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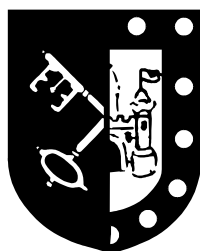
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Volunteering. What does the word mean to you? Or, more particularly, what is your usual reaction when you hear it? A sense of foreboding? A sudden desire not to make eye contact? An urgency to come up with half a dozen reasons why Wednesday evenings are completely out for the next year?

Three articles in this month's *Review* mention the word. Preparations for the Petertide Fair in June are already starting. The Berkhamsted Walk is on the horizon. And Rev. Peter Hart writes eloquently this month about the lack of commitment and willing volunteers which seems prevalent today.

Many organisations depend on the work done by volunteers: the Church is no exception. In March our Annual Parochial Church meeting takes place, and with it various elections for important roles and jobs. Guess what? Volunteers are needed.

There are so many ways in which each and every one of us – with the particular God-given gifts and talents we all have – can play our part. But many of us wait for the tap on the shoulder, the persuasive argument. It would be wonderful if, instead, queues formed. *Chris Smalley*

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Fr Mark Bonney
*examines the
question of
children and
communion.*

review leader

Many of you will remember that some eighteen months ago now this matter was raised within the parish; there was literature available for those who wished to read it, and the area committees discussed it before reporting our views to the bishop. After a great deal of consultation and deliberation the Bishop of St Albans produced some guidelines (six months ago now and six months later than he said!) as to how parishes should proceed, and at the last meeting of the PCC we decided to *explore* such a move. I highlight the word 'explore' because that genuinely is the situation. This is a process of education, exploration and discernment about what is the right way forward for this parish, our children and all of us as the pilgrim people of God.

The bishop emphasises that everyone in the parish must have the opportunity to consider carefully and explore over a reasonable period of time our Anglican understanding of the theology of baptism, the Eucharist, confirmation and the nature of the Church. Some of this was looked at in the discussion and material offered 18 months ago - but that is far from enough, and probably a distant memory! So to further the process sermons will be preached at St Peter's and All Saints focusing on these issues (by me at St Peter's on 28th January and 4th February and by Fr Robin at All Saints' on 4th and 11th February). There will be an open meeting in the Court House at 8:00pm on Tuesday 27th February at which issues and views will be shared and discussed. The matter will then be taken to the area committees in May and the PCC again in June. It will also be very

important that we hold a meeting with Sunday school teachers and those with young children since in some ways they will be at the front line of this issue.

There are some important matters from the bishop's guidelines that should be highlighted:

- that a practical programme of teaching and learning for children and their families has to be devised to introduce and sustain the new pattern;
- that if the PCC wishes to proceed there will have to be a two thirds majority in favour;
- for admission to communion before confirmation the child must be baptised, a regular attendee and aged 7; the child must him/herself wish to receive communion; and the person with parental responsibility must support the child's request.

Whatever decision the PCC reaches about this matter we have an excellent opportunity here to look at our understanding of some central issues of Christian life and practice. And together with that to consider the place of each of us, both young and old, within the Church - the Body of Christ - and how that membership is best nurtured and sustained. *Please* try and come to the open meeting and hear the sermons. This *is* important.

Father Mark

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The Story of a Road

How old does an event have to be before it can be called history? The question occurred to me when a friend kindly lent me a copy of *A History of Meadway*, a very well-produced document with maps and a coloured illustration on the cover of one of Berkhamsted's most prestigious thoroughfares. (Perhaps thoroughfare is not the right word for a private road, but you can hardly call it a street). The history was produced by Meadway Residents Association to mark the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1925. Its authors are residents themselves - Dickie Dickinson and Chris Green.

Meadway was created as a brand new road running from Gravel Path to Ivy House Lane. The land for the development was acquired from the Dwight family, famous for their pheasantries which existed until the 1960s, and which had previously been part of the huge Brownlow estates. The covenants for building on Meadway required that each house and garden should not occupy less than a third of an acre. Development was fairly slow at first and by 1935 only nine houses had been built, but after the war it took off and now of course every plot has been taken; in fact some of the original

plots have been divided to get in more houses.

Meadway itself may have been made within living memory but interesting historical finds have been uncovered there. In the garden of one of the houses is a Stone Age flint quarry, dating from perhaps 2000BC. In the 1950s the resident of another of the houses unearthed a gold coin in his garden which was identified as a 'stater' - a coin used by tribes from the Marne valley near Paris who occupied parts of England from 159BC.

The history could be of particular interest to future historians because it records a development very much reflecting social values of its time, which although still quite recent are unlikely to occur again.

Road under Rail

Looking through some old papers I was interested to find that the urban council just a century ago were concerned about the narrowness of the railway bridge by the *Crystal Palace*. This was of course at a time when motor cars were still rare, and nobody could have been predicting the growth of traffic that has happened since. When the council heard from the railway company that it would cost them £1,700 to have the bridge improved they were horrified and decided to do nothing.

Now Berkhamsted probably has more cars than houses, yet both the bridges in the Town which cross *under* the railway have remained unimproved for 100 years, and each of them can still only take single line traffic. In this age of traffic calming, humps and pinch points when it is the policy to restrict the flow of traffic rather than ease it, there is unlikely to be any change.

When our railway was being electrified and modernised in the 1960s I seem to remember that there were some approaches to BR by the Berkhamsted UDC over the possibility of widening the other railway underbridge - the one by the station. At that time Alan Collier was chairman of the UDC while his day job

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with BR involved him in dealing with negotiations on such matters with local authorities. The apocryphal story was that he chaired the council meetings at which the approach to BR was drafted, then a day or two latter, wearing his other hat, he would concoct the reply.

