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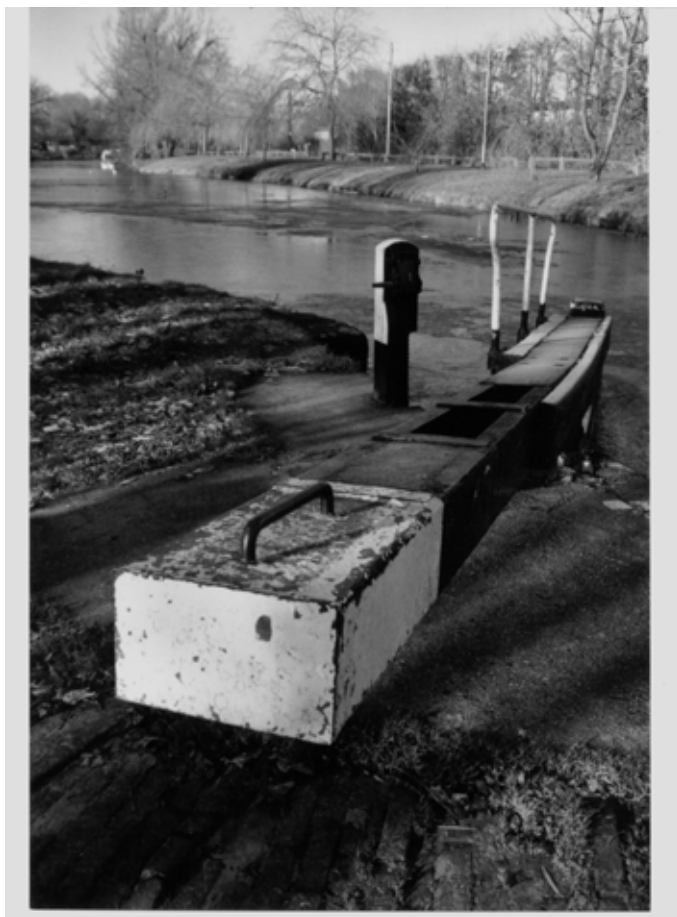
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## *The Parish Magazine of St Peter's with All Saints'*

Welcome to the February 2003 issue of the Berkhamsted Review.

Diversity is the distinctive feature of this month's magazine. We are urged to offer our support and prayers to our new archbishop. We consider local wildlife and stimulating local walks. We have an analysis of the possible future strategies for the entwined topics of parking and shopping in our town. We hear about local aspects of two major national events, the National Marriage Week and the Women's World Day of Prayer. A forthright contributor tells us how charities should conduct themselves, and there is the usual varied *trailer* for coming concerts and other activities in our area.

When the editors of your magazine are asked what is the editorial policy of the Review our unvarying reply is to be eclectic. This usually produces stunned silence. What we mean is that, while being an unashamed parish magazine, we like to achieve the greatest possible degree of the diversity mentioned earlier.

To do this we invite all readers to become writers. It is said that everyone has at least one book within them. Everyone has something interesting to say. And if you think you write better than what we print already, now is your chance to make an improvement. We eagerly await your contribution!

*David Woodward*

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*Fr Martin Wright  
looks at the  
burdens taken up  
by the new  
Archbishop of  
Canterbury and  
urges that we  
give him our  
prayer and  
support*

## reviewleader

Later this month, Dr Rowan Williams will be enthroned as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury, with the ceremony taking place in Canterbury Cathedral on 27 February immediately following the next session of General Synod. Although he has already undergone the

formal confirmation of election last November he will not undertake public duties until after the enthronement. In taking on the role, Dr Williams has said that he faces his new challenge with a sense of inadequacy but also with hope, joy and enthusiasm.

From what we have already seen on television and in the press, Dr Williams appears to be a very "hands on" person, and we are told he will not fudge on important issues. In a world facing war and terrorism, Dr Williams will need to be a voice for the Christian faith, so that world leaders can be influenced in their decisions. At home he has already said that the church must get to grips with many issues including that of ordaining women bishops. The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Tom Butler, is quoted as saying that Dr Williams will be a firm and holy leader who is going to be good for us, but it is not going to be a comfortable ride

As Primate of All England, Rowan Williams has a huge responsibility. His job description covers his role as Bishop of Canterbury Diocese, Metropolitan for the Southern Province of the Church of England, Chairman of the Church Commissioners, Joint President of the General Synod as well as President of the Anglican Communion and acting as spiritual leader to seventy five million Anglicans around the world. If he follows George Carey's example as pastor, leader and ecumenical ambassador, he can expect to visit over a hundred countries during his tenure as Archbishop. What a tremendous burden we are placing on his shoulders.

In acknowledging the enormous task facing Dr Williams and the importance of his mission and ministry, what can we do, to support and encourage him? The Rev'd Canon John Paterson, the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion Office, says that the most important role we have is simply to pray for Dr Williams every day so that he can be an effective instrument of God in the world today.

Having heard Rowan Williams speak on many issues during the excellent profile on his life broadcast before Christmas, I am heartened by the way he comes over as a spiritual man who is at ease with himself and the thousands of people he meets. To see him with children, young people, the elderly as well as politicians and public figures gives a real insight into the man who will lead the church for the next decade or more. We offer him our prayers and support for his new ministry. ❖

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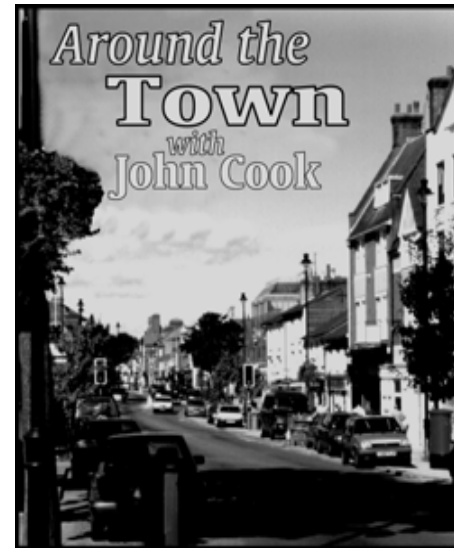
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### **Woods to the South**

Hockeridge and Pancake Woods are well used by people in the Shootersway area for walking their dogs; but those who live nearer the northern edge of the Town tend towards the Common and Ashridge Park for exercising their animals and themselves, and they may not often find a reason to visit those areas of woodland on the other side of the bypass. This is a pity, because although these two woods on either side of Johns Lane are not large they are full of variety and interest - and they are so conveniently close by.

They are well managed by the owner, the Royal Forestry Commission, not just as a public amenity but as place for unusual trees - almost an arboretum. There are small plantations that one day will have the tallest trees around the Town - Wellingtonias and Douglas fir - and there are various exotic ones like the sweet gum from Australia and the Atlas cedar from the mountains of Morocco. Some of them are labeled to help identify the species; some have nesting boxes,

and if you like that sort of thing there are picnicking areas with benches and tables. The usual woodland birds abound, and you might see deer.

On the downside is the noise from the roads there - you are never out of earshot of it - on the north side from the bypass and on the east from Chesham Road. When the bypass was being planned I am not sure if any of us realised that the noise from the traffic would be so obtrusive over such a wide area, particularly in wet weather.

At the time of writing we have had no snow worth mentioning this winter, but if we do have a decent fall, Hockeridge and Pancake Woods will be worth visiting then. For some reason I can't explain, of all the places near Berkhamsted these woods look the most magical just after snow has fallen on them.

### **Boundaries**

But although we may think of Hockeridge and Pancake woods as ours they are not in fact in Berkhamsted; they are not even in Hertfordshire - indeed they are not even in the same region of England as Hertfordshire. To suit the Brussels bureaucrats the country has had to be divided up into regions, and we are in the Eastern Region, on its extreme western edge. This may not seem to matter much, but in some ways it already influences our lives. For example, we are in the territory of the Eastern Region Tourist Board, along with places like Kings Lynn and Southend; our neighbours in Chesham, Bucks, come under another body. If ever we do have regional assemblies in this part of England the headquarters for ours are more likely to be in Cambridge, Bury St Edmunds or Norwich than in Hertford.

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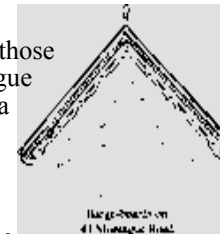
## Barge-boards

A feature of some of the more attractive buildings in Berkhamsted from the 19th and early 20th centuries is their barge-boards. These are the sloping boards under the roof edges on gables, which in Victorian times were sometimes made into attractive architectural features. Many barge-boards are quite plain, but others have mouldings along their length; sometimes they have wavy edges, and the most elaborate are carved and fretted.

We don't have many examples along the High Street, but look for those on the mock Tudor buildings by the end of Three Close lane, on the end of the Swan against Chesham Road, the narrow ones on the Court House Cottage and the wide ones over Adams the Opticians. Towards the west end of the High Street the row of houses opposite the end of Kitsbury Road have steeply pitched gables, each with its pair of barge-boards with wavy edges, subtly turned up at the bottom corners, and with pretty finials on top. Further along towards Northchurch, the handsome lodges at each end of Durrants Lane have barge-boards.

Those on both the front and the back of the lych-gate in Castle Street are decorated with carved and painted medallions, and there are particularly fine examples on the Crystal Palace pub, although these have lost some of their cusp ornaments and the gable has been rather spoiled by the removal of the top of the finial. A pair of barge-boards plus a finial pointing to the sky make a very nice composition.

The barge-boards I particularly like are those on No 41 Montague Road. They add a handsome finishing touch to an attractive house.



It is a pity that few modern houses, even those built in the currently cottagey Victorian style, have

barge-boards worth mentioning. The little terrace backing on to the canal almost opposite the railway station has small ones over the porches, but I can't think of any more. Perhaps there should be a barge-board society to promote the use of them.

## St Peter's Organ

On page 23 in this issue of the Review there is a tribute to Peter Payne, who for 31 years was organist and choirmaster at St Peter's. It was fitting that his funeral service included such a variety of music - hymn-singing, an anthem by the choir, a recording played over the new sound system in the church (which is excellent for such performances) - and organ playing.

At the time Peter took over the music at the church there was a huge organ there, taking up nearly the entire north transept. The choir and organist were a long way from it on the other side of the building, the organ being remotely controlled, electrically. This meant that when the organist pressed a key there was an appreciable time lag before the note reached his ears and those of the choir. Peter and his assistant Clifford Gosling developed a technique for coping with this disconcerting time-lag so that the congregation was not aware of anything strange going on; but some visiting organists found it difficult to cope with.

When a rebuilt organ was proposed in the 1980s, it was decided to have a somewhat smaller, manual instrument, but the question was where should it be placed? All sorts of ideas were considered, such as up in the gallery or even high up in front of the chancel arch. Several organ builders and an adviser were consulted, and eventually after a good deal of debate the present position was selected. It faces the congregation, the organist sits in front of it and the choir is by its side - musically the best arrangement.

There were many discussions on the design and visits to see other organs built

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National Marriage Week from 9-15 February is promoted by the Futureway Trust and seeks to emphasise the importance of marriage for family life and our wider society.

The week is launched with a high profile conference where practical ways to strengthen marriage and prevent family breakdown will be discussed. At a local level, events will be organised by church communities to focus on and support marriage. With marriage and family life being at the heart of the work of The Mothers' Union, many members across the country will be involved in organising services, displays and celebratory meals to mark National Marriage Week.

Marriage is of course more than a ceremony or a rite of passage, important though those are. It is about human relationships where commitment, trust and faithfulness are paramount. Working to develop these is not always easy in a society that does not seem to regard such values very

## THE MOTHERS' UNION

**Margaret Burbidge** writes about National Marriage Week, an example of the MU's commitment to marriage for family life



highly. Couples looking towards marriage deserve and need support from the church and the wider society in which we live, for entering a marriage relationship in the 21st century is no small undertaking.

The Mothers' Union recognises this and its prayer diary for the 9-15 February focuses on marriage, and encourages members

to pray sensitively for this important human relationship, acknowledging that it can be difficult and lead to separation and breakdown, and is not for everyone. So with members throughout the world we join with them by praying, *God of love, we give thanks for marriage; for the love, comfort and support given and received for both partners. Touch with your healing hands all those couples whose marriages are in difficulty, or who are kept apart by illness or adversity.* ❖

### Around Town (contd from p7)

by the man finally chosen for ours - Peter Collins.

Peter Payne was a man of few words, but his contributions to all this process were always well-reasoned and entirely helpful.

So we ended up with what you see today - a smaller instrument than the old one but still pretty large and prominent, with the pipes painted in bright colours to match those in the stained glass windows. And despite some criticism for being too dominant and too modern in appearance, the organ has been warmly praised by both audiences and distinguished organists for its musical qualities. ❖


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Grant that Thy servants may go slow,  
That they may study to comply  
With regulations, till they die.

Teach us, Lord, to reverence,  
Committees more than commonsense,  
Impress our minds to make no plan,  
But pass the buck when e'er we can.

And when the tempter seems to give  
Us feelings of initiative,  
Or when, alone, we go too far,  
Chastise us with a circular.

Mid war and tumult, fire and storms,  
Strengthen us, we pray, with forms.  
Thus will thy servants ever be  
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The recently exhibited ideas for resident's parking schemes in Berkhamsted generated strong feelings, amounting at times to what can moderately be described as fury. These ideas have now been rejected but parking remains a problem in the town. Many of the comments that were returned during the consultation that took

place were on the lines of: Rather than restrict parking even further in the centre of the town, why not increase the amount of space that is allocated to car parking in Berkhamsted? Ideas were mooted, such as a multi-storey car park behind the old Waitrose store or on the Canal Fields site. I don't think that either of these proposals would be feasible. A multi-storey car park at Water Lane would require a huge amount of co-operation from different landowners, and one on Canal Fields would, I am sure, be so damaging that it would not get planning permission.

There is only one place left in the town now where there is room for new car parking and that is at Stag Lane. The local plan policy on the future of this site, which I have supported, is that it should be used for housing, but for more than ten years Tesco has been trying to get permission to build a new supermarket there. After their original plan - to build just a large supermarket - they modified their proposal to that of a smaller store, and they would put 98 houses on the site as well. Their plan also includes an additional 298 car parking spaces.

I have always been reluctant to support the use of Stag Lane for a supermarket because of fears of that it would lead to fewer shoppers visiting the town centre. The need to maintain a prosperous town centre was the principal reason for supporting the building of Waitrose where it now is. The

## **Ian Reay has his own views on the future for parking and shopping in Berkhamsted**

report of the Inspector on the local strategic plan discusses the option at some length and also comes down on the side of rejecting Tesco's proposal for Stag Lane. But the congestion problems revealed during the recent discussions on parking have made me wonder.

Berkhamsted town centre is thriving - at least in the sense that the level of unoccupied shop premises in the High Street is, at 1.5%, half, or less, than the levels in other town centres in the borough. Even in the Marlowes, 3% of premises are unoccupied. At the same time the Inspector mentions that the Waitrose store is only running at under 90% of the level that Waitrose normally expects of their stores and the Berkhamsted Tesco is trading at less than 60% of the usual Tesco level. Waitrose's under-performance is probably partly due to its high prices and Tesco's is probably due to its poor accommodation, which means it cannot offer the full range offered by its larger, more modern shops. Tesco argues that a bigger store at Stag Lane would encourage more people to shop in Berkhamsted since they could offer a wider range of products. This would at the same time provide more effective competition for Waitrose - and that might lead it to reduce its prices.

So, a new Tesco supermarket at Stag Lane could lead to more people staying to shop in the town, to more low cost housing, to lower prices at Waitrose, to more parking spaces and to a reduction in parking problems in the town centre. It might also help to revive the little parade of shops at Gossoms End. I am disagreeing with the policies of both the town and borough councils when I say this but - maybe it's not such a bad idea after all. ❖

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## 'TIS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

**Liz Baxendale** has strong views on how charities should behave

And I do want to say a big thank you to all those families who provided school equipment on Christmas Day. It was a wonderful collection and has already filled eighteen bags (made by Miss

Bowden, with material donated by *Peter John* the furnishing shop). There are enough items left to fill another eighteen or twenty sacks. So, at least three dozen children will benefit from the gifts from St Peter's families. This may have further reaching consequences than we'll ever know - but I can tell you we won't be sending the pens off as *freebies*! Every one will eventually find its way into the hand of a youngster eager to learn.

So on behalf of those young people, and on behalf of HOPE for Children, many thanks to all who gave so kindly.

The one thing we are always short of, to put into the school bags, is METAL PENCIL SHARPENERS, but there isn't a single charity who sends me those!

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I pointed out to one of the largest 'environmental' charities that it was those people who could not afford to send them £50, who might like the set of 'free' presents they would send to donors of that amount. Those who could afford the fifty quid could probably afford to buy the odd oil painting as well!

The calendar from an animal charity with sentimental pictures of puppies and kittens amounted to emotional blackmail and I sent it back with a stiff note to use their resources in a better way. I often receive little adhesive address labels, and of course ballpoint pens by the sack load each year. The labels I destroy, or send back, the pens I put aside for the local charity HOPE to send out in their 'School Bags'. I know they don't cost much, BUT they cost something and that money could be better spent.

The one appeal that I find really not appealing or acceptable is from a nun who supposedly needs money to look after African orphans, a worthy cause one might think, that could use every penny available. WHY then does she send ME a 10p coin? This goes into the HOPE box, too.

## Utopia

In May, 1515, **More** journeyed to Bruges at the request of the king and the Merchant Adventurers Company to join an English mission which was negotiating treaties over trade, tariffs and access to port facilities. The trade in wool between Flanders and England was crucial to the prosperity of England and there were anxieties about a friendly relationship which was developing between the low countries and France, with whom Henry was on uneasy terms. It is a testimony to **More's** reputation as a lawyer and negotiator that he was chosen for this delicate task. Four months passed while the Flemish authorities prevaricated. During this time **More** was visited by Erasmus and also managed to make a visit to Antwerp. It may have been the company of Erasmus or the visit to Antwerp which encouraged **More**, during this visit, to write his best known work *Utopia*, or, as he originally titled it, *Nusquama*, both words meaning *Nowhere*. Certainly the opening scenes of the work are set in Antwerp and the printing was organised by Erasmus in Louvain in 1516. The subject is the search for an ideal form of government and it begins with a meeting with an imaginary traveller called Raphael Hythloday who has sailed with Amerigo Vespucci, the Italian explorer who gave his name to the continent of America. **More's** mythical traveller describes the land of Utopia which Hythloday has

## “A MAN OF ALL HOURS” Sir Thomas More

**Stephen Halliday** outlines **Moore's** vision of the perfect society, Utopia, and his bitter dispute with Martin Luther



visited and which, in size, climate and topography resembles England. Everyone in Utopia works a six hour day, the remainder of the time being devoted to learning or healthy recreation. Men and women all enjoy the benefits of education; all citizens live in similar houses, with gardens; all wear similar clothes with distinctions only for sex and marital status; meals are taken communally. Gold and silver are regarded as valueless except as raw materials for the manufacture of chamber pots. There is a population of slaves who perform menial tasks but they are either criminals or prisoners of war and they are treated benevolently. Religious differences are freely tolerated, though **More** suppressed his instincts in this matter when, as Lord Chancellor, he later pursued heretics with zeal. The book describes a society which has something of Plato's Republic infused with the values of humanism. Although written in Latin it quickly became popular and was translated into other languages beginning with French (1550), English (1551) and soon afterwards German, Italian and Spanish. Rabelais referred to it in the third book of *Gargantua* and *Panlagrauel* as early as 1546. **More's** great adversary Luther requested a copy of the book the year after its publication as Luther broadcast his ninety-five theses. *Utopia* may be regarded as an ancestor of other satirical works set in imaginary places like Jonathan Swift's *Gullivers Travels*, Samuel Butler's

*Erewhon* and, in a more sinister vein, Orwell's 1984.

### The Courtier

By this time **More** had been drawn into the circle which surrounded Thomas Wolsey, the king's Lord Chancellor, principal adviser and accumulator of bishoprics. By the autumn of 1516 More was sitting with Wolsey in the Court of Star Chamber. Through Wolsey's influence, **More** at this time became closer to the king and was appointed Master of Requests. In this capacity he was responsible for examining petitions addressed to the king. In June 1520, he visited Calais to attend the Field of the Cloth of Gold when Henry VIII met Francis I in a vain attempt to conclude a lasting treaty of friendship between their two countries. Upon his return from Calais, **More** was appointed to the post of under-treasurer of the king's household. In this capacity **More** was responsible for the finances of the king's household and the office carried a knighthood, so from this time he was **Sir Thomas More**.

### The Defender of the Faith

But at this time much more important events were stirring in the life of Sir Thomas More than trade treaties. On the eve of All Souls day, 1517, Martin Luther nailed to the door of the church at Wittenberg his ninety-five theses which challenged many of the prevailing doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. He followed this, in 1520, with *An Appeal to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation* which called upon the secular powers in Germany to lead their subjects away from domination by a corrupt papacy. In January 1521, Luther was excommunicated and Henry VIII, the faithful Catholic, composed his refutation of Luther's position: *Assertio Septem Sacramentorum adversum*

*Martin Lutherum*, a clear statement of orthodox Catholic doctrine against the Lutheran heresy. More was involved in editing this anti-Lutheran tract on behalf of the king, modestly describing his role as that of *a sorter-out and placer of the principal matters contained therein*. Ironically, More advised Henry to place less emphasis on the question of papal primacy and, more ironically, Henry ignored his advice. For this tract the Pope, in 1521, awarded Henry the title *Fidei Defensor* --- *Defender of the Faith* a title born by every subsequent English monarch, a fact of which observant citizens are reminded every time they see the abbreviation *Fid Def* on the coins of the realm.

Luther was neither slow nor restrained in his response. He described Henry as a pig, dolt and liar who deserved to be covered in excrement. More, who composed a response to Luther under the pseudonym *William Ross* replied in kind. He suggested that Luther was a *lousy friarlet* who would *gnaw like a rabid dog on all the most holy men*. Luther's collaborators would collect *obscenities, dirt, filth, muck, shit, all this sewage they stuff into the most foul sewer of Luther's breast. All this he vomited up into that railer's book of his, like devoured dung*. He added: *Father Tossplot Luther, fugitive extraordinary of St Augustine, will be permitted to spew out...much filth, dung, shit*. To emphasise the point More adds, in a margin note *Istud facis assidue Luther — you do this constantly Luther*. This was not a period in which theological disputes were noted for their restraint. More's abandonment of the detached irony which had marked his earlier works like *Utopia* in favour of savage polemic reveal him as something other than the gentle scholar of *A Man for All Seasons*. The language reflects the strength of his views as he contemplated the challenge that Luther posed to the ordered world of European Catholicism. ❖



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At this time of year we look forward to wrapping a ribbon of prayer around the world on the first Friday in March. This year, that same ribbon will also link us back into biblical history: to the sons of Noah; to the command to Moses when the Israelites were in Sinai; and to the great temple that Solomon built. Jesus went to a wedding, and drove moneychangers from the temple; and St Paul set out on his last journey to Rome. Can you make all the connections?

Everyone is invited to join in the day:  
 - at 10.00 am at All Saints' Church  
 - at 8.00 pm at Kings Road Evangelical Church  
 - in prayer at home  
 - experimenting with Lebanese recipes

This year's theme, *Holy Spirit, fill us*, has been developed by the women of Lebanon, individuals rebuilding their lives since the end of the civil war only 10 years ago. Many Lebanese women were abused or disabled, lost loved ones, or their homes and earthly possessions. Many of their children have emigrated in search of education or employment. Other women are working with refugees who have suffered similarly and have found some respite in Lebanon. Out of the depths of these experiences, the women of Lebanon lead us to give thanks for creation, for hope, and for restoration.

#### **Make a difference yourself!**

Do you feel able to read a few sentences in either service?  
 Can you learn a simple tune to join with others in leading one of the hymns?  
 Will you make some Lebanese *finger nibbles* to share after the services?  
 Can you put a small poster on your gatepost from mid-February?

Telephone Eva (879216) or Valerie (862613) so they can give you details before you commit yourself. Both have answerphones and will ring you back if necessary.

Keep the following prayer to hand for the World Day of Prayer. People who live on islands in the Pacific will first use these words

## **HOLY SPIRIT, FILL US**

**Valerie Clark describes the activities planned for Friday 7 March, the Women's World Day of Prayer**



O God, we stand before You today, just as we are, asking Your pardon. We failed to seek righteousness and reconciliation. We have forsaken the sick and the suffering. We have ignored the refugees and the poor. We have not defended the oppressed. We have not preserved our environment.

Accept our prayers as we repent of our sins against You and against each other. Help us to serve our neighbours as we seek to serve You. May the power of Your Holy Spirit purify, sanctify and keep us.

O Holy Spirit, renew us that we may evermore persevere in Your love, faithfulness, justice and patience and please You all the days of our lives. Amen.

One of Noah's grandchildren was Canaan, whose descendants settled around 3000 BC in what is now Lebanon, and who became great navigators and traders. *The Phoenicians*, developed the ports of Byblos, Tyre and Sidon. Moses received the command to leave Sinai and *go to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon*. Solomon was not the first to contribute to deforestation of the cedar groves of Lebanon when immense logs were formed into rafts and floated down the coast to be used as beams, planks and decorated panels in the temple. Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians and Greeks each invaded and settled this land before the Romans created a vast province of Syria extending inland and along the eastern coast of the Mediterranean. In their time, Aramaic came into general use and Beirut was confirmed as a cultural centre by the establishment of a school of law. Tyre remained a major port and its coinage was required by the temple authorities. Jesus went to Cana, Tyre and Sidon, and Christians have been present in Lebanon since the early disciples.



## Gaudeamus Singers

are a group of talented singers who sing with various other choirs but who have sung together on previous occasions as the semi-chorus for performances of

Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* and Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius* with their conductor Graham Wili, conductor of Berkhamsted Choral Society.

This is choir's first concert as a chamber choir. The concert covers quite literally everything from Bach to the Beatles, opening with one of JS Bach's most well know motets *Jesu Meine Freude* and finishing with three arrangements by the King's Singers of Lennon and McCartney songs. It also includes two folksong arrangements and a

## GAUDEAMUS SINGERS

**Graham Wili** gives some background on their first concert as a chamber choir

Lloyd's choir.

The rest of the concert includes three Bruckner motets, three Stanford motets and the setting of the Te Deum by Charpentier. So the programme has something for everyone.

Members of the choir will be joining Berkhamsted and Chorleywood Choral Societies in their performances of the Verdi Requiem at The Royal Festival Hall and St. Albans in May later this year.

Shakespeare setting by the composer and conductor of the Lloyd's Choir, Jacques Cohen. Previously these have only been performed by the

St Peters' Church, BERKHAMSTED

## Gaudeamus Singers

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## **NATIVITY ACTION**

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**These pictures were taken at the All Saints' nativity play on  
22 December. As you can see there was a part for  
everyone!**

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This short article is to give you advance notice of the twenty-second Petertide Fair, which will held on **Saturday 28 June**, starting at 10.00am. As usual, the stalls and events will take place in and around St Peter's church. Each year all the money we raise goes to charities, and although details of this year's causes are still being finalised, we will follow the previous practice of supporting charities both local to us and overseas.

## **PETERTIDE FAIR 2003**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
A date for your diaries**

Last year's event was very successful, with a combination of fine weather and great support. Although the weather is out of our hands, support is very much up to us.

Assistance on the day and in the weeks of planning and preparation will be very, very welcome. Please put the date in your diaries, and look out for more information in the Review as details become finalised.

### **RAMP AT ALL SAINTS**

As we go to press the wheelchair ramp at All Saints church has just been completed. This will give the disabled access to all levels of the church and, we hope, make the building more "user-friendly".

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I knew Peter well for some three years as a very green curate serving my title under the then Rector, Canon Robert Brown, between 1964 and 1968. Peter was unfailingly helpful and encouraging. He died recently aged 69. His home was in Chesham but it was his wish for his funeral to be at St Peter's where a choir was assembled under Adrian Davis to provide a fine musical background.

During the service a tribute was paid on behalf of the family by Nick his eldest son and I will quote from a heavily edited version of his writing to give a flavour of the man.

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"The things I could immediately recall being told about my father's life in his early days were:-

1. He was a pupil at Dr Challoner's School (as was his wife Pat).
2. He was very affected by the death of his own father when he was 16.
3. He ran an All England 220 yards.
4. He saw national service as an R.A.F. Radar Operator.

Peter was driven by his great passion for music and for bringing music into as many lives as possible. There are quite literally thousands of people out there who have been entertained by his musical productions. From school halls to concert halls, from churches to cathedrals, taking in the opening of Brent Cross shopping centre along the way, my father created choirs, big bands, orchestras and everything in between. He wrote many, many musicals and provided that rarest of treasures, true entertainment and audience pleasure from a school Christmas production.

And just when you thought that he'd done it all, he said that he'd had a kind of idea about having all areas of his music together in one arena. Well it happened -

## **PETER PAYNE**

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**ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER  
1958-1989**

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here - in St Peter's with my father conducting, singing and playing both piano and organ and maybe a few other things as well. It really was a spectacular success

and I would guess it would be up there in his own top-ten most enjoyable performances.

So for me that really personified his passion-led public side. He never saw the limits of what could be achieved. He saw just each new challenge and opportunity to spread music around and involve performers and listeners alike in something new or different. And remember also that a huge number of his musicians and choristers were aged 11-17 which made the results even more staggering.

So many of the things he did were steps into the unknown. In addition to all the wonderful performances he gave, he also undertook a wide range of home and garden projects. But surely - only a man who truly loved his family would spend months building a swimming pool in the back garden when he himself couldn't swim!

The private side of my Dad was very unassuming. I never saw one ounce of self importance in anything he ever did or said regarding his achievements. He was a man who kept his personal life very personal preferring his emotions to manifest through his passion for music and sharing music.

Difficult to believe then that this man of such resource and no little bravery was reduced to a gibbering wreck by a retriever puppy. Sad but true. Accompanying William the retriever pup to dog walking classes was the perfect opportunity to give my dad valuable bonding time with the

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family pet. Still the bonding must have worked because about 17 years later when both Dad and William were having difficulty walking, Andy remembers walking up the driveway at home one day to be confronted by Father and canine sidekick coming in the opposite direction in the car. When Andy enquired what they were up to, Dad replied *just taking the dog for a walk!* Apparently they would drive to the park and look at the wide open spaces through the car window before driving home again.

Perhaps, none of us, really knew the person Peter kept within himself but one thing I have recognised since the summer is that he found it far easier to speak in actions than he ever did in words!"

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
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**Rev Peter Hart  
encourages us to  
debate, pray, be  
informed, write  
and share doubts  
about Iraq**

It is not every day that the churches speak with one voice, but the current build up to conflict between USA and its allies and Iraq has prompted a unanimity of opinion from church leaders. Archbishops and Presidents of Conference, Bishops and Moderators have all condemned the rush to war, denied the justice of the cause and questioned the morality of *regime change* imposed from outside. This does not mean that these Christian leaders are sympathetic to Saddam Hussein and his dictatorial regime, nor does it imply that they are opposed to all wars. It is simply that in this case, they view the reasons for military intervention as neither moral nor legal.

We, as ordinary members of our local parish, should take encouragement from this unity of purpose from our Church leaders. It is sometimes difficult to discern a way forward in complex moral and political cases, but here, the situation is clear: to violate the sovereignty of an independent country because of what we suspect they are doing is an undue exercise of power. In short, it is wrong.

However, just because we have the moral arguments clearly laid out for us by our spiritual leaders does not mean that we can stop thinking and debating the issue, nor abandon our prayers for a peaceful and just conclusion to the Iraq - US + Allies standoff. We have a duty to persevere in

prayer, to press on in our discussion and exploration of all the attitudes, possibilities and responsibilities which surround this issue. As the people of God, we must be consistent and faithful, as well as supportive of our leaders.

So, what do we do? Firstly we pray, daily and in an informed manner, for everyone involved in the conflict and for those directly or indirectly affected by its potential outcomes. Secondly, we pray for our leaders, both spiritual and political, for wisdom and courage to hold to that which is right rather than to that which is expedient or forced upon them. Thirdly, we keep ourselves informed, so that our prayers are up to date. Fourthly, we can write to our leaders, both spiritual and political, to offer our support and comments - they do need to know what people are thinking and saying. Lastly, we need to share our doubts and our concerns with each other, so that we can actively encourage one another in our prayers and actions.

Should the forces of destruction be unleashed upon Iraq, God forbid, then let us pray for mercy and deliverance for the innocent and a rapid return to peace and stability ❖



# reviewnotes&notices

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## SPECIAL EVENT

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On Sunday 9 February the preacher at St Peter's will be the **Rev John Payne Cook**. John and Mary Payne Cook have just returned from a three year period as missionaries with the USPG on the island of St Kitts in the Caribbean. We have been supporting them through our outward giving, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them home and hearing about their experiences. As many will know John was at one time priest-in-charge of All Saints, and was team rector of Tring before this latest post. There will be a joint All Saints/St Peter's service at 9.30am on 9 February at St Peter's. Please come and make this a particularly joyful occasion.

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## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

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**Fr Mark** and **Fr Martin** will be leading the annual pilgrimage Friday 14 - Sunday 16 March. If you would like to join this weekend in a beautiful Norfolk village, devotional and healing services in the Shrine Church, good food and comfortable rooms, walks by the sea and conviviality in the local Pub - then contact **Fr Mark** (864194) for a booking form. £70 full board for the weekend.

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## NEWS FROM THE PCC

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The PCC rounded off the year 2002 with a meeting in early December which covered a number of diverse subjects.

A financial update was submitted and the recommendations of the outward giving committee for causes to be supported by the parish were approved. An amount in excess of £20,000 will be given to Christian and secular charities considered worthy of support. Causes to be sponsored for this year's Petertide fair were also considered.

A review of the work being done by the new youth worker concluded that he had made a significant impact in all areas of our youth work and had provided a strong base on which to build.

Two resolutions were approved to apply for faculties to conserve and restore four hatchments to their original position in St Peter's Church and to accept **Fr Jim Lawrenson's** gift of a gold pyx.

The group looking into the implications of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 presented a report which will be the subject of detailed discussion at future PCC meetings.

The chalice assistants' rota was reviewed and the names of new candidates were approved for submission to the Bishop.

Finally, approval was given for Jonathan Lee to be appointed as the new organist at St Peter's church.

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## MAKE A DATE NOW

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Don't forget to come to the annual parochial church meeting which this year will be held at 11am on Sunday 23 March in St Peter's church. At this important event the PCC for the year 2003/4 will be elected. Everyone on the electoral roll of this parish is eligible to vote. Do come along and have your say.

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## CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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The February meeting of the Berkhamsted Citizens Association is on Wednesday 12 February at 8pm in the Great Hall of Berkhamsted Town Hall. **Matt Wheeler**, director of the Dacorum Heritage Trust will give an illustrated talk entitled *Dacorum Heritage Trust: Current projects and future plans*. All are welcome.

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## BRIDGEWATER BAND

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The Bridgewater Band was founded in 1998 and is an orchestra based in Berkhamsted and serving the surrounding towns and villages. It is directed by **Adrian Davis** and managed by a group of the players themselves who had the vision of bringing the best of the considerable local talent together. The orchestra enjoys the opportunity to give live performances of the great classics and has been delighted by the warm and enthusiastic response of the large audiences at its concerts. The orchestra invites professional violinists as leaders for each season.

The Band is now engaged in its fifth season. Its vision is to continue to bring its high standard of musicianship and programmes to local audiences, with an accessible ticket price and the intimate atmosphere which has marked the concerts so far and makes us feel we are amongst friends. If you share this vision then you might like to become more involved by becoming a Friend of Bridgewater Band and join us in building up this exciting venture.

The financial support of the Friends is invaluable in supporting the work of the orchestra. The Bridgewater Band is a non-profit making organisation. It is expensive to put on a concert, especially if we engage a soloist. Friends can make a general donation or cover specific costs such as venue hire, postage or ticket printing. Having your support means we are able to plan ahead with confidence.

For further details please contact  
**Tony Firshman** at 29 Longfield Road, Tring,  
HP23 4DG (828254)

The Band's next concerts are on Saturday 1 February (see page 16 for details) and Saturday 17 May, when there will be a varied programme in conjunction with the Chiltern Chamber Choir and distinguished soloists playing music by Brahms, Charles Ives. Samuel Barber and Stocken.

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## OXFAM OFFERS SPECIAL EVENTS

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The Oxfam shop in the High Street will be featuring a series of special events during February, prior to closing for a refit. The month will culminate in an end of season sale to prepare the way for an exciting new range of goods when the shop reopens at the end of March.

The shop will be closed in the run-up to Red Nose Day in March, so make sure you buy your supplies early. The noses should be available by the second week in February.

The temporary closure will not affect the charity's popular children's wear sale. This will take place as usual in the Civic Centre on Thursday 13 March from 9am to 11.30am when a marvellous range of new season stock will be on offer. **Audrey Hope**

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## BERKHAMSTED QUIET PLACES

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*Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.* (Mark 6 v 31). We offer time and space, away from the stress of life, in a peaceful setting. We meet twice a term in different houses and enjoy gardens when the weather permits. After a chat over tea or coffee, an invited leader guides us briefly on a chosen theme, and then we remain in silence. It is an opportunity for stillness and reflection, for learning about Christian spirituality and for experiencing healing in the context of God's love.

Our next meeting is on Friday 21 March, 9.30am to 12.30pm, at Hill House Frithsden Copse. The title is *Greetings most favoured one: the Annunciation; an image of obedience and purity of love.* ➔

# reviewnotes&notices

The meeting will be led by **Julie Cox**, curate in a Luton parish and a member of the diocesan steering group on *Initiatives in Spirituality*. