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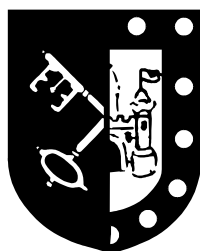
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Welcome to the August issue of the *Berkhamsted Review*.

This month's issue has something of a financial theme, which seems a little at odds with the height of the holiday season when we tend to think about anything else but money (at least, until the bills start rolling in for those trips to far flung places). However, some practical aspects of life don't wait for seasonal cycles and paying one's way is one of them. In this of course the Church is no exception.

We give prominence in this issue to two important articles which look at the Church's finances. The focus is not on 'bean counting' in some remote corner of the Church, but on *our* finances in St Peter's and All Saint's right here in Berkhamsted. The articles concern you, me and every member of our two congregations. Michael Robinson has written in the last two issues of the *Review* about our current financial position, and looks at another angle this month. Miles Nicholas, our stewardship recorder, then explains how the new Gift Aid scheme can benefit the Church at no cost to donors. I would commend both articles as essential reading for all of us, and then for us to reflect on how we can respond to the challenge and opportunity they describe.

Chris Smalley

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Rev Peter Hart urges us to fit both holy days and holidays into our lives.

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**Fr Robin Figg
looks at the
question of
children and
communion.**

review leader

children to communion before confirmation. This process included discussion in each parish with views being fed back to Bishop Christopher to assist him in his decision-making.

In June every parish in the diocese received a paper from Bishop Christopher outlining his decision. Originally planned for January, the delay in making the decision demonstrates the great care the bishop has taken in making what will have been a far from easy decision. In the end the bishop has decided to permit a change to the inherited Anglican pattern so that baptised children may be admitted to communion before confirmation. He says that a future pattern for children in the diocese might be:

- infant baptism;
- first communion at 7 years of age, or as soon thereafter as practicable;
- Confirmation from 12 years of age upwards, administered by the bishop;
- and possibly, for those young people when they are fully adult, a liturgy of public commitment to active Christian witness and service.

Whilst the bishop has made his decision to permit such a change, he is also quite clear that the decision whether or not to make the change from the current practice of confirmation before communion to the new pattern is entirely in the hands of the incumbent and the PCC of each parish, in consultation with the bishop. Before any application is made to the bishop by a

You will be aware, I hope, that a process of consultation has been going on in this diocese for some time over the question of admitting chil-

parish a number of important stages will need to be worked through:

- the incumbent must be in favour of a move to the new pattern;
- the incumbent and PCC must take a vote in principle with a simple majority in favour of exploring a move from the traditional to the new pattern;
- the people of the parish will have the opportunity to carefully consider and explore our Anglican understanding of the theology of baptism, the eucharist, confirmation and the nature of the Church;
- a practical programme of teaching and learning for children and their families will be devised to introduce and sustain the new pattern;
- the PCC will take a further vote and approve by a two-thirds majority the decision to adopt the new pattern.

It is clear then that more thinking and talking is necessary – by us all. Everyone will have opportunity to contribute to the discussion that must take place before the PCC makes the final decision on behalf of the parish. Whatever the way forward is to be in this parish, it must be hoped that this process of ongoing discussion will provide good opportunity for creative thinking and reflection by all of us on many aspects of our Christian faith, particularly our support of our young people.

I leave the final word to the bishop: 'I am convinced of one thing,' he says, 'that the care of families, children, young people and adults through baptism, communion and confirmation, is central to the life of all parishes.' ❖

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The Town's Wildlife

Red sky in morning, shepherds' warning: a traditional piece of weather folklore that in my experience is always true in Berkhamsted. If the sky is red over Bourne End way as I go for the morning paper, by lunchtime it will have rained, mark my words. The predicted weather for the day is just one of the pieces of useful information I am able to give to Mrs Cook when I get back from the short morning walk down Castle Street to the railway station. Another is an up-to-date report on the state of the Town's animal population.

I have remarked before on the wealth of wildlife along the canal and our little river, and this year has been no exception. For example, every now and again in the summer the fish swim near the surface of the canal and if the water has not recently been muddied by the passage of a boat it is possible to see them clearly, this year in remarkable profusion, some of them really big.

Swans nested near the *Rising Sun*, and when the young were born switched their territory between the Bulbourne and the canal. The pretty young of the grey wagtails are to be seen about, with bright yellow under their tails. Mallard as usual have bred profusely, one brood containing

two chicks of a bright gold colour. Moorhens and coots have both produced young near the railway station. Further down the Bulbourne, Canada geese have bred and swim along in line abreast, a parent at the front, the other at the rear with the young in between, in graceful convoy. Often there is a solitary tern patrolling the canal and a heron too. A kingfisher is about, I have been told, but I haven't personally caught a glimpse of it for some time.

Sadly what we no longer see in the spring and early summer are the house martins collecting mud from the puddles along by the tow path to build their nests with. But the swifts have been back once again, although by the time this issue of the *Review* is out ours will no longer be wheeling and squealing round St Peter's tower: they will have left for Africa where they spend most of their lives.

An extraordinary thing I heard on Radio 4's *Countryside* programme the other morning was that when swifts leave the nest they never land again until they nest next year. So those born in Berkhamsted, despite travelling halfway round the world and being away for some eight months, spend their lives on the wing, soaring and hawking over the African plains, never alighting anywhere until they get back here.

Village Churches

Within a few miles of Berkhamsted there are lots of interesting historic village churches: a remarkable number in fact if you count them up. Some are closed or only used for occasional services, such as Pitstone and Edlesborough, but most of them are still fully functioning; some are even open every day to the casual visitor. There is hardly one that is not worth stopping to look in at.

We were fortunate that after the AGM of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust held in Little Gaddesden church in June we were given an informed talk on that church, and this was followed by a visit to Nettleden church and a talk there.

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Little Gaddesden is remarkable for the monuments crammed into it to the wealthy families that lived in Ashridge House for generations: the Bridgewaters and Brownlows. One of the monuments, to John, Earl of Bridgewater, of 1823 is considered to be one of the finest works of one of England's greatest sculptors, Westmacott. But although those two families chose to be buried in Little Gaddesden, in fact the parish in which the great palace where they lived stands is Nettleden.