The Town's Fortress

On a prime site in the centre of Berkhamsted on the corner of Kings Road is one of the largest buildings in the High Street. It has no windows to speak of at ground level, presenting a forbidding, fortress-like face to the public – and yet we own it. During the day you can usually enter by the door and climb the steps, but only to reach a small inquiry desk protected by a glass screen. If you press the bell someone will eventually appear; otherwise the building is impenetrable: what goes on behind is hidden from public view. Hardly anyone goes in and out of the front door of our police station. Such police as are there use the back door and get into their cars.

The Town's first police station – known as the Bridewell – was opened in 1764 on the site where this present one stands. Its cell was particularly unwelcoming, described as a dungeon dug into the ground: 'the most dreadful hole without air or light', where prisoners were kept in chains. It was replaced by a new building in 1894. Many of us can still remember that one. If my memory serves me right it was open to the public day and night and there was a desk sergeant you could talk to. It was eventually replaced by the present building in 1972.

I am no more qualified than the next man to say how best a community should be policed. Perhaps the way it is done these days is the most cost-effective means of combating crime; but it does seem that there is now a remoteness about the police force that is rather disquieting. Police officers are people you rarely see except



The Berkhamsted fortress?

Photo: Chris Smalley

going past in cars. Our police station seems to be a distant outpost of a force that is run from somewhere else, with no distinct Berkhamsted presence. The nearest thing we have to law and order on the beat is our solitary traffic warden.

If this is to continue to be the case our police station, occupying as it does a prime position at the very centre of the Town, might as well be turned into something else; either sold for redevelopment or converted to a facility to benefit the Town. Personally I would like to see it adopted to house the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Volunteer Bureau and the Council for Voluntary Service offices (all of which are at present inconveniently situated in a house in Prince Edward Street), and a town information office such as Tring has and we don't. It could then be building beneficial to Berkhamsted, something worthy of the Town instead of what it is now – a somewhat faceless blot. If someone says that this would be impossible I would ask why: it is owned by the public and in the end the local public should say what it should be used for.

If we were French we might even storm it one night, as they did the Bastille. Come to think of it, is there someone prepared to lead such an initiative? It could be in the evening, perhaps after Coronation Street is over to get the maximum turn out. There probably wouldn't be anyone there to stop us. ❖

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The life of the Mothers' Union is marked by the twice yearly meeting of its diocesan council. The council comprises the trustees and all the officers in the diocese, deaneries and branches. Although responsibility for running the Mothers' Union lies with the trustees, the council meeting provides the opportunity for the officers from all over the diocese to come together and hear about M.U. work and activities. The diocesan council elects the trustees, and last November at the end of a three-year period of office, gave the opportunity to vote for new trustees.

The Mothers' Union, like many voluntary organisations today, has difficulty in finding members willing to undertake leadership roles. There were no nominations for some positions that had become vacant and only one nomination for all the other offices. Consequently there was no election and unopposed I became one of the new vice presidents in this diocese for the next three years.

One significant position, the prayer and spirituality co-ordinator was vacant, and no one was willing to take on this

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Margaret Burbidge describes the emergence of a new generation of M.U. leaders.

important task. With prayer and worship at the heart of all M.U. activities, the lack of a nomination was keenly felt. The retiring co-ordinator in her report spoke passionately about the need to pass on the baton of leadership in an organisation where everyone has a part to play. There is no place for 'I can't do

that; no, not me', for given encouragement, support and prayer, hidden gifts and talents emerge and develop. Only if members are prepared to take risks and put themselves forward will the torch of M.U. light the path for family life in the 21st century. As a result of this heartfelt plea, a member volunteered to look after prayer and spirituality for the next three years!

This month brings our branch AGM and Jenny Wells will retire as branch leader. Jenny has contributed much to the branch and the baton of leadership will be handed on to help ensure that the flame of M.U. will burn brightly in this parish as it does in many places throughout the world. ❖

Jenny Wells

Jenny is making excellent progress after her hip operation. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers and goodwill messages.



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Voting at Tesco or Waitrose? Town councillor **Ian Reay** is sceptical that any real benefit would result.

Would you be more likely to vote at a local election if you could do it at the same time as your weekly shopping at Tesco or Waitrose? Because of low turnout at local elections, the Government has proposed, along with a greater use of postal voting, setting up postal booths in supermarkets. This is a rather feeble response to an important problem, which goes a lot deeper than the mere inconvenience of a trip to the polling station.

A survey of attitudes to government, local or national, in 1999, showed that people were generally much happier with their local council than with central government. When the same survey was repeated in the year 2000 attitudes to central government had deteriorated even further. The councils that received approval for their performance were those that kept people informed and which listened to them.

This picture of relative approval of local government and of disapproval of central government sits a little oddly with the acknowledged fact that far fewer people bother to turn out at local elections in comparison with general elections. Typically the turnout for local elections is less than half that for a general election. Placing these two facts side by side throws strongly into relief the clear picture that people will be more likely to take the trouble to vote when the parties they are voting for or against have a greater capacity to do them harm. I put it in this negative way because I think that these days the public has a rather cynical view of the power of politicians to do good. Votes are cast to 'minimise the damage'.

For this reason I believe that putting polling booths in supermarkets, or allowing more postal votes, will have no

significant or lasting effect on local election turnout. Such proposals are no more than sticking plaster used to hide the real underlying cause of low interest in local democracy. Local councils simply do not have the power to make the effort of voting worthwhile for many people.

