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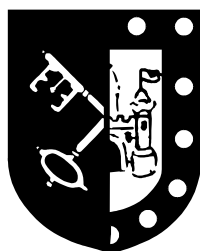
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**Welcome to the February issue of the
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February is usually associated with Shrove Tuesday (this month on the twelfth) followed by the start of Lent, a season of contemplation, self-examination and prayer. The month more mundanely brings advance details of the Berkhamsted Walk and the Petertide Fair. So it is this time.

We do however have some new departures. Among these I draw to your attention is the article by Peter Block on the Lions Club of Berkhamsted. The Lions have been well respected locally as a charitable fund raiser and ongoing helper for many years and we welcome the chance to explore their purpose and activities.

As so often we have some appeals for help and publicise several opportunities for giving service.

We continue to search for new angles. Does anyone know of any more humorous writers who might like to enliven our pages? As always we appeal to the town's photographers to let us have and publish their efforts, especially their studies of local scenes.

We do try to offer something for everyone!

David Woodward

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review leader

***Fr Martin Wright
reflects on the
future: his own in
his new role in the
parish, and ours.***

Recently I was watching a news item about the preparations being made for the Queen's Golden Jubilee Year celebrations.

Mention was made of the Silver Jubilee in 1977 and asked a question about whether the nation would respond this year in the same sort of way it did then. In schools, churches and in communities throughout the land, people celebrated the achievements of a monarch who had become a symbol of unity and continuity in a nation becoming more and more diverse both culturally and spiritually. I believe that, despite all the trials and tribulations that the royal family has gone through over the years, the Queen has been able to maintain her vision that she set out all those years ago in seeing herself as a servant of the people and God. She was determined to follow the example of her father and mother who had led the nation so admirably during the years before, during and after the Second World War.

In all spheres of life, people are asked to think about their vision for the future. One has to balance the view between planning ahead to make the best use of time, resources and talent and at the same time being allowed to take one day at a time and not being rushed into making decisions too far ahead. I have many

thoughts about how my role might develop over the next few years but I will need time to get to know everyone. Many of those to whom I have mentioned my move have said, 'Well, it's not far, is it?' They are, of course, referring to the fact that I have only moved from St Albans to Berkhamsted, a distance of twelve miles or so. One might say this is a small step for man, to quote Neil Armstrong when stepping onto the moon. I feel, that his next phrase is more applicable to how I felt on moving after a lifetime in education!

I am looking forward to finding my feet and getting to know you all over the next few months. In working towards a vision of the future we have to be able to come together in prayer and worship as well as the practicalities demanded by meetings. If any vision is to come to fruition we have to be inclusive so that the whole community feels that they have a part to play, whatever their age, gender, social or educational background. More importantly, everyone needs to feel that it is a future worth investing in. We need to be optimists whose glass is half full rather than half empty. We have to go forward in faith and trust and I am very grateful for the words in the first chapter of the Book of Joshua sent to me by a friend in a Christmas card. In verse nine it says, 'I hereby command you, be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'. ❖

On behalf of readers of the *Review*, we warmly welcome Revd Martin Wright and his family to the parish.

Fr Martin's parish email address is m.wright@c-of-e.freemasonry.co.uk

Cover: A view of the canal in spring as it flows through the town, to dispel those February blues!
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Ashlyns

Most of the big houses that once stood on the outskirts of Berkhamsted have disappeared over the years, among them Lagley, Haresfoot, Berkhamsted Place, Millfield, Whitehill and The Hall, although the names may still be in use. Two that have survived are Kingshill, now much altered and submerged in the complex of buildings at the National Film Archive, and Ashlyns Hall, only a short distance from it.

The lease of Ashlyns Hall is on the market, and for some reason the agents sent me the brochure. In recent years it has been the head office of an international company that makes up-market carpet tiles, and a very good job was made of restoring this handsome late Georgian country house and turning it into prestigious offices. Unfortunately its setting in lovely parkland was spoiled when the bypass was built not far from its front door.

Ashlyns is one of the oldest names in the Town, derived from that of the Asselyn family who resided there as early as 1314. The Foundling Hospital, now Ashlyns School, was built in the park before the Second World War, and then in the 1960s the Ashlyns council estate was laid out just below the school grounds. In recent years

Ashlyns residential home was constructed to fit inside the old high walls of the vegetable garden next to Ashlyns Hall. Nearby is Ashlyns Farm and further afield we have Ashlyns Road, Ashlyns Rise and Ashlyns Court - all reminders of the ancient local name.

Ashlyns Hall has been the home of a number of notable people, perhaps the best known of whom was the local hero Augustus Smith, the 19th century champion of the people of Berkhamsted against Lord Brownlow's enclosure of the Common. The famous publishing family, Longmans, later made Ashlyns Hall their home.

Organ Pioneer

Last December there was a special service to commemorate the restoration of the organ of Berkhamsted School chapel. The organ was put in soon after the chapel was opened about a century ago, and I am grateful to Alan Conway for passing to me some interesting facts about its designer, Robert Hope-Jones.

Hope-Jones was an electrical engineer who pioneered the use of electrical features in the design of organs, of which he built many, including what turned out to be the technically unreliable one in Berkhamsted School chapel. Hope-Jones was a poor businessman and in 1903 he was forced to flee to the USA to escape prosecution for bankruptcy. There in the States the Hope-Jones Company built about 40 organs, before its patents and plants were acquired by the Rudolf Wurlitzer Co. Hope-Jones then worked for that company until his death in 1914; so whenever you hear a 'Mighty Wurlitzer' you might be reminded of the link with the organ in the chapel in Castle Street. Incidentally, when the organ is being played it can be heard in our house opposite the chapel, and sometimes it provides background music to the writing of this column.

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be at any distance from the organ pipes, as people who worshipped at St Peter's before the new organ was installed 15 years ago may well remember. Then the organist, Peter Payne, sat at his console some 40 feet away from the pipes. This meant that there was a time lag between when he pressed a key and when the sound reached his ears. Peter adapted his playing to cope with this phenomenon, but some visiting organists couldn't, with unhappy results.