Nettleden parish church: a village with more badgers than people?

Nettleden is only a tiny village and it is perhaps fortunate to have been able to keep its church going. John Kirby who is vicar of the parish of Nettleden with Frithsden (and of course Potten End as well) says that the parish has more badgers in it than people. Through a quirk of history, until 1895 Nettleden church was a chapel of ease in the parish of Pitstone which is some six miles away. One of John Kirby's responsibilities (or privileges) is to take the services held in the magnificent chapel at Ashridge.

A previous vicar of Nettleden in the 19th century was George Spencer Cautley, who apart from being a priest was a poet and an artist too. He was small and a hunchback, and when he died he was buried in his churchyard. He wrote his own rather touching epitaph:

*'Beneath the shelter of this yew tree's
shade
A little harmless rhyming priest is laid.
He loved his life though not of death
afraid,
And loved his Maker, though so strangely
made.'*

Speaking to the Press

Is there a God? I always think this is rather an odd question put, among others, pretty well every week to the local personality interviewed in the *Gazette*. It's the 'a' that puzzles me. Not 'do you believe in God', or 'does God exist', but 'Is there *a* God'. Anyway, those who clearly don't believe in Him often tend to be rather circumspect, particularly if they hold prominent official positions. A week or two ago the interviewee replied 'Everyone has his or her own moral code' or words to that effect: a politic way of getting out of it.

If I were to be asked if there was a God I think I would say yes, just the one. But when I was interviewed, some years ago now, they didn't ask me that; they did, though, want to know who was the living person I most admired. I replied on the spur of the moment 'the Pope' (I think because he had at that time just made a pronouncement, probably something quite reactionary of which I approved). This brought all sorts of responses from friends and acquaintances: incredulity; disagreement; questions as to why I had said it; had the paper got it right, and so on. So this did show that people do actually read that column in our local paper, although it is tucked away in the Part 2 section ❖

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

Jenny Wells reports on the worldwide literacy problem and what the M.U. is doing about it.

One in four adults in the developing world cannot read or write. That is up 872 million people!



Women are 60 per cent more likely to be illiterate than men. Can you imagine what a handicap that is? Being denied the right to basic education can keep people in poverty and unable to speak out.

Adults are now realising how vital literacy is in helping to support themselves and their families. When the woman cannot read or write she has no say in the family and cannot contribute to the family income. The husband is able to take complete control even though his wife does the bulk of the work.

The M.U. has been concerned about this for some time, and is now beginning a 'literacy project' in Africa. Women from Malawi, Burundi and Sudan have been trained in Kampala so that they in their turn can train and support local facilitators to teach local classes. Their teaching will use resources already in the community rather than formal reading material.

The trainers will be paid M.U. workers and by the time you read this the first groups will have started.

Our M.U. group is already praying for this project and is awaiting details so that we can support it in other ways. Watch this space! ❖

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Following the success of the Emmaus courses we have run over the past months, we will be offering a number of courses from September to November this year. The first course, *What Christians Believe*, covers the basics of the Christian faith and is very suitable for adults who are considering confirmation. We have found that this course is also suitable for those who are new to Christianity and for established members of the Church who feel that they would be helped by a 'refresher' course in the basics of the faith.

What Christians Believe will run for six weeks on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. The programme will be:

26/27 Sept	<i>God is there and he matters</i>
3/4 Oct	<i>We need God in our lives</i>
10/11 Oct	<i>Jesus - his ministry and his death</i>
17/18 Oct	<i>The resurrection of Jesus</i>
7/8 Nov	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>
14/15 Nov	<i>Becoming a Christian</i>

Further modules of this course will run in the early part of 2001.

In addition to the *What Christians Believe* course, we plan to run a five week course under the heading *Growing in the scriptures*. Intended for those who would like to know more about the Bible, the timing of this course will depend on the number of people who are interested in attending.

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It was in February 1999 that I last wrote about the Bulbourne so perhaps it is time for an update on the fluctuating picture in the upper reaches beyond Billet Lane. By the spring of 1999 the river was flowing from its present source in the field beyond Dudswell. Unfortunately this did not last long, and over the next

few months flow gradually disappeared. The water table got lower through the autumn, reaching a low point at the end of November after two months of low rainfall. The good news is that four out of the last seven months have had high rainfall and levels have recovered well. The river has been flowing from or near its source for the last three months.

In the days before the canal was built the Bulbourne was no doubt much more vigorous and able to flood at times to sustain its water meadows as far as Dudswell and maybe even beyond. But the modern Bulbourne, being a small chalk stream, is always at the mercy of the weather patterns. Its present state of health is also dependent on the activities of public bodies. In the second half of 1999 British Waterways were exercising their rights to pump from the aquifer at Northchurch and Cow Roast on at least 56 days out of 150. This was almost as many as for the whole of 1998, and must have increased the speed and extent of the drop in underground levels. By contrast, since February this year there has been very little pumping and that has helped the recovery. In the longer term the really good news is that Thames Water who operate the pumping station at

BULBOURNE REPORT 2000

David Simmons looks at the current state of the Bulbourne as it flows through our town.

Newground, between Northchurch and Tring, have agreed to close down pumping by 2005. By then they will have installed new pipes to bring water from the Thames to supply Tring and Aylesbury. This will make a big difference to the amount of underground water in the Bulbourne catchment.

It should mean that in good or average rainfall years the Bulbourne should flow continuously with just occasional dryness in low rainfall years. This would be a dramatic reversal of the present situation where the river dries up in both poor and average years, and needs above-average rainfall to keep it flowing. One potential fly in the ointment could be if British Waterways were to increase their pumping, which they have a right to do under the terms of their licences for abstraction. This would to some extent negate the advantages of the Newground shut down. However all existing licences are now being reviewed. There is a good chance they will be subject to tougher restrictions over the next two years under new legislation, if they can be shown to be having a detrimental effect on the environment.