The only way to get people to vote at local elections in significant numbers again would be a major shift of power back to local councils. This is against the centralising trend that has been evident for decades - a trend which is nowadays moving in the direction of Brussels and Strasbourg as much as it is towards Westminster. In the Government's rural white paper, published last November, a whole chapter is devoted to 'local power for country towns and villages'. What is proposed in this paper to give more power to towns and villages? Encouragement for parish councils to deliver some services in partnership with other councils, help for some communities to prepare their own 'town or village plan' providing it is consistent with the local development plan, and more support for training and consultation. None of this is going to get people back into the polling booths in significant numbers at elections for the town council.

Do people really trust their local councils that much that they would be prepared to give them more power to do damage than they presently have? Unless and until people believe that and can convince central government that they believe it I don't see why putting polling booths in supermarkets will make the slightest difference to people's interest in local democracy.



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The 10th December turned out to be rather special. I had never before had to walk on scaffolding planks to get to church. But in a local village there had been so much rain in the previous 24 hours that the drainage ditch, which ran at right angles to the path to the church door, was full to overflowing. The grass on both

sides of the path was so saturated that the water had spilled over on to the path. The water was too deep to walk through and too long to jump over, so at short notice, planks were put down, warning cones put out, and lights lit to enable a large congregation to get to the church door for the service of Nine Lessons and Carols dry shod.

This was one little local example of the effects of the previous three months of almost continuous rain. From mid September to mid December the rainfall was almost the same as an average annual amount. I won't give you exact figures because what I call my Mickey Mouse rain gauge consistently records more rain than the official models. But comparing like with like, I can say the rainfall of the last four months to the end of 2000 has been unprecedented. At the start of this year the water table under the Bulbourne area was higher than at any time since the boreholes were put in, in 1994. The Bulbourne is back to its source beyond Dudswell with a really good flow and depth. In fact in January it was being supplied from a large 'reservoir' - a flooded field at a higher level. This is the first time I have seen this phenomenon. In effect it means the source has moved on at least 100 yards.

Walking the plank to church

David Simmons battles with nature and reflects on how we need to treat 'our home' with respect and care.

The Bourne Gutter can also be seen in good shape winding its way down the hillside to the left of the bypass as it comes up from the Bourne End service station (but don't keep your eyes off the road ahead, if it is still flowing in February!).

On that same day, 10th December, I had seen a fox in the garden - in broad

daylight, for the first time - at 8:50am. It stood around for quite a time and seemed 'at home'! The end of the month saw the return of birds to the garden after a very deserted autumn. The mild conditions had meant plenty of food supplies in the countryside. The holly was quite outstanding and not stripped by the birds before Christmas. The new arrivals included lots of blackbirds, some of which were probably winter visitors from northern Europe that stay until the spring. The beaks of those males are duller than those of residents and they have no eye ring at this time of year.

These examples show that although we can insulate our houses against the worst of the winter's weather and most of us don't have to worry about flooding, we are being affected indirectly by climate change. Nature is literally all around us, lapping at our feet, you might say. It is after all our home, which is one reason why we need to do all we can to preserve its basic balance. Our lives ultimately depend on this. We alone among its inhabitants have the power of choice - to sustain and enhance it, or to destroy it. Perhaps it is not too late for a New Year's resolution or two about our life-styles?



TRANSPORT in London

Too Many Passengers

In 1801, the year of the first census, the population of London was recorded as 959,000. By 1851 it had reached 2,362,000. To this unprecedented growth in population must be added the daily flow of commuter traffic brought by the new railways. London Bridge, the capital's first terminus, opened in December 1836 and by 1854 that station alone was unloading 10,845,000 passengers each year on to the congested streets of the metropolis, while a further sixteen million were entering through other railway termini. By 1860 the ring of main line stations which serves London to-day was almost complete. Beginning at the first, London Bridge, and moving clockwise, the circle was formed by:

London Bridge (opened 1836)

Stephen Halliday begins a new series of articles which look at the development of transport in London. Here he looks at the omnibus.

Waterloo (1848)
Victoria (1860)
Paddington (1838)
Euston (1837)
Kings Cross (1852)
Shoreditch (1840) (replaced by
Liverpool Street, 1874)
Fenchurch Street (1841 - the only
terminus within the City itself at this
time)

Others were to follow shortly including Charing Cross (1864), Cannon Street (1866), and St Pancras (1868) but by 1860 a clear pattern had been established: the main line railways were very good at bringing passengers to the fringes of the cities of London and Westminster, leaving them to find their ways to their final destinations via bridges, streets and alleys which in some cases dated from the



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middle ages. The resulting confusion is well captured in Gustav Dore's engraving of traffic on Ludgate Hill in 1872.

Some attempts had been made to deal with the problems of London's traffic even before the coming of the railways. In 1815 a steamboat service began from Greenwich to the City, with departures every fifteen minutes. Between 1816 and 1827 four new bridges across the Thames were built at Vauxhall, Waterloo, Southwark and Hammersmith. In 1831 London Bridge itself was widened to accommodate more traffic and in 1845 Hungerford footbridge was opened to give access from the South Bank to Hungerford market, on the site later occupied by Charing Cross station.

The Omnibus Comes to London

Some commercial enterprises sprang up to meet the transport needs of London's growing population. George Shillibeer (1797-1866), a London coachbuilder, visited Paris in 1828 and admired the *Entreprise des Omnibus* introduced to that city by Stanislas Baudry the same year. Shillibeer began a similar service from Paddington Green to the Bank of England on 4th July, 1829. He originally planned to call his service *The Economist* rather than *The Omnibus* but the Parisian name was preferred by the public and therefore adopted by him. He offered the service along the 'New Road' built in 1756 between Paddington and the Angel (now Marylebone Road, Euston Road and Pentonville Road) because this fell just outside the area within which Hackney Coaches enjoyed a monopoly.