1874 and all that

Liz Baxendale has lent me a book of over 300 pages she managed to acquire called simply *Parish Magazine 1874-5*. It consists of extracts from St Peter's Parish Magazine, the predecessor of the *Berkhamsted Review*, for those two years. After thumbing through it and reading some of the articles I was left with some sharp images of how the Town must have been over 125 years ago, half way through the rule of Queen Victoria.

The magazine contained sermons, historical articles, poems and short stories, as well as a great deal about parish events. The overall impression is that while the magazine was newsy it set out above all to be worthy and improving. Even the fictional stories had a moral tone. Reading between the lines the social distinctions are always there, and society weddings are obsequiously reported. Yet the content of the magazine could be quite outspoken, even fiery.

In those days all the best seats in St Peter's were reserved for those who paid an annual pew rent, in practice the middle and upper classes, although the churchwardens (who then, as now, had the right to say who sits where in church) could seat other people in the reserved pews if the lessees did not turn up. One imagines that the pew rented by Lord Brownlow was not often occupied by him or his family as they had their own

magnificent chapel at Ashridge and another at Belton, complete with their own chaplains. How did the churchwardens decide who should sit in these prime seats when his lordship was not there?

The whole question of reserving pews was discussed at a no-holds-barred meeting in 1874. The performance of the churchwardens came in for scathing criticism and this was reported in the magazine, at some length. A Mr Timson said that in his opinion 'the present state of things was entirely the fault of the churchwardens. They ought to do their duty. They ought to be made to do their duty.' You get a sense of the relish with which the reporter wrote all this up, and there was more aggro to come from Mr Timson as he warmed to his task: 'If the pews were empty it was entirely the churchwardens' fault. He was simply for the churchwardens doing their duty without fear or favour...' and there was more in this vein.

The role of churchwardens in those days was not confined to church affairs, and when any new responsibilities came up in the parish they were likely to be placed on the churchwardens' shoulders. So when the Berkhamsted and Northchurch Dispensary was created to provide cheap medicines to the poor, a churchwarden had to manage it and decide who should be given what. 'Why, would you believe it,' the magazine thundered, 'for it is well nigh incredible, our excellent Churchwarden is supposed to assume to himself the position of a licensed practitioner, and to distribute drugs and doses according to his pleasure! Very dangerous indeed!'

Our present churchwardens can count themselves lucky not to be burdened with such responsibilities in these litigious times, or to be subject to the sort of public criticism handed out to their Victorian predecessors. ❖

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‘M.U. keeps Hypothermia at Bay at Bleak Mid-Winter sleepout for Emmaus Project in St Albans’

and any other dramatic phrases you might think of could describe this M.U. activity at the St Albans Sleepout on 7th December 2001. This project has become an annual event both to raise awareness and funds for the plight of homeless people in our affluent south east.

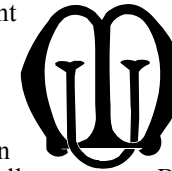
It would appear that the large number of young people (and some older ones) who sleep out on the hill around the Abbey in December would not be able, legally, to raise sponsor money in this way if the M.U. were not present to provide hot soup and hot drinks all night. The organisation would not be allowed to put the health of young people at risk, encouraging them to spend all night in frequently zero temperatures with no protection against the cold. I had thought I would like to join in the sleepout on several occasions and felt relieved and guilty when the freezing night came and I had not actually joined in.

In 2000 I had decided to join the M.U. team who serve hot comfort throughout the night but again failed to make arrangements. So when Margaret Barnard asked me to accompany her on her 10:00 - 1:00 nightshift I was delighted. “It would be nice to have a man whilst walking the streets from the car to keep off undesirable company”, so Peter offered his services in the hopes, he said, of having a quiet time to finish off his Christmas cards. Margaret advised taking knitting or a book as it was usually rather quiet during the night.

We found our way around a few sleeping bags by the wall - some with

THE MOTHERS’ UNION

Felicity White tells of her experience helping the annual ‘sleepout’ in St Albans in freezing temperatures.



people kept on streaming in with just a merciful pause for us to gather used plastic cups and make our own plan of action. Peter toured the grounds and found crowds, everywhere, out on the open hill.

Business again became very brisk so Peter grasped the ladle, Margaret, the kettles and milk and I manned the sink and tea towel. So we kept at it until 1:00am and the new team arrived.

There were special moments during the gentle, festival atmosphere including one girl who came in to have her hottie filled up to keep her through the coldest moments. Everyone was thankful and appreciative. Some were on their own; others in groups. There were guitars and chat and laughter. Most cups were not finished - enjoyed for the moment of hot comfort that thawed them out for a while. The coldest part of the night had not yet begun. I couldn’t imagine how they could ever sleep in such conditions.

As we left the warmth and looked at the groups in sleeping bags on the hill in bitter cold mist there was a sense of their kinship with victims of war in Afghanistan, and with many people in want and deprivation through no fault of their own. Not a card was written but it was our pleasure and privilege to be there to support the sleepers.



tinfoil - and thankfully came into the warmth of the cafe premises and donned Margaret’s fetching blue M.U. linen aprons. There were queues of young people and saucepans bubbling with soups, and kettles and plastic cups and some confusion. We watched and took instructions, and settled in to take over at 10:00pm. The young

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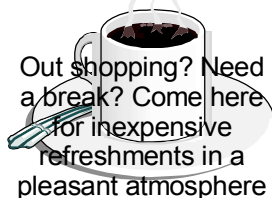
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Should car parking offences be decriminalised? At the moment, in most of the country, parking control is the responsibility of the police and is enforced through the courts. If it were decriminalised the borough council would take over the management of car parking and become responsible for its enforcement. At the

moment the police are stretched everywhere and car parking is way down on their list of priorities. There is only one traffic warden in Berkhamsted and a total of five across Dacorum. For effective parking management 21 would be needed.