Finally there is the lurking impact of the building of many more houses in the Bulbourne catchment area. Much more attention needs to be given to make both new and existing housing more water-efficient. This is an issue which has received very little serious thought and even less serious action. These problems are likely to flow on. Let us hope the Bulbourne does too. ❖

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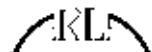
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council & news views

Town councillor **Ian Reay**
examines the health of
Berkhamsted's street market.

Although the street market in Berkhamsted cannot be said to be thriving, it is surviving and even in a modest way prospering. This is despite the closure of the old Waitrose building and the move of Waitrose to the new site further along the high street which ought to have removed a large element of passing trade

from the market. The street market seems to be holding up well despite pressures building up against the success of street markets across the country which seem to have significantly worsened in recent years. Markets elsewhere are faring less well. In Hemel Hempstead, for example, the street market is being privatised and as from this month will be run by Town and County Markets. This seems to be a rather desperate move by Dacorum borough council to breathe some life into a market that over the last ten years has been in steady decline. The Hemel Hempstead market used to be in the Old Town high street and moved to the Marlowes at the same time as many other shops and by so doing remained at the centre of shopping activity in Hemel Hempstead. But as the new covered shopping mall opened and trade moved along to the other end of the Marlowes the market has suffered. It can no longer compete with supermarkets, department stores, boutiques and garden centres.

I remember that until 1995 or perhaps 1996 – I can't recall for sure – Berkhamsted town market was the responsibility of the town council who acted as trustees. After the trusteeship of the market was detached from the town council and handed over to a small group of dedicated trustees the management of the market improved. The new trustees introduced an antiques market on a second day in the week and extended the length of

the high street on which stalls can be pitched. Use of the market is staying at a steady level.

Street markets seem to be in decline throughout the country. I read a fascinating description, in a recent edition of the *Salisbury Review*, of the changes that have overcome Chapel Street market in the

Angel, Islington. Once a thriving street market, Chapel Street market started to go into a decline about ten years ago. Vacant pitches began to appear for the first time, customers and trading declined and are now at less than a half of their previous levels. Fruit and vegetable stalls have steadily disappeared and been replaced with pitches selling clothes and shoes. This decline seems to result from more general social changes, not just competition from supermarkets and shopping malls. For example, the increasing use of credit cards rather than cash by shoppers may also be playing a role.

But despite all this Berkhamsted market is doing surprisingly well. The market traders are a very resilient group of people. I remember an incident that impressed this on me. Before the trustees took over its management the street market traders were invited to a meeting in the civic centre to show them the proposals for the traffic calming measures which were being introduced into the town. These involved repaving the high street, narrowing the carriageway and widening the pavements in such a way that the traders working arrangements were to be severely disrupted. Despite the fact that the traders' income might well have been worsened by the plans they were astonishingly placid and good-natured, offering little or no word of complaint.



The season of car boot sales is upon us once again. I love 'em! But the thing that always amazes me is the tremendous number of children's toys which are on offer. Usually in mint condition, many still boxed, they lie in colourful plastic stacks on and under and around the pasting tables!

Confronted by one such tableful, in the playground of a local school recently, I remarked to the young mum stallholder that it would seem that children have too many toys to start with! "Oh yes", she replied earnestly, "You see, we have to keep up with each other". So it all begins *before* they are old enough to wear trainers!

Among my extensive collection of toys is a donkey made of crown caps removed from drink bottles during the war. These

IN NOSTALGIC MOOD

Are kids today missing out on the fun of making toys and improvising, wonders
Liz Baxendale.

stuffed with sawdust that we kept for our rabbits.

Sometimes I played 'post offices', with the triangular fireguard resting on books on the table to make the grille under which I could pass telegram forms and stamps to my customers! A few corks cut into shapes, a old ink-pad, a few old envelopes and an indelible pencil (which left my mouth purple for days) kept me quiet for hours.

have been threaded on wire to make the body and legs. The ears are two more, bent over (and pretty sharp!). It is one of a whole collection of animals made by a barmaid mum to amuse her small boy at a time when toys were almost unobtainable. At about the same time I was playing with rag dolls, made by me, from scraps of material tacked together and



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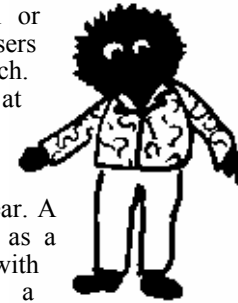
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Between four and five years I learnt to knit, sitting on the 'dumpty' by the fire and Mum, chanting 'Put it in, put it round, pull it through and slide it off' as a scarf for a doll or braces for Ted's trousers grew inch by slow inch. A few toys turned up at Christmas, generally made by the boys of a local school which held a toy fair each year. A horse had started life as a Vim canister, with dowelling legs and a green wool mane and tail. I adored him! My golly had a blackout curtain body and a blue brocade coat. He died of love, his kapok stuffing coming finally through the curtain material worn out by cuddles. What a way to go!



Between the booty of Christmases and birthdays, I made dolls furniture from matchboxes, cradles from shoe boxes, 'spinners' from coat buttons, and boats and planes from firewood.



As I watch the children of Berkhamsted walking along in their designer trainers talking on their 'mobiles' I think of the string and cocoa tin telephone system which ran between *five* bathrooms and ours. It

worked and gave tremendous fun to the nine children involved as we sat in our 'five inches of bath water' on Friday nights!

Classic Chassis we had not. But most families ran a wagon, made of a wooden box set on old pram wheels. I saw one a few months ago in Northchurch and it cheered my heart! Do kids still use hammer and nails? (you were nobody without a blackened nail or two), or does

everything come in moulded plastic and ready-made nowadays?

Actually I think we had more fun. I didn't know what 'bored' meant, and we all looked forward to the long summer holidays as a time of freedom to make and do. We planned and presented concerts behind a bedspread curtain hung on the washing line, made Indian camps with garden canes and old sheets, and knocked bits of wood together in an attempt to make a raft which would make it across the paddling pond in the park.