Shillibeer offered five services daily in each direction at a fare of one shilling and sixpence for 'inside' passengers; outside passengers paid one shilling (five pence). The novelty of such shared urban transport is reflected in his newspaper advertisements which emphasised that 'a person of great respectability attends his Vehicle as Conductor: and every possible attention will be paid to the accommodation of ladies and children'.

Sir Joseph Bazalgette (1819-91)

Between 1856 and 1888 Bazalgette, one of the greatest Victorian engineers, built more of London than anyone else, before or since. He built the system of sewers and pumping stations which intercept London's sewage and convey it to treatment works. He built the Victoria Embankment between Westminster and Blackfriars bridges, and he also built the Chelsea Embankment and the Albert Embankment on which St Thomas's hospital now stands. He built three bridges across the Thames: Hammersmith, Putney and Battersea. He created many of London's finest streets and also created some famous parks. Virtually all his works are still in daily use, unnoticed by most of those who depend on them to travel, relax or spend a penny. A full account of Sir Joseph Bazalgette's work is to be found in *The Great Stink of London*, Stephen Halliday (Sutton, 1999, £19.99).

Despite such re-assurance the service was not a success either for George Shillibeer or for his Parisian mentor. Stanislas Baudry drowned himself in the Seine in 1830 and Shillibeer, less drastically, went bankrupt and fled to Boulogne. After a short spell in a debtors' gaol he achieved prosperity by patenting a new type of funeral carriage.

In 1831 the Hackney Coach monopoly was abolished and from this time omnibus operators were able to ply their trade within the central area. By 1839, 620 were licensed, each to carry fifteen passengers. George Shillibeer had argued for the abolition of the Hackney monopoly on behalf of 'the middling class of tradespeople whose finances cannot admit of the accommodation of a hackney coach and therefore necessitated to lose that time in walking which might be beneficially devoted to business'. However it may be doubted whether the congested streets of the central district would have enabled much time to be saved until the heroic street building programme of Sir Joseph Bazalgette began to take effect in the 1870s (see panel above). ❖



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A problem in the Tring silk mill was the health of the girls. As early as 1840 in his guide *The London and Birmingham Railway*, Osbourne describes that the vapours from the fish-pond at the mill 'gives rise to a much pernicious effluvia'. There was a particular problem in Tring with an ague, which may have been malaria. There has been speculation that malaria mosquitoes were introduced into raw silk in the country of origin. Osbourne continues, 'the adults look bad enough; but the sight of the little children, who have suffered with their wretched countenances, death like colour and tottering frames cannot but make the heart of any humane person burn with the keenest anguish'.

The medical officer from St Margaret's, Westminster (the London parish which sent most of the young workers to Tring) reported on the conditions of the children in 1847, as he was bound to by the factory acts. He claimed they were well fed, setting out what they received on a daily basis, although this as previously pointed out was disputed. He felt the children were well treated, was slightly concerned about the long hours, but was assured that legislation would soon reduce the hours, which it did not. He was concerned that the children were afflicted 'with bronchial problems and glandular swellings'. There can be little doubt, reading the correspondence between Mr Rowbotham (the mill manager), Evans & Co. (the owners) and the Poor Law governors that the stagnant water became a serious health issue. In 1857 and again in 1859 Mr Rowbotham was warned about the bad

THE DARK SATANIC MILLS OF TRING

Cynthia Wheatley continues her look at life in a Victorian mill and attempts to improve children's working conditions.

tions, free from disease and strong in limbs, particularly about the ankle joints'. Certainly damage to ankles is constantly reported, another problem being enflamed eyes. No doubt the working conditions irritated such afflictions.

Education

Education of the young workers was also neglected. Correspondence from the Berkhamsted Union states 'there does not seem to be any part of the day set apart for instruction or amusement'. In 1865 Mr Ackers (by then manager of the mill) requested more apprentices stating 'we are going to keep up or add to the education of the children by setting apart several evenings a week for writing and reading', but apart from instruction on Sundays from the local vicar, little appears to have been done for the girls.

In his research into the education of children in industry A H Robson, a contemporary writer, made the point that children in silk mills were excluded from the protection given to other children working in textile manufacturing. He argued that although children under nine were totally excluded from any factory work, children under eleven in silk mills

smells and several of the girls suffered from scrofula: one died, and several were committed to hospitals. In 1865 a long correspondence was entered upon by the solicitors of Evans & Co. and the Tring Health Board, the argument centring on whose responsibility it was to clean the water. The matter was finally settled in July 1868.

Mr Rowbotham, when requesting new apprentices, continually referred to girls 'with sound constitu-

did not have the same protection as children in the cotton mills. By 1867 4,121 children aged between 11 and 13 years and 764 children aged under 11 years were employed in silk mills. Robson stated in 1869 'it is clear from [these facts] that there is no care on the part of the silk throwsters to promote education of the children they employ.

The concession to employ children of eleven and over as 'young persons' [not as children] in the Factory Act 1844 was the means during the last twenty five years of depriving thousands of children of education which had they been in cotton factories they must have enjoyed'. Robson also noted that part-time education for children was not extended to employment in silk mills and that this was to the detriment of the children until the Education Act of 1870.