Government transport policy is now not to increase the amount of car parking space but to better manage the space that is already available. This is from a desire to discourage car use. This policy, though, like the policy of not building more roads, if it is to be a real benefit rather than a 'cop-out', needs to be matched by more funding in public transport. Recent failures at Railtrack have put this in doubt. There have also been campaigns to make people aware of the environmental hazards of too much car use but these have had only limited effect. It is all very well to say that children should be walked to school rather than driven but when a mother has to go on to work immediately after dropping her children off, using a car may be the only practical means of accompanying them.

Bringing car parking management within the control of the local council has some benefits. It enables parking to be managed in a way that balances the needs of all, whether residents, shoppers, commuters, local workers or visitors. This approach is already being taken in the London boroughs and increasingly in other parts of the country. Recently, Watford

council & news views

Local councillor **Ian Reay** asks if decriminalisation of parking offences would help parking problems in the town.

and Three Rivers decriminalised parking offences.

Parking management by the borough council may bring with it charges for parking in places where there are currently none, such as on the High Street, and increased parking charges where they already exist. It may also mean changing the balance of spaces

allocated to short and long term stays in the town and restricting parking to residents only in, say, the conservation area. There might be more yellow lines and more waiting restrictions. There could be fines for parking illegally but, since the money from fines will be kept locally instead of being dropped into the bottomless pit of Her Majesty's Treasury, that would also be a local benefit.

Here, in Berkhamsted, the underused car park at the railway station should be put to more effective use. If Silverlink can't be fined for allowing their parking spaces to remain unused when the rest of the town is choc-a-bloc perhaps we could subsidise them to keep their parking charges lower. This would take more commuters off the street, allowing space for others, and might be cheaper for the borough than providing spaces elsewhere.

Dacorum borough council has recently asked Arup Transport Planning to advise on the best way of managing car parking across the borough and decriminalisation is one of their suggestions. The borough council will decide soon on whether or not to go further down this road. If that is the way the decision goes, and I hope it does, then there will be a lot of detailed discussion, particularly with residents in streets which are badly overparked at the moment, about how their schemes will work. ❖

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A year ago the Bourne Gutter was flowing well, and visible from the A41 as you drove towards Aylesbury up the slope from Bourne End. With another wet autumn it looked likely that it would be flowing again this February. But a very dry December may prevent this or at least delay it. It has been dry for the second half

of 2001 which is the usual pattern even when it flows in winter and spring. Considering its occasional appearance and short length, it has been very well documented for some of its modern life. But before we get to the facts, what about the fiction ?

Local folklore says it appears every seven years, but nature is not as regular as our imposed chronological patterns. The river was closely studied by the Herts Natural History Society (HNHS) from 1875 to the early 20th century. Some decades had heavy rainfall and a frequently flowing river, followed by periods of low rainfall when it failed to flow for as long as 14 years. The close correlation between rainfall and flow is because there are no significant abstractions of water along its length to complicate the issue. In the period of 84 years from 1853 to 1937 it flowed 20 times on average every four years. Nor is it true that it is a 'woe-water' which heralds disasters. It did not flow just before the Crimean, Boer, or either of the World Wars. No doubt some disaster for some people could be discovered to justify the story though.

The fact is that as the rainfall fills up the aquifer beneath the surface and breaks through, it supplies water to Bourne Gutter's valley for most of its length simultaneously because, unlike most Chiltern chalk streams, the Gutter flows

THE BOURNE GUTTER

David Simmons recounts the facts – and the fiction – connected with an occasional local water feature.

for much of its length from south west to north east, along (that is, at right angles to) the general slope. This is not true of its upper reaches where it follows the general slope in the rising ground towards Hockeridge Bottom. Before this section it crosses the Whelpley Hill to Haresfoot road at the White Hill culvert.

Last winter it would have been more appropriately named the White Hill ford, because for many weeks the road at the valley bottom was under water. Two large lakes appeared above the road (to the south-west). The larger one supported several nesting ducks and moorhens and their broods. The stream was visible in the rising ground towards Hockeridge Bottom, making its length about 3½ miles to its junction with the Bulbourne at the appropriately named Bourne End. According to HNHS records this source position was reached at least 10 times between 1853 and 1937. It is unfortunate that records for its recent past - from 1960 onwards are less detailed than earlier years. Maybe it is a case of them not being so readily available ?

In many respects the Bourne Gutter must still look as it has for centuries, as it passes through what must be one of the most unspoilt, beautiful little valleys in the district, a clear example of 'small is beautiful'. It is a scene with its roots in the distant past. Contrary to fears, the building of the by-pass about 10 years ago did not lead to its demise. ❖

This article is based on research by the Chiltern Society's Rivers and Wetlands Group. If you would like to support the work of the society please contact the membership secretary on 01494 758289.

The Piccadilly line had begun life at the beginning of the 20th century as a project of the ailing Metropolitan District Railway whose directors conceived a scheme for a deep level tube between Earl's Court and Mansion House, operated by electric locomotives. Soon the District extended the plan by acquiring the rights to build another line between Brompton and Piccadilly Circus.

It is not clear how the directors of the District thought that their chronically unprofitable railway would ever have been able to raise the money to build this pipe dream. The third element of the plan which eventually became the Piccadilly Line was the Great Northern and Strand railway which would run beneath Great Northern tracks between Finsbury Park and Kings Cross and would run thence to Russell Square and Aldwych via Holborn. Charles Tyson Yerkes, the American financier and a central figure in previous articles in this series, acquired the right to combine the three schemes in the Great

CREATIVE AMERICA FINANCE

Stephen Halliday's history of the Tube covers attempts by early developers to pick the public purse.

Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway (which became the Piccadilly Line) after some astute financial manoeuvring.

In an insouciant performance before a Parliamentary committee he wearily assured his interrogators, "I have got to a time when I am not compelled to go into this business, but seeing the way things are in London I made up my mind this

would be my last effort". Construction of the new railway began in the spring of 1902 and by 15th December, 1906 the line was ready to be opened. The first official train was started by David Lloyd George, President of the Board of Trade, who was presented with a golden key for the purpose. This didn't work so a foreman's iron key was used instead.