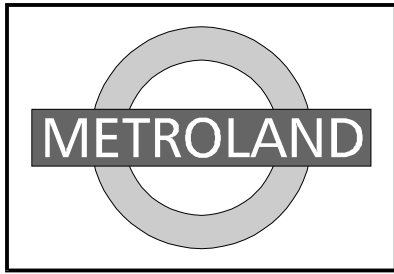
Ah! The park!... a proper 'northern' one, with duck ponds, statuary, bowling greens, a rose garden, putting green, acres of grass flat and sloping, and a bandstand, all under the watchful eye, as were all the children, of the park-keeper. But more about him at a later date perhaps! ❖

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Stephen Halliday continues his story of the evolution of Metroland with the tale of the tower that wasn't, and the birth of the 'nimby'.

The Watkin Tower

The first, and most bizarre, attempt to generate passenger revenue from property development occurred in 1890, soon after the Metropolitan Railway took advantage of its unique opportunity to establish a property subsidiary within the Metropolitan family. The property company purchased 280 acres of land at Wembley Park upon the initiative of Sir Edward Watkin, chairman of the Metropolitan Railway Co., to increase the Metropolitan's passenger traffic. Watkin's attention had been caught by the success of the Eiffel Tower in attracting visitors to the Paris Exhibition of 1889. He despatched a Metropolitan engineer to inspect the edifice and in July 1890 he informed his shareholders that the existence of such a tower adjacent to their railway would guarantee huge increases in passenger traffic, profits and dividends. It was naturally to be expected that a London tower would be superior to a Parisian one so a 'Tower Company' was formed and

chose Wembley as the site for a one thousand foot tower, fifteen feet higher than Gustave Eiffel's. Watkin informed his shareholders that 'the Tower company have selected a site adjacent to your railway, between Neasden and Harrow, upon which to erect their proposed Great Tower'. This convenient decision was no doubt influenced by the fact that Watkin was the Tower Company's biggest shareholder, though the Metropolitan Railway itself, upon Watkin's advice, later bought £60,000 worth of its shares. Like his Manchester to Paris visions, the Tower attracted his critics, who were roundly abused. One shareholder, Dr Turle, who moved an amendment criticising the plan, was told by Watkin that 'his amendment was about the most foolish he had ever heard a shareholder raise'. The meeting was temporarily reduced to turmoil.

A competition was held for designs and the results were announced in *The Times* on 18th June, 1890 where many of the entries were described as 'wildly ec-

centric or extravagant, whilst others were marked by an entire absence of architectural merit'. Construction of the winning design began and, by May, 1896, had reached a stage at which visitors could be admitted. Despite Watkin's excited anticipation the event passed almost unnoticed except in the *Wealdstone, Harrow and Wembley Observer* where the announcement of its opening on the Whitsun bank holiday



Sir Edward Watkin's partly completed Tower

competed for space in that obscure newspaper with the attractions of jugglers, conjurors and mind-readers. The magistrates even refused it a licence to sell alcohol. In the first year 18,500 came in place of the expected hordes. Construction ceased. The fragment was blown up by its disappointed owners in 1907 and the site was given over to Wembley football stadium which generated far more traffic for the Metropolitan Railway than the Tower had ever done. The Watkin Tower was a disappointment but it could not be said that its promoter lacked vision. Other more conventional developments quickly followed.

Hampstead Garden Suburb

At the time when C T Yerkes, a flamboyant American financier, was planning the construction of the Hampstead Tube to Golders Green agricultural land in the vicinity of the proposed railway began to increase rapidly in value as speculators, many of them rumoured to be American colleagues of Yerkes, saw the opportunities for profit arising from its development. In his evidence to the Royal Commission on London Transport in 1904 Robert Perks had revealed that land in the Golders Green area had tripled in value to between £600 and £700 an acre as a result of the proposed railway line. At this time much of the land in Golders Green, on the northern edge of Hampstead Heath, was owned by Eton College which had acquired it from Henry VIII in exchange for St James's Park. One of the residents, with a weekend cottage overlooking Hampstead Heath, was (later Dame) Henrietta Barnett who was unenthusiastic at the prospect of developments which might generate suburban housing on the Heath. She later described an encounter she and her husband had in 1896 when the Hampstead Tube existed only on paper:

'In 1896 we went to Russia and on the ship we met a man who told us of the schemes of tube travelling of which we are all now cognisant;

and that one of the plans was a station just by Wyldes [near the site of the present Golders Green station]. It became therefore imperative to enlarge the Heath and a large Committee was got together whose object was to add eighty acres of open space to the historic Heath'.

The identity of the fellow passenger who was so well acquainted with London tube projects is not clear. It may have been Yerkes himself though there is no record of his having taken a ship to Russia in 1896 and if it was Yerkes one would have expected Henrietta Barnett to mention that he was American, which she omitted to do.

As a result of Henrietta Barnett's campaign eighty acres to the east of the proposed station were purchased for £43,241 16s 4d from Eton College and the land was presented to the London county council as a permanent addition to Hampstead Heath. Henrietta's protective instincts were now turned to the remainder of the Eton College property, a further 243 acres, which were evidently threatened by the prospective tube railway. Another committee was formed and over £200,000 raised, much of it from people who, in Henrietta's words 'loving beauty, grieved over the hideous methods usually pursued as London stretched out its arms into the suburbs'. The remaining land was purchased and became the Hampstead Garden Suburb, designed as a community where different social classes could live together in harmony, in well-designed houses set amongst green spaces along tree-lined roads. The scheme attracted visits from royalty and the support of architects and planners as distinguished as Raymond Unwin and Sir Edwin Lutyens, though the latter's view of Henrietta was less than flattering: 'a nice woman but proud of being a Philistine – has no idea beyond a window box full of geraniums over which you can see a goose on the green'. ❖

Saturday, 24th June, the day of the Petertide Fair, proved grey and wet. It was difficult to create a carnival atmosphere in a dank churchyard when half the stalls had perforce to move into the church. Nevertheless, the fair was a huge success both as a fun event and financially, despite an inevitable reduction in the takings of some of the stalls.