Legislation

In 1833 the first effective factory act was passed. This applied to all textile factories and provided that no child under nine was to work in a mill. A vital feature of this Act was that it had full time inspectors. However, the Act stated that 'from 1st January 1842 it is not lawful for any factory or mill as aforesaid *except for the manufacture of Silk* to employ any child who has not completed his/her ninth year'. The exception for silk mills continued in 1842: 'regarding mills for the winding and throwing of silk, so many children were absolutely requisite that it would be extremely difficult to introduce the same regulations as in the case of cotton and other mills' and the factory inspectors recommended that a separate measure be introduced'. In 1865 a letter from Mr Rowbotham stated 'I have vacancy for eight or nine girls between eleven and twelve years old. If you cannot find these I will take three or four at ten years old'. This situation continued until 1867 when the Factory Acts Extension Act included children not just of the silk industry but other children who had been exempted previously.

Conclusions

The evidence collected persuades me that child silk workers got virtually no protection from legislation until 1867 and that in Tring there was a particular health problem. Whilst not totally disagreeing with the view that, in those hard times, apprenticeship was the only hope for children, it seemed rather cruel to deny children the rights to visit their families, which was a consistent practice at Tring. The lack of education and the fact that the girls were not prepared for other work led to obvious difficulties, which those who created the problems did little or nothing to help to solve.

Postscript

I thoroughly enjoyed researching this topic. As a matter of interest, David Evans & Co. are still in business, located now in Kent. I visited their premises and joined a tour round. Even to-day with all the protective legislation the conditions are far from pleasant.

The mill building in Tring still exists, now being used by a number of small firms. After it closed as a silk mill it became a timber yard for the Rothschilds who had purchased a local estate. In 1938 they set up a company, RMR Engineering, a firm with connections to the Bank of England. Precision parts for both artillery and aircraft were manufactured there during the war. Londoners were once again sent to Tring to work, this time though not as paupers. The transition from war to peace was a difficult time, shortages in housing and skilled labour causing many problems. Rothschilds established a housing society which enabled 24 houses to be built. This attracted many skilled workers into the area. An interesting project would be to trace the effect that this mill had on the development of a small town.



The Petertide Fair 2001

Alex Evans invites to put an important date in your diary NOW!

The 19th Petertide Fair will take place on Saturday 23rd June in St Peters church and the churchyard from 10:00am till early afternoon.

Last year's fair was a great success, despite the weather being less than kind to us. The overwhelming comment about the event was how enormously enjoyable and happy it had been.

Your committee seeks to foster these sentiments and believes that the fair should be not only hard work in support of the causes but also be fun and enhance community spirit and fellowship between the congregations.

The causes this year have yet to be formalised. One local cause which has been proposed is the Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter. Internationally, we would like to support a charity that tackles poverty, hunger and consequent ill health. As always, suggestions would be welcomed.

Last year, well over a hundred people worked on getting the stalls and events together, and manned the stalls on the day. Half as many again supported the fair by taking part in the children's events in the church.

We urge you to put a firm date in your diary, 23rd June, and to help or attend. We hope you will want to be a willing 'volunteer', able to look forward to the sense of pleasure and achievement which comes from being a key member of such a worthwhile endeavour. More information in next month's *Review*. ❖

NEWS FROM THE P • C • C

The PCC rounded off the year 2000 with a meeting just before Christmas. With the end of the parish's financial year, one of the duties of the meeting was to approve the recommendations of the outward giving committee for the causes to be supported by the parish. The disposition of a sum in excess of £20,000 was approved to a spectrum of organisations, mostly Christian and a few secular causes seen to be worthy of support.



Fr Robin Figg gave an update on the issue of children and communion before confirmation. The question was to be explored as widely across the parish as possible, with a series of meetings, sermons and articles being planned (see this month's *Review* leader on page 3).

The ongoing subject of a parish youth worker attracted further discussion, with financial aspects being one area of debate. It was proposed to invite youth workers from neighbouring churches to a future PCC meeting to share their experiences.

The PCC budget for the forthcoming year was examined and the forecast deficit for the current and coming years noted with concern. Tight financial pressure would continue with increased stewardship giving being critically important (*see the recent series of articles in the Review by treasurer Michael Robinson*). CS

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The reference by John Cook in last month's *Review* to the distinctness of Northchurch from Berkhamsted has prompted me to write. My first recollections of this area go back to the late twenties when a friend and I were regularly transported from Northchurch to Boxwell Road in (or on) the friend's father's BSA motorbike and sidecar. In Boxwell Road was White House School, home of Edward Popple, one time headmaster of Victoria School. His wife ran 'White House' with about 20 five to ten year olds.

My chief point in writing, however, is to emphasise the separateness of Northchurch from Berkhamsted in those days. It was a village apart, separated from 'The Town' by meadows where now are The Meads, Valley Road and Coombe Gardens. On the Tring side there was more open space where the present shopping centre and the Park (Darrs Lane) estate sprang up in the post WW II years. These are all on the land around the mansion of one of the village squires (John Barnett if memory serves rightly) known as Northchurch Hall, where incidentally village fetes were held in the summer.

In the thirties I must have cycled along the A41 frequently (four times a day for eight years or so) In the frequent foggy weather of those winters my bicycle seemed almost instinctively to know which road drains had their slots parallel to the direction of the road: some others had theirs at right angles - and we rode safely over them!

Northchurch had at least one more pub then than now (*The Compasses* in New Road) and one of the hot-spots of entertainment for the very young was the smithy at Dudswell.

Recollections of Northchurch

Peter Gibbs' memories were fired by an article about Northchurch in the *Review*.