The Charing Cross, Euston and Hampstead Railway

Meanwhile, Yerkes was busy building railways elsewhere, though his methods of raising finance for the purpose were to leave a disastrous legacy for his successors. The promoters of the Charing Cross, Euston and Hampstead Railway, authorised in 1893, had by 1900 had no success in raising capital to build it, and no Whitaker Wright had come to 'rescue' the project as he had the Bakerloo line. On 1st October, 1900 a syndicate led by Yerkes which included Marshall Field, the Chicago store magnate, had bought the Hampstead Railway from its promoters for £100,000. Yerkes became chairman and Robert Perks a director. Yerkes insisted on extending the proposed railway from Hampstead to Golders Green where cheap land was available for a depot. Yerkes knew from his experience in America that

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suburban railway lines were quickly followed by housing estates, with rich pickings for anyone astute enough to acquire the land in the meantime. Having raised American finance to build the railway Yerkes then appointed American engineers to advise on its construction. Rails were imported from the USA and rolling stock, in the form of multiple units, was built in the USA by the American Car and Foundry Company and shipped to Manchester where it was assembled and sent to the company's Golders Green depot by rail and road.

Lloyd George Resists Temptation

The new line was officially opened on 22nd June, 1907 and immediately became known as the Hampstead Tube. Lloyd George once again performed the ceremony by switching on the current with a golden key and then travelled to Golders Green and the second terminus at Archway. At the banquet which followed he resisted the attempts of the railway's management to draw him into any undertakings to subsidise or regulate London's transport system to the advantage of the company. The chairman of the line, Sir George Gibb, commented ominously that 'companies could not go on losing money without serious consequences all round' while Sir Edgar Speyer invited municipal authorities to buy shares in the railway companies and urged Lloyd George to regulate competition between railway and bus operators. Lloyd George, shrewdly recognising the lobbying to which he was being subjected replied that 'Sir Edgar Speyer had tried to lure him into some of the loveliest traps ever set for a Minister' but declined to give any assurances that any 'socialistic legislation' would come to the rescue of the companies. These exchanges were an ominous portent of the financial legacy of Charles Yerkes whose unorthodox financing arrangements cast a long shadow over his successors.

Death of the Titan

Yerkes did not live to see the opening of any of his tubes. In November 1905, he sailed to New York where he died on 29th December in the suitably resplendent setting of the Waldorf Astoria hotel. The Times carried an obituary the following day which reminded its readers of the 'financial and practical abilities which he combined to a rare degree'. His legacies, both to his underground railways and to his heirs, were less certain. He had intended that his grand New York mansion at 811, Fifth Avenue, with its collection of old masters including paintings by Rembrandt, Holbein and Raphael should be left to the citizens of New York as a memorial to Yerkes. However others' claims were more pressing. One of these involved £160,000 due to Underground Electric Railways, the final payment on the 32,000 shares which Yerkes had taken up when the company was launched.

After much litigation his mansion, art collection and gold bedstead (formerly owned by the king of Belgium) were auctioned in April, 1910 and two years later the Underground company finally received payment for its shares. On this occasion The Times was more sanguine, describing the events in a moralising leading article as 'one of the ordinary hazards of the modern world in which speculators make money, buy art treasures lavishly and die in debt'. The shadow of Yerkes' financial manoeuvring continued to lie across the fortunes of his company for many years. Yet if Yerkes had been an entirely honest, upright banker much of the underground system would probably never have been built. ❖

Organising an event in 2002?

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.

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(862723) (copy dates inside front cover)

The Petertide Fair 2002

It's already time to start
thinking about this year's Fair,
says **Alex Evans**.

The Petertide Fair will take place on Saturday 29th June, 2002 opening at 10:00am in St Peter's churchyard, with the finale at 2:30pm.

The letters of gratitude in last month's Review remind us that our efforts, humble in relation to the needs, can make a real difference to the lives of those much less fortunate than ourselves, at home and abroad.

This year's causes are the Hospice of St Francis, and, abroad, the Mothers' Union Literacy and Development Programme.

The hospice and its financial needs for care of the terminally ill and development of its premises are well known. There can be few in the town whose lives have not been touched upon in some way by the work of the hospice, an irresistible cause.

The Mothers' Union literacy initiative was set up as a millennium project. It is funded largely by money raised by members in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and used to train indigenous teachers in local communities.

The problems of poverty and disadvantage in third world countries are compounded by illiteracy. The literacy programme seeks to provide the opportunity for women to learn to read and write. In doing so they develop skills to benefit their families, and the local communities.

Let us wholeheartedly support the Mothers' Union as it uses the promotion of



The Children's Society's
Berkhamsted Walk
Sunday, 12th May

The 34th Berkhamsted Walk will take place this year on Sunday 12th May, starting at 10:30am from the Court House.

Enthusiasm for the walk was undimmed last year despite its near cancellation because of the foot and mouth crisis. It is with relief that the committee can return to the paths in the glorious Chilterns around us.

The walk this year will have an added dimension, a 'Sunday Stroll'. Recognising that even the ten miles of the short walk can be too demanding for youngsters and the elderly, a route of less than five miles will be added to the programme as an afternoon stroll. Starting in a rural location, it will cater for families with young children, and our senior citizens.

The Children's Society seeks to be a source of change in the lives of deprived children and young people whose circumstances make them particularly vulnerable. The Berkhamsted Walk gives us a chance to give thanks for the children around us and to help children in need, while relishing the fresh greens and flowers of early spring. More details in next month's *Review*. ❖

literacy in third world countries as a strand in achieving its aim of furthering Christian family life.

If you are interested in helping with the Fair in any way, please contact Alex Evans on 872502.

It is a simple, captivating idea. On the first Friday in March, Christians in Tonga will be the first people in the world to be 'challenged to reconcile' in worship and prayer. As the sun bids others to wake, they in turn will join in this world-wide web.