Moving events and stalls inside the church proved a silver lining to the clouds outdoors. Thomas Coram and Ashlyn's schools displayed musical talents. Victoria first school, the Berkhamsted Gym Club and the St Peter's Girls Choir each gave virtuoso performances in their own fields. Large audiences around the chancel steps made for an atmosphere of togetherness and appreciation of the talents of the next generation and of their teachers.

The bric a brac stall again proved its ability to 'recycle' over £800 worth of goods without any apparent impression on the amount of goods on display. Valve radios, lawn mowers, glassware, fancy goods, pictures and household items all sold well during the day. The takings were greatly increased by an auction of the more valuable items, and the opportunity to fill a bin bag with left-overs for a small charge. Thanks are due to the donors for their generous gifts to the stall.

As always, the organisers and helpers on other stalls, including, refreshments, barbecue, books, cakes, plants, and tombolas made super-human efforts. The writer is left in awe at how it all happens. To see the quantities of food and goods arriving on the

petertide FAIR 2000

Alex Evans, chairman of this year's Petertide fair committee, looks back on the event.

day, and earlier, gives credence to the feeding of the 5,000. Thank you everyone for your contributions and efforts.

Important though it is, raising money is not the sole objective of the Fair. Many of the stalls were mainly to have fun. Splatting rats, hoop la-ing frogs, and kicking footballs

all added to 'the fun of the fair'. We are grateful to our friends from the Methodist and Baptist congregations who provided man and woman-power to run these stalls in inter-denominational co-operation. A sack race between the churches, won by the Baptist Bounders, concluded the day's events.

A huge marquee shielded the children's toys and games from the adverse weather. The Berkhamsted Lions, who provided the marquee at no charge, erected the sail-like marquee with the assistance of church members on a very blustery Friday afternoon. Without the marquee, an important part of the fair



Punch & Judy was as popular as ever!

would not have been possible.

The prize draw and the sale of advertisements in the programme more than made up for the reduced takings caused by the adverse weather. Thanks are due to the donors of the prizes, and to those who sold and bought draw tickets. We hope the increased print run of 3,500 made the programme a rewarding opportunity for our advertisers. Please support them.

On Sunday evening, June 24th, a delightful musical performance in the Church by *Cantello* raised a handsome addition to the funds. Our thanks are due to Adrian Davis, Kate Semmens and Mary Harris, together with their enthusiastic and generous audience.

The last event of the fair, the opening of the church tower and a tour of the church took place on 1st July. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed an explanation of bell ringing in the ringing room, a rare bird's eye view of Berkhamsted, and the pointing out of the curios and history of the church by John Cook. Splendid cream teas rounded off the tour. The event raised a further £175 for the causes.

Space prevents me from mentioning all the stalls, and the opening of the fair by the mayor of Berkhamsted, the fire engine and the co-operation of the police and our traffic warden. Rest assured that without these, the fair would not be the success and fun that it is.

Many people, helpers and visitors have said how much they enjoyed the fair, and what a happy occasion it was. We have together raised nearly £7,000 to be split between the two causes, the Berkhamsted Patient's Medical Fund and help for street kids in St Petersburg, Russia. It is moving to know that so many people are willing to give so generously of their time and possessions with no thought of personal gain, a true ideal of Christianity.

If I am invited, I look forward to working with you all again at next year's Fair to be held on 23rd June, 2001. Thank you, everyone. ❖

The PCC's Finances

At the half-way stage through the PCC's financial year, treasurer **Michael Robinson** takes stock.

Where does the money go?

The forecast expenditure from the PCC's general fund for this year is approximately £174,000 – some £19,500 more than in 1999:

	£
'Parish share' to the Diocese	76,000
Outward giving	21,000
Transfers to buildings & youth funds	20,000
Regular parish costs	57,000
Total	£174,000

Where does the money come from?

Most of the money needs to come from stewardship - only a small proportion comes from other sources:

	£
Stewardship	120,000
Tax recovered from stewardship	23,000
Collections, fees, lettings etc.	31,000
Total	£174,000

How much is stewardship income so far?

In order for the general fund to 'break-even', we need stewardship income to average around £10,000 per month this year. We have received £51,000 in the six months to 30th June – which is £1,500 up on the first six months of last year - but this is not the £60,000 needed.

At this rate, the shortfall will be £18,000 by the end of the year (and over £21,000 after the effect of smaller tax reclaims). This deficit will have to be met by depleting the PCC's limited reserves.

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Have you ever attended a Berkhamsted town centre advisory forum? If not, you should. After all, we elect councillors, county councillors and MPs and it is very important that we know what is happening. It's absolutely no use grumbling about things that are happening in our town unless we keep an eye on what the said town councillors are doing in our name.

At the meeting on 5th July we learned there has been no decision yet on the *Rex*; the problem seems to be the number of car parking spaces necessary. Apparently no one believes that some people might actually opt to walk to the cinema! Mr Percy Mark, the architect, gave an excellent talk with slides on the Berkhamsted urban design study. Did you know about this? Many of us didn't. We were given interesting information about the Swan Project and realise it is up to all of us to make these young people welcome in the town and to support Karen Grant who is doing an excellent job there.

The problem of litter in the town and round about is getting worse. The chairman felt this was due to lack of training at home and at school. What we have to deal with is those who just throw bottles, wrappings, food and so on down. It really is a disgrace and presumably the

This is your town!

Vera Pullen urges you to come along to town centre advisory forum meetings.

culprits have never been told to either take it home or find a bin. We need more bins and to make sure they are cleared regularly: many, as we all know, are overflowing. Mark Dixon, chairman of the youth forum, said he and other pupils had spent time collecting 14 bags of litter from the *Rex* cinema site some time ago and even then it wasn't clear. Perhaps we all need to have a spare plastic bag with us as we go about the town and help clean it up.

As I have problems walking at present I had asked at a previous meeting why there were no 'Disabled' parking places in the St John's Well Lane car park. Since that meeting two have been provided but they are as far as possible from the shops - right down by the fishing tackle place! Apparently, as I realise, more space is needed for 'Disabled' spaces and it could not be spared. In many ways those of us who have 'orange badges' are lucky in Berkhamsted; even so it is often difficult to find a spare parking space as the population gets older and more of us need them.