The village policeman, PC (or was he PS?) Poll, lived in a small detached house next door to what was for many years Durrants furniture factory. Between this and the village were, on the north side of the road, two big houses, one of which (Edgeworth?) survives, though it is now much more exposed to the road than it was. The other

(Midcot?) stood where the western entrance to Valley Road now is, and it was surrounded by water meadow, then deemed to be unsuitable for building. The Meads, nearer the village, was Rectory glebe land on which the (Victorian?) Rectory was set back from the almshouses.

One rector, Rev. L.G.E. Sunderland, was the epitome of a great countryman remembered, apart from his rather monk-like figure and devotion to his faith, for at least two other mundane things. A keen gardener, he maintained an extensive orchard where the modern rectory is and had in it three varieties of apple which he described as 'keepers', 'givers away' and 'choirboys'. The Bulbourne before his arrival meandered on its natural course though the lower part of his rectory garden but, another of his hobbies being salmon and trout fishing, he redirected and channelled it tortuously to make a good habitat for trout. I remember well the earthy flavour of the first Bulbourne trout to which he treated my family. He moved away to become rector of Selborne (Hants) where his strong affinity for the world of nature made him a 'natural' for the incumbency of Gilbert White's parish.

Back to the A41! On the road east of Durrants Lane where Coombe Gardens and Farm Place were built (post WW II?) were a farm and Coombe Cottage where Rev. R.M. Pope (Sunderland's immediate

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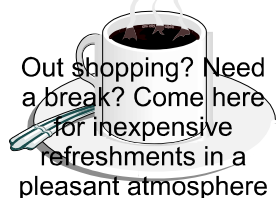
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Spring isn't far away and, with it,
the Berkhamsted Walk,
says **Alex Evans**.

The longest running show in town is perhaps the wrong epithet for a walk! The Children's Society's Berkhamsted Walk will, however, this year be the 33rd in succession. Children helped by the proceeds in those early years will now be middle aged. Hopefully they will have the opportunity to show their own children the joys of the countryside, and share the pleasures of family walking.



The walk will take place on Sunday 13th May setting out from the Court House between 10:30 and 11:30. As in recent years, there will be long and short routes to satisfy the fitness fans and the gentle strollers respectively.

Early May is the time of the fresh greens of spring and the beauty of bluebell woods, leaving behind the drear days of winter. If you are a regular walker, we can guarantee to take you again into some of the best of the Chilterns. If this is to be a first time, you will wonder that there is so much unspoiled countryside to be explored on the fringes of our town.

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Recollections of Northchurch

predecessor) lived in preference to the rectory, a sprawling chilly cavern built for the hardier Victorians.

I could ramble on nostalgically for the old village community surrounded my family life, with father in particular a well respected pivotal figure as headmaster of St Mary's school (then 5-14 years) and organist and choirmaster at St Mary's church from 1923 to 1946. There are doubtless better sources than I, but I hope this may contribute a little towards filling in the gap that made Northchurch the strong and proud entity that it was, and indeed still is, happily and bravely defended as such by some descendants of stalwarts of 'yester year'. ❖



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Vera Pullen isn't convinced.

Did you happen to see on the television news the three men parading in the nude - except for some tactfully held messages - outside a court in London the other day? It was a bitterly cold day and they were, in my opinion, extremely poor examples of the male sex anyway. Apparently they want everyone to be able to discard their clothes and appear naked anywhere. In my humble opinion we don't have the climate in this country and, as I say, they were looking extremely unattractive and cold.

I remember a year or two ago seeing a programme on TV about a family in St Albans who were keen nudists. Although normally clad outside their home, they bared all the minute they got indoors, except for mother who kept her earrings and necklace on. I did feel this was a mistake when we watched her frying sausages for a meal. When I'm so engaged I need an apron! When I look around I feel, on the whole, grateful that most bodies are covered up. I'm sure only the young - and not all of them - show to advantage when nude, and the thought of walking along our High Street and seeing most people unclothed fills me with horror! So much for the body beautiful! ❖

Harry Potter – and me

Muriel Lander has a surprising encounter with the literary creation of J K Rowling.

I was sitting in my doctor's surgery recently, when a young woman and her two children walked in. Immediately the boy of about ten took up his very thick book (probably about 500 pages long) and began to read.

I caught his mother's eye and said, "Harry Potter?" and she nodded. I told her how impressed I was by his behaviour. In this day of computers, e-mail and so on, one could form the opinion that the young don't read any more.

I mentioned this incident to my neighbour and she very kindly lent me her copy of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* - the very first in the series. Until about half way through the book I couldn't honestly say that I was particularly enjoying it, but suddenly it took off and I just had to finish it.

Harry is an orphan, brought up by his ghastly aunt and uncle and their frightful son. His adventures start when he is sent away to a very special boarding school. You must read the book yourself to find out what it is all about. There is one incident which stands out for me. Harry inherits a magic cloak which makes him invisible. He looks into a magnificent mirror and recognises his parents and many relations and they are all smiling at him. Believe it or not, I found this writing so powerful and poignant that I felt tears come into my eyes. I'm positive that any child who reads this book won't be able to wait for the next in the series. The very last paragraph will see to that! ❖



**Revd Peter Hart
argues that lack of
commitment runs
counter to the
teachings of Jesus.**

As a parish priest, I frequently receive requests for help in tracking down volunteers for different projects, whether it be singers for a choir or new musical, people to run stalls at charity fairs or the more formal volunteer organisations like the Dacorum Council for Volunteers. I duly put the posters up, insert notes into the pew leaflet and make the opportunities known, but it is only on rare occasions that I hear of people responding.