People in Berkhamsted and Northchurch are invited to weave their prayers into this special day. Two ecumenical services have been arranged: 1:30pm at St Mary's Northchurch, and 8:00pm at Berkhamsted Baptist Church. All are welcome to join in these events.

In a world where nations, communities and families are divided, the ministry of reconciliation is a timely subject for united action and prayer. Christian women in Romania have developed this theme into a service based on the Romanian Orthodox Liturgy, and this will be used throughout the world on 1st March.

Romania is a beautiful country, with hills and high mountains, forests and grassland, coastal beaches and holiday resorts. Amongst the varied flora and fauna, there are rare species: pelicans, bustards, chamois and mountain cocks. Deposits of industrial metals, petroleum and methane gas, marble, granite and gritstone are valuable natural resources. Many Romanians work on farms, the larger enterprises growing sunflowers, wheat, maize, and sugar beet.

The transition to democracy barely five years ago has not been easy. The economy has collapsed. Different ethnic groups have to learn to live and work together. Many families are burdened with unemployment and poverty, and the gap between the rich and the poor is growing rapidly. Winter temperatures may fall to

World Day of Prayer

The first day of March will see a web of prayer following the sun around the world.

Valerie Clark tells us more.

very low levels, housing conditions are difficult, and many people cannot afford heating.

The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Romania itself in three languages: Romanian, Hungarian and German. Candles will be lit to signify the presence of God, who will be reverently addressed as 'Thee'

and 'Thou' because 'You' is regarded as too familiar. As an outward sign of dedication and as a prayer of blessing, Orthodox Christians will sign themselves with a cross.

The first day of March is conceived as a day in which 'the voice of prayer is never silent'. Everyone can take part. If you cannot join in one of the local services, take a moment to share one of the prayers that will be used, in a multitude of languages, from east to west:

We thank Thee, Lord, who art the giver of all good things. Thou art the same yesterday, today and forever. Deeply root within us reverence for Thy greatness. Strengthen our love for one another. Wipe out all enmity, take from us all inclination towards division. For Thou art our peace and Thee we glorify. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and from all ages to all ages. Amen.





LIONS CLUB OF BERKHAMSTED

Peter Block asks what
do you know about
the Lions?

Lions Clubs International is the largest voluntary service organisation in the world. It was started in America 84 years ago and the first UK club was formed in 1950. There are now over 1.4 million members in 185 countries, all with the object of helping those less fortunate than themselves.

We are active fundraisers!

The Lions Club of Berkhamsted is in its 24th year. Our 28 members raise around £12,000 from fundraising events each year and use this money to support local charities, youth activities, a community service programme and a community minibus. About 10 per cent of the money raised is used for national and international appeals.

The main annual fund raising event is the August bank holiday fete, which accounts for 40 per cent of the year's total. Additional events include a charity golf day at Whipsnade Park Golf Club, a Christmas hamper draw, raffles for champagne and Easter eggs in local clubs and pubs, thanks to the generous support of the landlords. You can also visit the Lions' monthly bric-a-brac market stall in front of Tesco.

We support local groups, charities and youth activities.

We list the recipients of our local charity donations in our fete programme, and details are regularly published in the *Gazette*. These include the local hospices, Berkhamsted Patients Medical Fund, St John Ambulance and the air training cadets.

All Lions clubs support youth activities and we, in Berkhamsted, sponsor youth football, community service awards and the Lions International peace poster contest. We give financial support to

young people undertaking activities abroad and have paid for the education of two school-boys in Malawi.

Hands-on Community Service.

Our community service programme is extensive. It includes two tea parties a year for senior citizens and a trip in the countryside, and also an evening out for the 'Old Boys'. We cook and deliver 'meals on wheels' on Boxing Day and New Year's day. Berkhamsted Lions organise a summer barbecue, Christmas party and a pantomime visit for the Gateway Club. The Lions minibus is a well recognised sight around the town either supporting our own community activities or on loan to other charity groups.

The Lions also work with other service organisations in Berkhamsted, for example by helping at the Berkhamsted Rotary half marathon, and by shaking tins on behalf of other charities. A recent example of service group cooperation is the establishment of the Berkhamsted Patients Medical Fund, initiated by the Lions and supported by Berkhamsted Bulbourne Rotary, Round Table and Ladies Circle.

Last October, the first Berkhamsted and district community fair was organised by the Lions in the town hall to provide a showcase for local clubs and charities to explain and enlist support for what they do.

So many activities, and we still have time to enjoy ourselves!

A Lion's life is not all hard work - we have an excellent social programme as well as enjoying the camaraderie of our two meetings each month. A Lion is never without friends in any country of the world in which there is a Lions club.

Anyway

sent in by Mavis Haile

People are often unreasonable,
illogical and self-centred;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you
of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
they may cheat you;
Be forthright anyway.

What you spent years building,
they may destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

The good you do today, they often
will forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and
it will never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

Can you see yourself as a Lion?

Because you are reading this article we know that you have an interest in the community, and we are always looking for like-minded people to join our club.

A third of our members work; two thirds are retired. All have family or other interests, and most are involved in other charitable groups.

The Lions club is open to both men and women, and their partners are also welcome to become involved in our activities. Prospective members just take part in what is going on, and after two or three months can apply to become Lions.

We are a non-political and a non-religious organisation; such matters are not debated at our meetings; nor are personal business matters discussed.

Why not come along to one of our meetings to see at first hand who we are and what we do? We meet at the St John Ambulance HQ, behind the Northchurch Social Centre, at 8:00pm on the first Thursday of every month for a Lions business meeting. On the third Thursday we meet in the Sessions Hall at 8:00pm for a dinner meeting, where we have a guest speaker.

If you ring our membership director, Lion Roy Thame, on 873909 you can be assured of a very warm welcome at one of our meetings. You may also like to visit our website on www.lions105a.org.

Its fun! We look forward to hearing from you!