Please come to the next meeting, which is on Wednesday 18th October at 7:30pm in the Sessions Hall. I'm sure you will find it interesting and well worth while.



The PCC's Finances *(continued from page 19)*

What are *you* going to do about it?

There will be a stewardship renewal campaign in the autumn. However, why wait until then to reconsider, and hopefully increase, the level of your giving? If you are a taxpayer, existing deeds of covenant can be 'topped up' under the new Gift Aid arrangements (see page 23 of this issue).

Please contact the PCC's stewardship recorder, Miles Nicholas, as soon as possible (at 46 Fieldway, Berkhamsted HP4 2NY – phone 871598).

The General Synod recommends that each member of the Church moves towards giving 5% of their net income.



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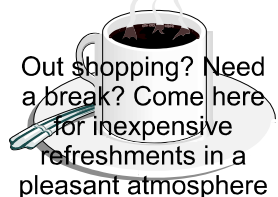
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- the donor has completed or agreed to a declaration
- it can be shown that the donor made the donation

How does the scheme work?

Let's assume you are a taxpayer and you wish your church to reclaim tax on your giving. You convey this intention to the stewardship recorder by letter or e-mail. He will ask you to complete a simple declaration (the only information required is your full name and address) and return it to him. This is all you have to do! There is no form to complete and sign at the end of each tax year. The stewardship recorder will then advise as to the best way of making your gift – weekly envelope, monthly standing order or cheque.

Your questions answered

May I cancel my membership of the scheme?

You may at any time cancel your membership of the Gift Aid scheme.

Miles Nicholas explains how you can increase what the Church receives, thanks to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Can I use Gift Aid to pay the proceeds of fund-raising events to my church?

If you are passing on money collected from other people, that is not your own gift, and so does not qualify.

Can I sign a Gift Aid declaration for gifts I have already made?

Yes, provided certain conditions are met. The stewardship recorder has the details.

I don't pay tax, but my husband/wife does. Can I still use Gift Aid?

Only a taxpayer can give Gift Aid, so your husband/wife should join the scheme.

I already give to the church by Deed of Covenant. Can I use Gift Aid as well?

Yes, you can give in both ways, until your existing covenant has expired.

I pay income tax, but only at the lower rate.

If you pay tax at the lower rate you may still use the Gift Aid scheme, provided that you have paid sufficient tax in any tax year to cover the tax reclaim on your gifts.

I pay some income tax at a higher rate; can I use this to give extra to the church?

If you pay a higher rate tax you will receive full tax relief on your gift. The effect is either to reduce the cost of the gift or to enable you to make a larger donation at no extra after-tax cost. The stewardship recorder can give you more details.

What happens if I no longer pay tax?

Please inform the stewardship recorder immediately.

The PCC's Stewardship Recorder is Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway, Berkhamsted HP4 2NY (phone 871598)





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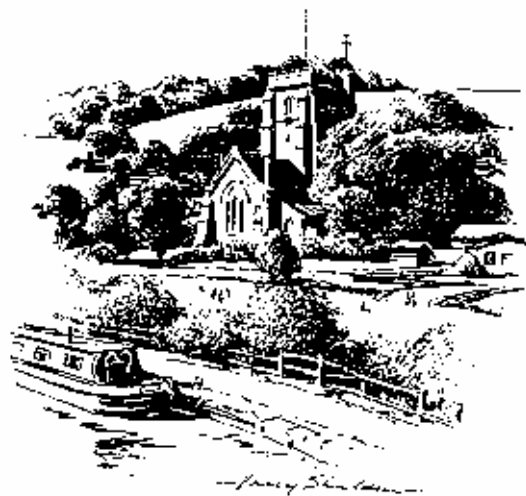
**Revd Peter Hart
advocates fitting
both holy days
and holidays into
our lives.**

The holiday season, which used to coincide roughly with the school summer holidays, has now expanded to such an extent that it has become a meaningless phrase. It is possible to book a holiday to just about anywhere in the world, at any time of year. Rising salaries, more efficient air travel, the desire for tourists' cash have all come together to produce a global, all-year holiday market which is worth millions to every country's economy. It is all so far from the original meaning of the word 'holiday' and from the religious practices that formed the concept of 'sacred rest'.

Holy days were opportunities to worship, days when collective worship was considered more important than any form of work. They were days when the collective remembrance of past events and individuals freed all levels of society from the requirements of work and replaced that with a requirement to worship. Thus, Advent, Christmas, Easter, Ascension Day, Whitsun, Lady Day, Michaelmas, were days of such importance that all work could stop. The day started with corporate worship and feasting followed. The day was made holy not so much by the absence of work as by the pre-eminence of worship and celebration. How can we translate this into our modern, secular approach to leisure? We will never re-capture medieval society's practices, nor would we want to return to their patterns of work. However, their notion of making a day holy is one we would usefully employ.

It is the presence of God which makes something holy. Therefore, if

God is everywhere at all times, as we believe, then everything is made holy. That simple jump of logic actually requires an active involvement on our part to make it true. We have to see the object, the person, the situation as holy, as 'full of God', for us to treat it or them as holy. Thus, we view church buildings as holy places, because we acknowledge that God is present in them. We regard certain people as holy because of the standard of their lives, be it their love, their prayers, their spiritual wisdom or their engagement with the world in response to Christ's calling. Making our holiday holy is therefore up to us. We have to learn to see God in new places, new people, new experiences. We have to learn to meet God in our relaxation and our recreational exertions. Whenever we take our holidays, whether it is through this summer period or at any other time, let us travel with the desire to meet God and to make our friendships, our rest, our discoveries opportunities for worship, for celebration and for a growth in our personal holiness. ❖



BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST: SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

The Beds & Herts is one of a large family of non-denominational county historic churches' trusts which put on sponsored bicycle rides on the second Saturday in September every year. On our boundaries, Bucks, Northants, Cambridgeshire and Essex all take part; that is, every neighbouring county except London. Thus, a rider from Beds & Herts can weave into Bucks to pick up a few extra churches, and vice versa.