Conversations with leaders of voluntary organisations frequently turn around the difficulty they have in maintaining the leadership of their groups, due to a lack of volunteers and in the parish, there are tasks which need fulfilling for which people are more steered towards than simply coming forward as volunteers. Even the management of the Northchurch social centre, hardly an arduous and time-consuming task, falls to the few rather than being shared amongst the many users of the facilities there. What has changed in our society to bring this situation about?

Work patterns have obviously changed and a greater percentage of the adult population is in full time employment, especially in the prosperous south east. As a result, a greater premium is placed on free time. This also applies to the newly retired, as their previous pattern of work frequently precluded them from pursuing other interests. A further feature is the scattering of families around the country,

which puts pressure on weekends for visiting and so on.

Those reasons are, however, only superficial. At a more profound level, there is a wariness of commitment. This is manifested in attitudes to marriage and cohabitation, whereby people are prepared to commit to a mortgage, because it provides financial security in the long term, but not necessarily to the lifelong partnership of marriage. It can be seen in the job market, where commitment to a company is subservient to the construction of a flattering CV; or where the service to the community offered by state sector employment is regarded as inferior, both in terms of financial reward and social standing to jobs in the private sector.

The loss of a sense of commitment and a culture of service runs directly counter to the teachings of Jesus. He who said that whoever would be the greatest had to be the servant of all made that real in his acceptance of outcasts and social misfits, his healing of the sick and their reinsertion into society. He who said that to follow him meant taking up our cross took up his own and walked to his own death on our behalf, voluntarily, out of love.

The people of God need to be characterised by a faithful commitment to his work and the service of all God's creatures as a model for the rest of society, just as Christ, who is our model, committed himself to work out God's loving purpose for the world. ❖



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BERKHAMSTED WEA



EASTERN DISTRICT

June Douglas, a well known figure in Berkhamsted, was for many years secretary and latterly chairman of the local branch of the Workers Educational Association. At her retirement recently, as a gesture of appreciation for all June had achieved with enthusiasm and boundless energy over 20 years gifts including champagne were presented to her on behalf of the WEA by Robin Wood, who was treasurer for many years under her chairmanship.

Various anecdotes touching on her involvement with the WEA were shared at a gathering of friends, colleagues and students, for June was also a long serving tutor of art history for the WEA and those present, who had benefited from her broad knowledge of the subject, praised her erudition.

June is an outstanding and successful example of a volunteer, the attributes on which the WEA flourishes.

The Berkhamsted branch, which is now under the new chairmanship of Andrew Holder, is part of a nationwide and non-political organisation providing leisure programmes for adult education on subjects which are chosen by its student membership at local level.

Since 1943 the Berkhamsted WEA has developed courses on such topics as ornithology, fungi, art history, literature and music. The new headings starting in January will be *Thrillers and Detective Fiction*, *Dutch Flemish Painters* and *The Operas of Verdi*. Anyone tempted, please contact Ann Baines (WEA secretary) on 872432.

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TUESDAY CLUB

Our chairman Angela Morris was the speaker at the January meeting, in which she told us about her trip to Uganda visiting the Bweranjang School, to which part of the proceeds from the 1999 Petertide Fair were given.

The Sylvia Morris Charitable Trust supports a few girls financially by giving them the opportunity to have an education.

Angela also showed us a video that she had taken while there, and this showed some of the girls and their teachers in their classrooms, as well as the buildings of the school itself and some of the surrounding countryside. The video gave us an insight into the beauty of Uganda, as Angela and her friend Priscilla were able to visit other places than the school while they were there. They saw much of the wildlife of that country including water buffalo, elephant, hippopotamus, lions and many colourful birds. It was a most interesting evening and gave us much to talk about over coffee afterwards.

Our February meeting is to be our birthday celebration with a talk by one of our members, June Douglas, who will be telling us about the Maoris of New Zealand.

OXFAM – CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

It is the early bird that catches the worm and it is the discerning parent that makes a note on the calendar to visit the next Oxfam children's wear event to be held on Thursday, 29th March at Berkhamsted civic centre.

Preparation of excellent quality spring and summer clothes to fit children of all ages and dimensions is well under way. Hopefully, the well earned reputation of these twice-yearly events will encourage yet more customers to come and stock up their children's wardrobes. The generosity of the donors of the stock is greatly appreciated and funds raised support Oxfam's good causes throughout the world.

COMPLINE AND ADDRESS 8:00PM WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

A series of Lent talks beginning 7th March in St Peter's Lady Chapel will this year be led by Dr Michael Elves (formerly the Director of Science and Education at GlaxoWellcome) who will guide us through the minefield of choices that our technological and scientific world affords us. How as Christians do we respond to issues like cloning, GM foods, etc? There may be no easy answers, but as Christians we cannot shy away from them since they involve moral and ethical choices about the world that God has given us. Dr Elves is a Reader at St Saviour's, St Albans and was a panel 'expert' on a recent study day on genetic engineering organised by the Bishop of St Albans.

LA FIORENTINA

Berkhamsted's traditional Italian restaurant, La Fiorentina, is under new management for the first time in over 30 years. Sicilian restaurateur, Salvatore Urso and family, are delighted to continue the tradition of a family run restaurant in this town.

Salvatore is proud of his reputation for traditional Italian and Sicilian style cuisine and the courtesy of his staff. He intends to bring expertise and dedication to his latest acquisition in Berkhamsted.

The recent refurbishments in the restaurant have been added to further, and alterations have been made to the kitchen with additional catering equipment being introduced including brand new Gaggia espresso and filter coffee machines. Access areas for staff have been improved, and a new customer bar has been constructed to make waiting for a table more comfortable during busy periods.

There is a new daily specials board and the expanding variety of the fresh fish menu and the choice of wines from Italy and Sicily is proving particularly popular. A new main menu is also being introduced.

La Fiorentina is located in Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted. For reservations telephone 863003 (fax 01727 864351) or email

LaFiorentina@Etruscan.co.uk. A website is being constructed at www.lafiorentina.co.uk where the menu and wine list can be viewed and online bookings made. See also the advertisement on page 8.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



At the first meeting of the new year are our president Liz Baxendale was pleased to see so many members and to welcome four new ladies to join our institute. Together with secretary Janet Mitchell they took us through the business matters of the meeting and Joy Lovell reported on one of the W.I. carol parties held in December.

Our town topic for discussion this month was pavements in Berkhamsted. A letter has been sent by our institute to the chief executive of Dacorum borough council and signed by members to vent their strong feelings on this very serious matter, where accidents are a frequent occurrence on pavements. Members felt that repairs must be done as soon as possible.

The committee and members provided the entertainment for the afternoon with plays and verse and a holiday report by Vera Shaw of her recent trip to Egypt.

During teatime the raffle was drawn and the competitions judged. Next month we look forward to meeting Hugh Granger speaking on *An Infamous Highwayman* at the Court House, on 2nd February at 2:00pm. Why not join us? A warm welcome awaits you.

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION CONCERT

This spring we celebrate 25 years of sharing All Saints' church and 21 years of joint use of the halls by Anglican and Methodists. There will be a grand celebration concert at All Saints' on the evening of Saturday 28th April. Please put this date in your new 2001 diary now. If you would like to sing or suggest items for the programme please ring Pat Hearne (871270) or Ruth Treves-Brown (863268).



SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		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 Carole Dell 864706</i>)			
	MONDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	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	5:00pm EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm 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 VISTORS GROUP 8:00-9:00pm in the Court House as announced.					
Mondays (except 1st)	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm at 9 Hall Park. Contact Victoria Macdonald on 384953.					
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					
Tuesday	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:15-3:00pm for informal Bible study. <i>Young children welcome.</i> Contact: Kate Semmens 866531 HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm [alternate weeks] at 32 Hillside Gardens for <i>Bible study</i> . Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely 875504					
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. Carole Dell 864706					
2nd Wed	MEN'S DINNER & DISCUSSION: 8:00pm at Peaches Bistro. For information and booking: Rodney Cottrell 384963 or Steve Spall 873470					
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					
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. Nicole Addy 381426					
Friday	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm (& Tuesday 5:15-6:30pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis 864722 or Jean Wild 866859					
3rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
Sunday	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Carolyn Gunn 875865					

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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 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (**please note the changed time**); there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

February / March 2001

FEBRUARY

2	10:00am	<i>Little Fishes</i> Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
2	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Preacher: Rev. Frank Mercurio	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	7:30pm	<i>Cowper</i> : presentation by the Cowper Soc (see p 23)	<i>St Peter's</i>
5	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
10	7:30pm	Bridgewater Band: Sibelius, Saint-Saens, Respighi, Beethoven	<i>St Peter's</i>
11	6:00pm	Choral Evensong. Preacher: Fr Robin Figg	<i>St Peter's</i>
13	10:15am	<i>Chuckles</i> Service <i>Jesus calms the storm</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
13	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints'</i>
20	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Berkhamsted Baptist</i>
28	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	<i>St Peter's</i>

MARCH

2	10:00am	Little Fishes Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
3	7:30pm	Berkhamsted Choral Society: Purcell <i>Dido & Aeneas</i> & other short works	<i>St Peter's</i>
5	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
6	10:15am	<i>Chuckles</i> Service <i>A very big picnic</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
11	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
17	8:00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	
20	10:15am	<i>Chuckles</i> Service <i>Come and see</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
23	8:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	<i>Court House</i>

Registers

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

17 December Bobbi Patricia Clarke-Wade, Oliver William Seward Ursell

Weddings (*St Peter's*)

16 December Adrian John Davies & Caroline O'Reagan

Funerals

4 December	Norma Lesley Roach	Chilterns Crematorium
5 December	James Harrowell	St Peter's church (Kingshill)
6 December	Marjorie Grimes	All Saints' (Chilterns Crematorium)
3 January	Nancy Robertson	St Peter's church

Young people

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Contacts

Young people at St Peter's and All Saints'

St Peter's

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:30am to 10:30 in the Court House (next to the church in the High Street). Sunday School caters for 4 to 10 year olds, Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Contact Angela Dunford (875226) or Stephen Lally for Pathfinders (863526).

Crèche is available at 9:30am for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Please contact Libby Jones (862438)

All Saints'

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:15 to 10:15am. Sunday school caters for 3-9 year olds; Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Children from both groups join the service in time for Communion. On the third Sunday in the month there is a Family Eucharist when everyone is together for the whole service. Contact Kathy Beaumont (384453) or Felicity White for Pathfinders (863526). Crèche is available at the same times as Sunday school for children under 3. Please contact Sandra Simpson (384915).

Youth Groups

The youth fellowship meets in the Court House each Sunday 7:30-9:30pm. Contact Carolyn Gunn (875865).

Pathfinders games club meets 7:00-8:30pm each Wednesday in All Saints' hall.

For mid-week activities for toddlers please see page 29



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 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road. Tel: 864485
 The Revd Jim Lawrenson (Hon.Asst.Priest), Downside, 7 Torrington Road. Tel: 865999
 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981
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 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894
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 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way. Tel: 863559

St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis 864722 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild. 866859
 Organist: Terry Charlston Tel: 01582 462024

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
 (All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership)

Methodist minister: The Revd Martin Turner, 32 Finch Road Tel: 866324



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