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On the outskirts of Berkhamsted, the badger and the muntjac are regular visitors to our gardens. In the Gaddesdens, the fat or edible dormouse, the glis glis, can wreak havoc in garden, orchard and loft. The badger is our largest native mammal; the muntjac and glis glis are foreign escapees in the early 1900's from estates in Woburn and Tring.

The badger can weigh in at 30-40 pounds and be three to four feet long from nose to the end of a short tail. It belongs to the family *Mustelidae*, which includes the weasel, stoat and skunk. The striped black and white facial fur will be familiar to us all if only from the pictures of Bill, the friend of Rupert Bear.

Badgers have long been persecuted. In early days they were hunted, and pitted against dogs in the barbarous 'sport' of badger baiting. Myxamatoxis, the contagious rabbit disease, caused the death and dearth of rabbits, which form part of the badger's diet. It was widely believed that this would cause badgers to become predators on farm animals, resulting in the gassing of badgers in their sets. The decline of the badger resulted in their receiving a degree of protection in the early 1970s. Today, a debate rages on whether the badger is responsible for spreading TB in cattle. Trials, resulting in the culling of badgers over whole areas, are taking place to prove or disprove the theory.

Badgers feed on small mammals, acorns, blackberries, earthworms and a variety of other natural foods as they become seasonally available. Hedgehogs are a delicacy and are now rarely seen in our area. Badgers live in colonies called sets with many entrances and burrows leading to a number of chambers which can be on different levels. The creatures are nocturnal when there is a risk of being

Badgered beyond belief

Alex Evans defends persecuted wild creatures but has problems of his own!

disturbed by man, emerging from the set as night falls and returning before dawn. They are active all the year round, although at one time they were thought to hibernate. One to four cubs are born in springtime.

Badgers are wide spread in the Chilterns. Chalky

banks make ideal sites for sets. The evidence is all around. Heaps of freshly mined chalk and flints, testimony to the strength and digging power of the badger, lie outside entrances to the burrows and can be seen around tree roots, often in clumps of elder. The badger is a tidy animal, digging dung pits and latrines, many of which are close to our town. Badgers are territorial and follow well-defined tracks. The A41 by-pass has badger tunnels to allow the badgers to safely follow their non-negotiable routes.

The dictionary defines 'badgering' as to worry or to pester, prompting the title of this article when my lawn started to be regularly dug up. For seventeen years we had lived harmoniously with Brock as he nightly made his way around the gardens of Castle Hill. Now deep pits and scattered turf cover a once well-tended lawn. Worse, many of the pits are used as latrines.

Maybe it was coincidence, but the attacks started at the time when a dead badger, killed by a car, was seen at the roadside by the golf course. Informed opinion suggested that the victim had been a dominant male in a set, and a younger male was staking a claim to its former territory. Perhaps, but the National Trust at Waddesdon Manor had a similar problem on its lawns as badgers dug for

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Embattled Nations

Muriel Lander writes:

At a time of international strife I recall a poem I heard many years ago:

God heard the embattled nations sing and shout,

'Gott strafe England!' and 'God save the King!',

God this, God that and God the other thing –

"Good God", said God, "I've got my work cut out!".

I would be interested to know if anyone else remembers hearing or reading this during the last war.

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Badgered beyond belief (continued from page 21)

worms. The solution there was reputedly to feed the badgers on jam and syrup sandwiches, a tempting alternative to a diet of worms. A single trial sandwich disappeared overnight, only proving that another visit had been made, but more pits appeared. Guidance was sought on how to deter the badger, or badgers, from their unwelcome behaviour.

Those of a refined and delicate disposition should perhaps gloss over this paragraph! The badger has a keen sense of smell and man is its only natural predator. Advice was given that fresh male urine on the badger track would be a deterrent. Nocturnal visits to the end of the garden in the face of a keen northeast wind proved only the fortitude of our ancestors as they made their way to an outdoor privy. The badger was not in the least deterred.

The Herts and Middlesex Badger Group recommended a malodorous product call Renardine. A tray containing a towel soaked in the product was laid on

the badger track. Another hole under the fence was disdainfully dug alongside, proving that attempts to block a badger's path are futile.

A product made from the essence of lion dung called Silent Roar was also recommended but, being advertised as a deterrent only to cats, has not yet been given a field trial. An electric fence was considered, but a quick cost-benefit analysis showed that live and let live and a packet of grass seed purchased in the spring is the humane option. At the time of writing, the frosts and hard ground seem to have stopped further pit digging, but the pundits advise that the spring is the time when a further onslaught can be expected.

If you can't beat them join them. The Herts and Middlesex Badger Group protect and study badgers. It can organise badger watching, and would welcome new members. Contact can be made through Keith Higby on 390243, the web site is www.hmbadgergroup.org.uk. ❖

I read the item *A Senior Citizen Defined* in December's *Review* with great interest. I think we who were born during the First World War have seen the greatest changes in one lifetime ever.

As a child I can remember seeing the lamplighter cycling along on his bike, with a ladder over his shoulder going to each street gas lamp and pulling a little chain to light the lamp. The fire engine was drawn by horses and the firemen looked very noble in their brass helmets. I can remember my first ride in a car. My friend's father bought a small car and took us up to Stanmore Common for a ride, having first made sure that it wasn't going to rain! I was never sure what would have happened if it had started to rain whilst we were out!

I have always wondered if the young who marry now after having lived with their 'partner' for some time find their actual marriage ceremony a let down - no excitement. However, although my granddaughter had said that she had thought it would be so, she in fact found

A Different World

Vera Pullen reflects on the changes that she has seen in a lifetime.

people advertising to meet someone for friendship, companionship, possibly marriage. We never had any problem in meeting young men and could be out every night in the week if we wanted. Mind you, it all came to an end in 1939 when the war started. We grew up very quickly then. Jim and I had been married a year and suddenly life changed.

Now we can have meetings with people all over the world by computer; we can speak to people in Australia as easily as those living along the road; we can fly all over the world and even if our railways aren't nearly as good as they used to be, we will get there in time. It really is a different world.



her wedding day truly memorable and exciting, and suddenly realised, when making their vows before family and friends, just what a deep commitment they had both made.