Riders ask their relations, friends and colleagues to sponsor them so much for every church that they can visit between 10:00am and 6:00pm on the day. The sponsors write down their name and the amount per church on a special sponsorship form. The riders plan their own itineraries, with the help of a printed list of all the participating churches in the two counties. The churches will be of all denominations, and they will all be open and

manned on the day, barring last-minute hitches.

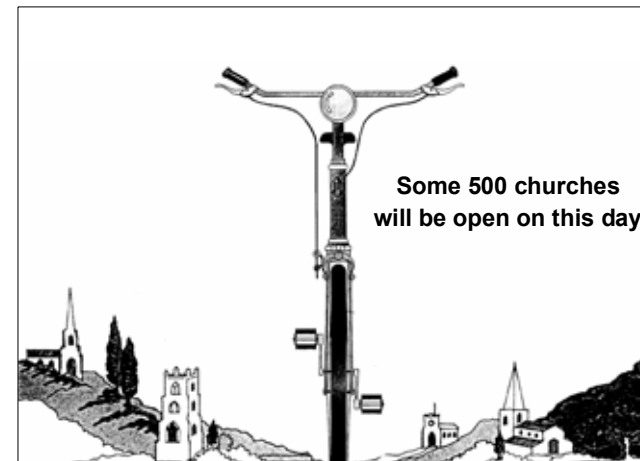
The object of the ride is to raise money both for the trust and for the participating churches. Half of every rider's 'earnings' goes to the trust, but half goes to the church of his or her choice. Thus, the more riders from a given parish taking part, the greater the direct benefit to that church. There is, of course, also an indirect benefit to local churches, because the more funds the trust can raise, the more it will be able to offer in support of church repair projects.

A rider who gets 20 sponsors at 10p a church and visits 20 churches will have raised £40, 20 such riders would raise £800, £400 for the Trust and £400 for their local church. A keen rider can visit 30 churches, and with keen sponsors may raise as much as £150.

Safety on the roads is paramount, and the organisers do what they can to encourage safe riding. The importance of safety headgear is emphasised.

The event is a bike ride, but not everyone

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OXFAM CHILDREN'S WEAR, BOOKS, TOYS AND BABY EQUIPMENT SALE

Preparation for the next children's event is gathering pace behind the scenes at Oxfam.

The doors of the civic centre in Berkhamsted High Street will be open at 9:00am on Thursday, 7th September to welcome newcomers and regular customers alike to this the eleventh such event.

The event aims to provide bargains to discerning mums and grannies who know how fast children grow, and how a well-loved item of clothing or pair of shoes can be ruined in an afternoon of boisterous play. Why pay designer label prices when the same goods are available, often new or indiscernible from it, at Oxfam's event?

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The age range covered by the sale is from baby to young teens. Oxfam volunteers will be at the sale to assist in selection of the items wanted from what can often appear to be an overwhelming display, filling the hall. All seasons are covered, but the emphasis will be on warm clothes for autumn and winter.

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NEEDLECRAFT EXHIBITION



Threads of Amersham will be mounting another needlecraft exhibition in August at the home of Peter Watts, the organist at Sunnyside Church. Those who have come to the two previous displays will remember the amazing variety of needlework on view. Last year there were over 80 exhibits entered by customers and staff with items ranging from cushions and pictures to footstools and jewellery boxes in every manner of stitchery you can imagine. This year the needlework on display promises to be just as exquisite with a Millennium tapestry to take pride of place.

The address is Oak Trees, Wood Lane, South Heath near Great Missenden. Take the B485 from Chesham towards Great Missenden, turn right to South Heath opposite the Barley Mow and Oak Trees is the first house in Wood Lane, which is the first turning on the right. The exhibition will be open from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th August, 11:00am to 4:00pm and there will also be a small sale of cushions and pictures. The Children's Society will provide refreshments and all proceeds will be donated to the charity. Do come and support Peter and his daughter in this venture.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

Many people will be aware of the work of the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted, and its excellent standards of care for seriously-ill patients. What may not be realised is the important contribution made by volunteers, in various capacities in support of the nursing and other professional staff.

The hospice currently needs more volunteers to join this team of something approaching 300 individuals. If you would like to make a difference but have limited time available, a monthly or fortnightly session is normally all that is required. The following areas are where volunteers are needed most at present.

In-Patient Unit: We need volunteers who can give one session a month at weekends - morning, afternoon or evening. We also have fortnightly weekday sessions which need covering. We need good listeners to help serve and prepare teas and coffees, lunches, suppers and so on, answer the door, do light ironing in the afternoon and read to patients. Shifts are on a rota basis and can be swapped if necessary. A volunteer hairdresser and chiropodist are also still needed. A laundry collector is needed to collect ironed laundry from Ashridge Management College on alternate Thursdays.

Day hospice: Volunteers are needed to help the organiser and nurse provide a supportive day out for hospice patients. Good listeners are required to serve tea, coffee and lunch, play word games, or help with crafts and so on. Can you give two sessions a month, on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9:30am to 3:30 pm approximately?

Town Office (central Berkhamsted): A courier/relief receptionist is needed to transfer items between the hospice and the office and act as receptionist for an hour in the middle of the day once a fortnight on a rota basis.

Charity Shops (Hemel Hempstead – Highfield and Abbots Langley): The work includes selling, sorting, presentation of goods, using the till and answering the telephone. There are rota shifts fortnightly Monday to Saturday. One of the managers is always on duty.

Garden: Join the friendly team of gardeners on a Tuesday morning.

Do come forward if you possibly can. For more information: Please ring Liz Daniel, voluntary services co-ordinator, at the hospice on 01442 862960 during working hours.

Organising an event?

Then let our readers know what's going on! The *Review* is your magazine – use it to tell people of forthcoming events, and don't forget to tell us how your event went afterwards.

Send full details to **David Woodward,**
3 Murray Road, Berkhamsted HP4 1JD
(862723) (copy dates inside front cover)

BERKHAMSTED TOWN CENTRE ADVISORY FORUMS

The forums are held quarterly and give Berkhamsted residents regular opportunities to take part in discussions about topical town centre issues. The membership includes members of:

Dacorum Borough Council
Berkhamsted Town Council
Hertfordshire County Council
Berkhamsted and District
Chamber of Commerce
Berkhamsted Access Committee
Berkhamsted Citizens' Association
Hertfordshire Constabulary

The dates and venues of the future meetings for 2000/2001 are as follows:

Wed 18th October 2000 (Sessions Hall)
Wed 24th January 2001 (Clock Room)
Wed 18th April 2001 (Clock Room)

All meetings start at 7:30pm. See the article on page 21 of this issue.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



Our present Liz Baxendale welcomed us to our July meeting and was pleased to see so many members and the return of one who had been unwell.

Together with secretary Janet Mitchell they took us through the usual business matters and were pleased to hand to members some Yorkshire tea bags received from Taylor's of Harrogate for us to take home to taste.

Janet Mitchell reported on the Triennial General Meeting held at Wembley last month and told us that the resolutions we had voted on at all been carried unanimously.

Our speaker, Mrs Joyce Donald, made a return visit to our institute and again gave us a very amusing talk entitled *Come into my Parlour*. How many of us have received a letter through the post offering us great rewards and prizes to take their advice and invest in a

timeshare? Joyce Donald and her husband thought they would pay these advertisers a visit to see what was on offer. Knowing of the pitfalls one can fall into in taking up a timeshare they were able to stick to say a definite 'No' to their wonderful offer! An appreciation was given by Joy Lovell.

During teatime the raffle was drawn and the competition was judged by our speaker.

Next month we look forward to meeting John Cuming, his title being *Out of the Blue* at the Court House, Berkhamsted on 4th August at 2:00pm.

BERKHAMSTED W.I.

An information report on the Triennial General Meeting was presented to members at the June meeting. Mrs Gill Blumson vividly described the events and atmosphere in Wembley's arena – including the smoke rising from the platform! This was not hot air but in fact due to smouldering curtains. Mrs Blumson also gave an account of the second day at the conference, arranged jointly with the Natural History Museum. *Our Planet Earth – Know it to Manage It* had as the keynote speaker Sir Crispin Tickell, world expert on climate change and environmental issues. Apparently the atom bomb is no longer our biggest threat but earthquakes, volcanoes and meteorites are.

Our guest speaker, Mrs Marianne Nash, not only gave a history of the silk trade and China's attempts to keep the secret of this fabric's manufacture but also painted a stunning picture for us on silk. While she worked Mrs Nash answered questions on technique, materials and their sources, demonstrating the special effects of salt and water on the finished work.

Members were reminded of future visits to Hampton Court in August, the Science Museum in September, the Dome in October and the National Gallery in November.

At our meeting in Gable Hall on 19th July our guest speakers were Mr & Mrs B Treverton. Their subject was *Gold and Silver Wire Embroidery*. Visitors and new members will, as ever, be warmly welcomed at all our meetings. ❖

SUNDAY	<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>)				
MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (EP)		
TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP				
	<i>All Saints'</i>	9:30am	Eucharist				
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	6:45am	Eucharist	7:30am	MP	5:30pm	EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:30pm	EP
FRIDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist		
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP			5:00pm	EP
1st Sunday	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris 863780</i>						
Mondays	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.						
Mondays (except 1st)	BIBLE STUDY/HOUSE GROUP: 8:00pm at the Macdonalds (384953) 9 Hall Park						
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Angela Morris 866992 or secretary Joan Gregory 864829.						
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 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.						
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:15pm third Tuesday at 61 Kitsbury Road. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981						
2nd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Jenny Wells 870981						
Wednesdays	MEDITATION GROUP: 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						
Wednesday	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Contact Chris Billington 385566.						
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: 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						
Thursday	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) 863804						
Tuesday / Friday	TUESDAY / FRIDAY STUDY GROUPS: 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						
Friday	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service on 1st Fridays in St Peter's. Katy Bonney: 864194						
Friday	CHOIR: Boys 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859						
3rd Saturday	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 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).

August / September 2000

JULY

30	10:00am	Joint Eucharist (Anglican Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
30	6:00pm	Evensong (said)	<i>St Peter's</i>
30	6:30pm	Joint Evening Service (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>

AUGUST

6	10:00am	Joint Morning Service (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
7		<i>No 8:00pm service with prayers for healing</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
13	10:00am	Joint Eucharist (Anglican Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
13	6:00pm	Evensong (said)	<i>St Peter's</i>
19	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Michael's Sunnyside</i>
20	10:00am	Joint Eucharist (Methodist Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>
27	9:30am	Eucharist, Preacher: Martin Macdonald	<i>St Peter's</i>
27	10:00am	Joint Morning Service (Anglican Rite)	<i>All Saints'</i>

SEPTEMBER

4	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
6	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	<i>Court House</i>
7	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	
9		Beds & Herts Historic Churches Bike Ride	
10	9:15am	All Saint's Sunday School starts term with breakfast	
10	9:30am	St Peter's Sunday School starts term with breakfast	<i>Court Hse</i>
10	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
16	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Northchurch Baptist</i>
24	9:30am	Harvest Festival	<i>St Peter's</i>
24	3:00pm	Annual Hospice Service of Thanksgiving	<i>All Saints'</i>

Baptisms (* *St Peter's* ** *All Saints'*)

18 June *	Joshua Louise Pisani, James Daniel Howell
25 June **	Amelia Joanne Cochrane

Funerals

6 June	Kay French	St Peter's (Chilterns Crematorium)
6 June	Geoffrey Stanley Goode	Chilterns Crematorium
7 June	Jean Nunn	St Peter's (Kingshill)
9 June	Jack Jenkins	Chilterns Crematorium
20 June	William Frederick Delderfield	St Peter's (Kingshill)

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

Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: Contact Father Mark Bonney.
Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road. Tel: 863804

All Saints'

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn Tel: 874894

Sundays
 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
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
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