appreciated by just about everyone for many many years. ❖

## *The good that men do lives after them*

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**Muriel Lander** reflects on the influence her father had on her family.

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Yes, I know I'm sadly misquoting the great bard, but let me explain.

My father died many years ago, and yet my sisters and I find ourselves quoting him frequently. As a result of his mother's death when he was a child, his father married again to a woman who turned out to be the original really bad step-mother. I have known many step-mothers who have been absolutely first rate, but in Dad's case life was abysmal.

In spite of this he grew up to be the most loving, caring man with an insatiable interest in just about everything. Certainly my love of reading, history and natural history was encouraged by him. My political convictions were formed at a very early age by my father's political stance.

At least three of our extended family have inherited his love of natural history. One great nephew is involved in the making of the most fabulous films for TV about wild life. One of the three is just a child, but it won't surprise any of us if he becomes a second David Attenborough!

Dad had a great sense of humour and would survey a room full of us at our parents' home and say, "I'm at home and I wish you all were". Then he would tell us to enjoy every day that comes.

As children, he would take us on long walks and tell us to 'use your eyes'. There is a wonderful story told of the first time he took our mother out for a walk. They were going along quite sedately when suddenly he disappeared from my

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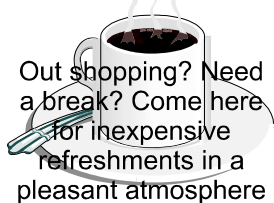
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I was put in my place by the town major, Cllr John Brookes, at the September meeting of the town council when I suggested that the council should take heed of residents' views. He pointed out that the council had to

act in the interests of the town and obey the law, rather than reacting to 'pressure groups'. On reflection, this seems to be a strange attitude when the council is only 'consulted' on just about every matter of local government that occurs in the town. This suggests that the council should reflect the views of the town, not just the councillor. This in turn all makes you wonder exactly what the council exists for when it turns down many initiatives put to it.

If you have seen the Hemel Hempstead Internet site, which Cllr Sharpe says has had a great deal of input from Berkhamsted, you wonder if Tring, Berkhamsted or Kings Langley actually exist in the borough of Hemel Hempstead – sorry – Dacorum. At the town centre forum I suggested that the borough actually let Berkhamsted people run the town. I

## CUTTING ECHOES

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**Norman Cutting** urges us to have our say in local affairs which concern our town.

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mean, we pay our council tax and it's not too much to ask for a proper say in our future. Why not attend the next meeting on 12th January in the Clock Room of the Town Hall and have your say?

By the time you read this, the new town council newsletter will be available and in line with most council publications will either tell you what they have done or what they intend to do. The one thing I know will not be included is the answer to the old *Rex* building. As I believe the majority of the council support the 'saving' of the building, and we have 'proof' that it can be made viable, the solution seems to be so obvious that they cannot bring themselves to do it. The council is apparently charged with obeying the law and to act in the interests of the town, so if sorting out the *Rex* isn't in the interests of the town, then what is? ❖

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## *The good that men do lives after them* (con't from page 21)

mother's side because he had seen something of interest – a furry animal, perhaps. She was slightly astonished but took it in good part. Whereas one of the present generation was in a similar situation and dived from the girlfriend's side to observe something of interest (this was the same young man who now goes all over the world making these wonderful natural history films), and he never saw her again! Ah well, it's all in the genes, so they tell us.

We were a large family and were encouraged to talk and discuss just about everything at the dinner table. Having 'got

us going' and we feeling we knew all the right answers, he would then say, "Ah, but..." and go on to put the contrary point of view. Thus he encouraged us to see all sides before coming to a conclusion. I really do feel quite sorry today for the young who seem to live in front of the TV whilst eating their meals, thus missing out on the importance of discussion – *not* argument, I hasten to add.

It is quite extraordinary, when viewing some of the fantastic films dealing with history, natural history and so on, how often we turn to each other and say, "Wouldn't Dad have loved this?" ❖

## **Celebrate the Millennium at All Saints' Church**

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## **review**northchurch

**Revd Peter Hart  
stresses the need to  
prepare as Advent  
is succeeded by  
Christmas.**

I saw this year's first set of Christmas lights in a Swansea hairdressing salon on 29th October. Within two days, they were displayed and lit on shops and high streets in Reading, Slough, and Borehamwood. I spotted Berkhamsted's first fairy lights and artificial Christmas tree in the windows of Mackays on 8th November. I shall not be writing to *The Times* to ask if this is a record, nor would I seek to set off a protracted correspondence locally about who was the first to decorate for the festive season within our valley. Neither will I inveigh against the creeping forces of advertising and market hype, as such complaints are as clichéd as tinsel-draped stars. Rather, I will follow their example and prepare myself.

Efficient preparation is not a great hallmark of my character, although I have improved of late, due to pressing circumstances and extraordinarily early deadlines on local newsletters. I am generally happy to bumble along in the general run of things, aware in the back of my mind that an event is fast approaching, but leaving until nearer the time any necessity to do anything about it. For shopkeepers and catalogue retailers, this is impossible behaviour. They work to strict timetables, aim their products at certain seasons and specific groups of people, and have everything ready well in advance. Christmas never catches the retail trade by surprise.

We are now in the season of Advent, when our readings remind us of the sudden return of Jesus Christ as King and Judge. His return cannot be predicted, but it can

be prepared for - by serious self-examination and a realistic self-assessment in the light of the holiness of God. Just how far short we fall can be only too clear to us, and our need of God's love and mercy, shown in Jesus Christ, is all the more pressing. Where do we find them? How else can we prepare ourselves? Confession, both personal and corporately with God's Church, is a first step. Worship and prayer, again both personal and church-based, come next, followed by a transformed lifestyle, similarly lived out personally and within the orbit of the Church, both local and worldwide. Then 'justice will flow like rivers, and mercy like running streams', both in our lives and in the life of the world. Our Advent preparation, as individuals and churches, makes us ready not just for Christmas, but for the reality of Jesus Christ, alive and judging this world.

May you know peace and blessings this Advent-tide, all through Christmas and into God's New Year. ❖

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### TUESDAY CLUB

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Our December meeting will be our Christmas Party on 7th December, 7:00 for 7:30pm in the Court House. The two course meal and coffee with a vegetarian option will cost £4.50. Please let Angela Morris (866992) know by Friday 3rd December whether you will be attending and bringing a guest.

We will be running a stall at the Christian Aid Fair on Saturday 11th December. Contributions to Angela Morris or Margaret Barnard please.

We meet in the Court House at 8:15pm on the first Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome. Please contact Angela Morris on 866992 or Margaret Barnard on 862794 for further information or just come along on the night - you will be made very welcome. Copies of our programme are available in St Peter's, All Saints and on the noticeboard in the Court House.

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### CHRISTIAN AID FAIR

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The Christian Aid Fair will be held this year on Saturday, 11th December from 9:00am until noon at the Court House, and will again feature the Tuesday Club's very successful home-made confectionery stall. We also hope to sell home-made cakes, preserves and similar groceries; bric-a-brac; toiletries and items suitable as gifts; second-hand toys and records.

However, we can do none of these without your support – both in donating items and in attending the fair with a full purse or wallet. Tea, coffee, cakes and hot mince pies will be available as usual. Donated items can be collected. Please contact either Muriel Johnston on 866447 or Ted Lewis on 864352

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### MILLENNIUM CALENDAR

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The calendar features 13 churches in Dacorum including St Peter's, Berkhamsted. It retails for £17.50 and a donation from the sales will be given to the featured churches.

Each calendar is numbered and signed by the artist, Peter Wagon. For more information see the notice board in the church or phone Wagon's Art Supplies on 255215.





The programme of events sponsored by the trust in December is as follows:

On *Friday 3rd December* a number of local charities will stage a *Christmas Light Festival*, supported by various children's choirs, near the town Christmas tree at 4:30pm.

On *Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th December* the Little Gaddesden drama club presents a cabaret with supper at 8:00pm in the Little Gaddesden village hall. Tickets are £8 from Ashridge Interiors, Lower Kings Road.

On *Saturday 4th December* the Cowper Society present Berkhamsted Choral Society in a concert at 7:30pm in St Peter's church. Tickets from the secretary (864460) or choir members cost £6 (under 14s £3). The programme includes Vivaldi (*Gloria*), Handel (*Zadok the Priest*) and Britten (*Rejoice in the Lamb*).

On *Sunday 5th December* Berkhamsted Jazz present the *Alex Welsh Reunion Band* in a concert in the Civic Centre at 7:30pm. Tickets £7 for non-members.

On *Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December* Berkhamsted Film Society present the UK/Eire film *The Boxer* starring Daniel Day Lewis in an Ulster drama in the Civic Centre at 8:00pm. Tickets in advance from the Library cost £3.

On *Saturday 11th December* Berkhamsted Music Society present the *Garden Consort* (artists from the Royal Opera House) singing a selection from the world of opera in the Civic Centre at 8:00pm. Tickets at the door cost £7.

On *Sunday 19th December* the Dacorum Symphony Orchestra give a concert including music by Tchaikovsky (*Nutcracker Suite*) and *John and the Music Man* written and narrated by Anthony Hopkins at 3:30pm in the Dacorum Pavilion, Hemel Hempstead. Tickets from the Pavilion box office (228700) cost £7 (concessions £4).

On *Thursday 23rd December* the Cowper Society present the Chiltern Chamber Choir in a performance of *Messiah* (Handel) at 7:30pm in St Peter's church. Tickets at the door cost £8 (concessions £6).

## NEW HORIZONS

*New Horizons* is an ecumenical venture for the Berkhamsted and Tring area. It has been organised to give opportunities for good quality Christian education. The aim is to feed the heart as well as the mind.

*Through the doors of death* asks whether a near-death experience can provide authentic insights into the post-mortem state of the soul. How do such experiences compare with traditional religious teachings about life after death? What is the current state of research into such matters?

This is a day of teaching, exploration and reflection on this vital issue which affects us all. It will be held on Saturday, 11th December 1999 from 10:30am to 5:30pm in the Cecilia Hall, Puttenham. The cost is £6. The leaders are Dr Peter Fenwick (senior lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry) and Rev. Martin Nathaniel. Other speakers will talk from their own personal experience.

*Ascent of the Heart* is an introduction to the Christian mystical tradition. It aims to enable participants to share the insights of the spiritual masters. It will be held on Mondays 24th & 31st January and 7th & 14th February in All Saints' Hall at 8:00pm. The cost is £8; the leader is Rev. Martin Nathaniel, vicar of Long Marston, Puttenham and Wilstone.

More details of *New Horizons* courses will be given next month.

## ELLA'S RIDGEWAY DAY REMEMBERED

A late update on the amount raised from 'Ella's Ridgeway Day' (see the July 1999 *Review*). Thanks to last minute generosity the amount raised for the benefit of the Ella Beaumont support fund now stands at £6,035.

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## ASHRIDGE WALKS

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The Friends of Ashridge invite you to join them on their Christmas walk on Tuesday, 28th December beginning at 10:00am from Monument Green. Tickets for this and other walks can be obtained from Steve Powell at 17 Redwood Glade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 7JT (01525 384139) and cost £4 (£3 for 'Friends'). On return to the visitor centre mulled wine will be served.

The starting point is map reference SP 971 131 on Ordnance Survey Landranger sheet no 165 or Pathfinder sheet no 1094.

In 2000 the Friends of Ashridge will stage three general interest walks (cost £3, members £2) and four special interest walks (£4, members £3). You are urged to order tickets in advance from Steve Powell.

The general interest walks are:

*Bluebell Walk (Thursday 7th May).* Start at the visitor centre (SP 971 131) at 7:00pm.

*Downland Flora and Fauna (Thursday 29th June).* Start at Steps Hill car park, Beacon Road (SP 963 131) at 7:00pm.

*Walk in the Woods (Wednesday 5th July).* Start at Frithsden Beaches (SP 978 128) at 7:00pm

The specialist walks are:

*Early morning Birds (Saturday 14th May).* Start at Steps Hill car park (SP 963 157) at 5:00am.

*Historic Parkland Walk (Wednesday 7th June).* Start at Ashridge College car park (SP 994 122) at 7:00pm.

*Looking at Deer (Sunday 22nd October).* Start at the road end of Monument Drive (SP 978 128) at 7:00am.

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## SUGARCRAFT

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The British Sugarcraft Guild (Chiltern Hills branch) will be presenting a stall selling Christmas fare at the community market on Saturday 4th December from 9:00am to 12 noon.

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## BERKHAMSTED W.I.

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Mrs G Blumson, our president, welcomed members to the October meeting and expressed the hope that all members were still working towards and remembering their contributions for our Autumn Fair. This was held on Saturday, 13th November. The fair is our largest annual fund raising venture and was held in the Civic Centre for the first time.

Our speakers for the evening were Mr and Mrs Healey who came to describe to members their shared retirement hobby *Making Dolls* using porcelain slip. Mr and Mrs Healey brought a large selection of beautiful dolls from their collection, pointing out however that doll making is purely for them a hobby and not a business!

The dolls are all made from moulds which contain the shapes and features relevant to the model being made. Grandfather and grandmother dolls even have arthritic feet! Members were delighted to be shown the actual process of slip pouring into a mould and were fascinated to hear of the many hours which the whole process takes. The sculpting of one eye can even take over an hour!

Mrs Healey herself makes all the costumes for the dolls – from underwear to outer wear – including no end of petticoats for the ladies!

The institute was delighted to have been part of this superb example of a retired couple working together with such obvious enthusiasm for a wonderful joint hobby.

Our November meeting was our annual meeting and was held on 17th November in the Gable Hall.

Visitors and new members will, as ever, be warmly welcomed to all our regular meetings.

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## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.

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At our meeting on 3rd December John Broderick will speak to us on *Women in Roman Times* at the Court House at 2:00pm. ❖

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's:</i>	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		11:00am	Celebrate Together (2nd Sunday only) - A service for all ages			
		6:00pm	Evensong [except 1st Sunday]			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	Eucharist [except 1st Sunday]			
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall ( <i>This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced</i> )			
		6:30pm	Evensong [1st Sunday only] Other Sundays Methodist service			
		7:30-9:30pm	Youth Fellowship ( <i>contact Christine Billington 385566</i> )			
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)
	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		
		<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm EP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm EP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP		5:00pm	EP
<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH:</b> 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>					
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>GRIEF &amp; LOSS SUPPORT GROUP</b> 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.					
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>OPEN HOUSE:</b> 11:30am - 5:00pm with the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park <i>Stay for five minutes or five hours; unlimited coffee; lunch; tell a friend, bring a friend.</i>					
<b>Mondays (except 1st)</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP:</b> 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park					
<b>1st Tuesday</b>	<b>TUESDAY CLUB</b> 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Angela Morris 866992 or secretary Margaret Barnard 862794.					
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>CHUCKLES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time 1st & 3rd Tuesdays; Short service 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Special activity weekly. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Jenny Wells 870981.					
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP:</b> 2:15pm third Tuesday at 61 Kitsbury Road. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
<b>2nd Tues</b>	<b>MOTHERS' UNION:</b> meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981					
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>MEDITATION GROUP:</b> meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's 1 Montague Road. <i>Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown 863268					
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB</b> 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 385566.					
<b>4th Wed</b>	<b>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:</b> meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. The meetings are usually addressed by a guest speaker and the group attracts senior members for whom lifts can be arranged. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
<b>Thursday Tuesday / Friday</b>	<b>BELLRINGING:</b> 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804 <b>TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS:</b> Tues 1-3pm / Fri 9:30-11:30am. Two separate weekly meetings for informal Bible study and support. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 for Tuesday or Gillian Malcolm 874993 for Friday					
<b>Friday</b>	<b>LITTLE FISHES PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP:</b> 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 864194					
<b>Friday</b>	<b>CHOIR: Boys</b> 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), <b>Adults</b> 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
<b>3rd Saturday</b>	<b>ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST:</b> 8:00am for breakfast followed by prayers. Meetings rotate between local churches.					

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There is Eucharist every Tuesday (9:30am) at All Saint's and every Wednesday (6:45am), Thursday (11:00am) and Friday (9:15am) at St Peter's. At St Peter's there is 7:30am Morning Prayer every weekday and 5:30pm Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

## November / December 1999

### OCTOBER

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|----|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31 | 10:00am | Joint Patronal Festival Eucharist.   | <i>All Saints'</i> |
|    |         | Preacher: The Venerable John Burgess |                    |
| 31 | 6:30pm  | Joint Songs of Praise                | <i>All Saints'</i> |

### NOVEMBER

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|----|--------|--|------------------------|
| 2  | 8:00pm | All Souls Eucharist – John Rutter <i>Requiem</i>   | <i>St Peter's</i>      |
| 3  | 8:00pm | St Peter's Area Committee  | <i>Court House</i>     |
| 7  | 2:30pm | Children's Praise & Thank-you – a short service  | <i>All Saints'</i>     |
| 7  | 7:30pm | Oboe & Organ Recital   | <i>St Peter's</i>      |
| 7  | 8:00pm | The All Saints' Festival Service of Celebration  | <i>All Saints'</i>     |
| 11 | 8:00pm | All Saints' Area Committee   |                        |
| 13 | 4:00pm | Evensong at St Albans when <i>Yews for the Millennium</i> will be distributed to the parishes. | <i>St Albans Abbey</i> |
| 14 | 3:00pm | Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance  | <i>St Peter's</i>      |
| 14 | 6:00pm | Choral Evensong  | <i>St Peter's</i>      |
| 20 | 8:00am | ABC Prayer Breakfast   | <i>St Andrews URC</i>  |
| 20 | 7:30pm | <i>Bridgewater Band</i> concert  | <i>St Peter's</i>      |
| 24 | 8:00pm | <i>Christmas is for Adults Too</i> : Fr Mark gives the first of three talks.                   | <i>St Peter's</i>      |
| 28 | 9:15am | Preacher: the Revd Andrew Pattman, Diocesan Advisor for children's work                        | <i>All Saints'</i>     |
| 28 | 6:00pm | Advent Carol Service   | <i>St Peter's</i>      |
|    | 6:30pm | Advent Carol Service   | <i>All Saints'</i>     |

### DECEMBER

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|----------|--------|--|----------------------------|
| 1        | 8:00pm | <i>Christmas is for Adults Too</i> : Fr Mark talks     | <i>St Peter's</i>          |
| 4        | 7:30pm | Berkhamsted Choral Society concert                     |                            |
| 5        | 8:00pm | Taizé-style Evening worship                            | <i>All Saints'</i>         |
| 8        | 8:00pm | <i>Christmas is for Adults Too</i> : Fr Mark talks     | <i>St Peter's</i>          |
| 12       | 6:00pm | Choral Evensong  | <i>St Peter's</i>          |
| 14       | 8:00pm | PCC  | <i>All Saints'</i>         |
| 15       | 8:00pm | ABC Carol Service, Preacher: Stephen Cottrell          | <i>St Peter's</i>          |
| 18       | 8:00am | ABC Prayer Breakfast                                   | <i>Northchurch Baptist</i> |
| 19       | 6:30pm | Carol Service  | <i>All Saints'</i>         |
| 23       | 7:30pm | GF Handel: <i>The Messiah</i> : Chiltern Chamber Choir | <i>St Peter's</i>          |
| 31-2 Jan |        | Celebrate the Millennium at All Saints'                |                            |

## Baptisms (St Peter's)

10 October Molly Elizabeth Clark  
 24 October Angus Richard Brompton, Eleanor Frances Brompton,  
 Katie Emma Maleham, Laura King

## Weddings (St Peter's)

23 October Adam Jefferson Evans & Kathryn Alison Tregenza Pickup

## Funerals

25 October	Donald James Hicks	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)
1 November	William Vallance	West Herts Crematorium
10 November	John Anthony Ranscombe	St Peter's (burial Kingshill Cemetery)

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 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) Holy Communion  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Wednesday 6.45am  
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Thursday 11.00am  
 (in the Court House) followed Friday 9.15am  
 by coffee in the Court House. Morning Prayer: Mon-Sat 7:30am  
 11:00am Celebrate Together (2nd Sun) Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:30pm  
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon Sat 5:00pm  
 (except 1st Sunday see All Saints') Holy Days - see weekly Notices  
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Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894  
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 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday - Methodist rite)  
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, 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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