Another modern phenomenon is the vast number of people advertising for 'dates'. In newspapers and magazines there are literally thousands of

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**Rev Peter Hart
looks at the way
work impinges
on our life and
faith.**

One of the most common 'funny' remarks made about the clergy is that they only work one day a week - if only that were true! It reflects, however,

the nature of work in our society - most of it goes unnoticed. We work in offices, in closed buildings, in our studies at home and nobody sees what we do, despite the fact that we all return home exhausted in the evening. Part of the reasoning behind the 'take a child to work day' is to remove the mystique of the workplace, as well as providing children with an experience of some of the realities of adult life. Work experience is now built in to every child's education, to ease the transition from student to wage earner a little.

For many, work does not impinge too much upon family life - train drivers cannot take their train home, shop workers do not carry on selling and serving when they finish work. However, having grown up in a family of teachers, I know that for plenty of types of employment, a great deal of work has to be brought home, and the increased ease of electronic communication does mean that what were once office-based tasks can now spill over into leisure time. Also, the self-employed and those who work from home never

properly escape the demands of their work. Much as we would like to keep work and family life separate, it doesn't always happen.

It is not just work, though, that we try to keep in a compartment of its own. We also have a tendency to keep our faith separate from other aspects of our life. Worship is for Sundays, giving of our time to the work of the parish might take up a few hours a week, prayer goes on in planned, solitary moments - but surely our faith is a constant to our life, not just a few scattered moments. Our faith must be relevant to our workplace, just as it is relevant to our family life and our social life, just as it is worked out in our corporate worship. We need to be consistent - prayer need not be reserved for home, worship need not only take place in a church building, the work of extending God's kingdom of justice and peace needs to continue wherever we are, whatever we are doing. Justice and peace in the workplace are just as real and necessary as in society at large.

As we move into Lent this month, let us find ways of integrating our faith and our work, let us be imaginative in taking Christ's perspective into the field of employment practice and let us be prayerful workers, taking the presence of God into the very heart of the workplace, for God is the God of work, just as much as he is the God of the Church. ❖

LENT AT ST MARY'S: *'MY FAITH AT WORK'*

During Lent there will be a series of seminars under the heading of *My Faith at Work*, relating faith to the world of work. The seminars will be held on Tuesdays 19th and 25th February, and 5th and 12th March

at 8:00pm in the Parish Room. There will be speakers at each gathering. For more information, speak to Revd Peter Hart on 865312.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY LUNCH **SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 12:30-2:00PM**

Have your Sunday lunch at All Saints' on Sunday, 3rd February! £3.00 for adults, £2.00 for children will entitle you to a bowl of home made soup and a roll plus coffee or tea. All proceeds go to the Leprosy Mission. Can there be a better way of contributing to a charity than this? Tickets available from Ray Emsall or Cliff Watkins, or on the day at the door.

PATHFINDER GAMES CLUB

An extra pair of hands is needed to ensure that this popular and well attended group can continue. Please contact Carole Dell (864706) if you can help.

FOREIGN COINS

The Hospice of St Francis can make good use of any unwanted foreign coins (Euroland coins, pre-Euro, which are only usable until 28th February). Please hand any you have to Rachel Anderson (871997), and Angela Morris (866992) or John Malcolm (874993).

HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

The Hospice of St Francis is looking for volunteers who could spare a weekday morning once a week or once a fortnight to man a new cancer information and support service to the public in central Berkhamsted. While medical qualifications are not necessary, an interest in medical matters, a sensitive approach, good listening skills, and common sense are very important. The people approaching the information desk are likely to be newly diagnosed patients or their relatives. It is also essential that potential volunteers attend the two-day preparation course on Tuesday, 5th March and Friday, 15th March 2002. Support to volunteers offering this service will always be available.

More information from: Liz Daniel, Voluntary Services Co-ordinator at the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted (862960 during office hours).

CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

Preparation sessions for children aged 7 to 11 years, who wish to consider taking communion before confirmation, will be held on Wednesdays at 4:30pm, **starting on ???**. If you and your offspring would like to join this group please contact Fr Mark Bonney (864194) who will explain what is involved.

OXFAM CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT **FROM WELLIES TO WATER WELLS**

The 14th semi-annual children's wear event will take place on 14th March in the Civic Centre. Doors open at 9:00am, with two and a half hours thereafter for you to select your bargains.

The event has widened to include children's books, toys, and, of course, clothes and footwear for children of both sexes, and for all ages and all seasons.

Whenever and wherever disaster strikes Oxfam is often among the first on the scene to provide shelter and safe, clean, drinking water. When the emergency is over, Oxfam works alongside the stricken people, helping them to rebuild their shattered lives. Oxfam works in more than seventy countries. Kosovo, East Timor, and Afghanistan are recent examples. To make this work possible, Oxfam raises money through a network of 800 shops, staffed by nearly 20,000 people, almost entirely volunteers.

The Berkhamsted Oxfam shop and the children's wear event are the principal local contributors to the causes. The children's wear event has become increasingly better known. Discerning parents and grandparents have recognised that the range of quality clothing, often new or as good as new, offers opportunity for bargains and common-sense purchasing. Thanks to the generosity of donors, the hard work of preparation, and the many who voluntarily serve on the day; over £2,000 was raised at the last event. Make a note in your diary and come and buy. And yes, there will be wellies on sale!

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

A parish pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will run from the evening of Friday 22nd February to Sunday 24th February. This will be a weekend of prayer, worship - and jollity! The cost is £65. If you would like a place please give Fr Mark Bonney a deposit of £10 (cheques payable to WCTA Ltd.).

LIONS CLUB OF BERKHAMSTED

If you have some decent bric-a-brac you would like collected, please phone fund raising chairman, Lion Alex Evans on 872502.

If you want to hire the Lions' minibus or marquee please phone transport officer, Lion John Beach on 833513.

If you know of a lonely person who would appreciate being invited to a tea party, please phone community services chairman, Lion John Newman on 862618.

BERKHAMSTED CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Berkhamsted Citizen's Association present an illustrate talk on *Chenies Manor* at 8:00pm on Wednesday 13th February in the Great Hall of the town hall. The speaker is Valerie Edwards, head guide at the manor.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE W.I.



On a very cold afternoon our president Liz Baxendale welcomed members including two new ones to the first meeting of the new year.

Business matters were soon dealt with and we then proceeded to a pantomime quiz to commence our entertainment before welcoming our speaker Ann Parsons, who was accompanied by two members from Boxmoor W.I.

Ann Parsons gave us an excellent talk entitled *Royal Connections* recalling her very happy memories as a daughter whose family served the royal family for over 60 years. Her father's retiring position was as butler to the Queen Mother. She recalls her visits to

Buckingham Palace and Sandringham. On display was a wonderful show of letters, cards and photos of the life her father spent serving the royal family. She kept the audience enthralled with her talk and an expression of thanks was given by Joy Lovell.

During a special tea Liz Baxendale and Joy Lovell acted a seasonal pantomime to which we duly hissed and booed. Before leaving for home we were each pleased to receive a Christmas present.

Next month on 1st February we look forward to meeting Heidi Buckle, the subject being *Be clear - Be aware* at the Court House at 2:00pm. Do come and join us and to meet some new friends. ❖

LENT AT ST PETER'S AND ALL SAINTS'

Wednesday Evenings at 8:00pm in Lent

On Wednesdays evenings this Lent we will be introducing and discussing a most important document that has just been produced and will be debated later in the year by the General Synod and the Methodist Conference. *An Anglican-Methodist Covenant* is the 'Common Statement of the Formal Conversations between the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the Church of England'. This is not only important because of the LEP in the parish but because it relates to our two denominations as a whole. It is hoped that these evening sessions can be wholly, or partly shared and further details of the venue will be published on church notice sheets.

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			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	<i>No Eucharist for time being.</i>			
		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	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.			
		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>	7:30am	Eucharist	7:00am	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>				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>					
3rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm in the Court House. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195, Ruth Treves-Brown 863268 or June Haile 873087.					
1st Tuesday	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> Contact chairman Jean Bray 864532 or secretary Joan Gregory 864829.					
Tuesdays	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or Short service as announced. Gillian Malcolm 874993 or Kate Spall 873470.					
Tuesday	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm fourth Tuesday at 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. 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					
3rd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Margaret Barnard 862794					
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 DISCUSSION GROUP: 8:00pm as announced. Contact Guy Dawkins 874108					
3rd Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris 865785.					
4th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: Vera Pullen 862196					
Thursday	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm every Thursday. Contact Linda Bisset 862115.					
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 P (10am). Nicole Varndell 828541					
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 Carole Dell 864706.					

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There is Eucharist every Tuesday (9:30am) at All Saint's and every Wednesday (7:30am), 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; there is 7:30am Morning Prayer and 5:00pm Evening Prayer on Saturdays. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (phone 864194).

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FEBRUARY

1	10:00am	Little Fishes Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
5	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints'</i>
13	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	<i>St Peter's</i>

MARCH

1	10:00am	Little Fishes Toddler Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
2	7:30pm	The Bridgewater Band with Elgar's <i>Cello Concerto</i> & Brahms <i>Symphony No 4</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
4	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
10		Mothering Sunday	
22	8:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	<i>Court House</i>

Registers

Baptisms (*St Peter's*)

16 December Joscelin Story

Funerals

26 September	Alice Rachel Duncan	Chilterns crematorium
30 October	Brenda Priscilla Thrall	Chilterns crematorium
14 November	Roy Roberts	Chilterns crematorium
15 November	Edward Arthur Wakefield	Chilterns crematorium
16 November	Eric Ruddlesden	Chilterns crematorium
19 November	David John Punter	Chilterns crematorium
4 December	Charles Colston	West Herts crematorium
4 December	Ethel Rose Bush	Chilterns crematorium
6 December	Norah Rawley	Chilterns crematorium
6 December	Colin Alan King	St Peter's church (Kingshill)
7 December	Vernan Francis	Chilterns crematorium
11 December	Richard Bolton Corless	Chilterns crematorium
14 December	John Samuel Clark	Chilterns crematorium

Answers to the *Name the Saints* quiz on page 25:

(a) 9; (b) 6; (c) 1; (d) 7; (e) 4; (f) 8;
(g) 5; (h) 11; (i) 12; (j) 3; (k) 10; (l) 2.

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. Contact Carole Dell (864706).

For mid-week activities for toddlers please see page 29



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The Revd Mark Bonney, The Rectory, Rectory Lane. Tel: 864194 (day off Friday pm / Sat am)
 The Revd Martin Wright, All Saints House, Shrublands Road. Tel: 866161
 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road. Tel: 864485
 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981
 Christina Billington (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise. Tel: 385566
 Miss Marjorie Bowden (Reader), 16 Broadwater. Tel: 871283
 Mrs Joan Cook (Reader), The Gardeners Arms, Castle Street. Tel: 866278
 John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway. Tel: 874993
 Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road. Tel: 870981
 Parish Secretary: Mrs Jean Green, The Parish Office, The Court House Tel: 878227
 Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway. Tel: 871598
 Churchwardens: Chris Smalley, 18 Osmington Place, Tring. Tel: 826821;
 Peter McMunn, 37, North Road. Tel: 874894
Parochial Church Council: Secretary: Richard Foster, Vandykes, 29 Ashlyns Road. Tel: 863359
 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	7:30am
		Thursday	11.00am
		Friday	9.15am
		Morning Prayer: M-F 7:30am, W 7:00am	
		Evening Prayer: M, W, Th 5:00pm	
6.00pm	Evensong & Sermon	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 No Anglican service until further notice
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)
 6.30pm No Anglican service until further notice (*see Evensong at St Peter's above*)

Weekdays
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 (All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership)

Methodist minister: Rev. Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road. Tel: 866324



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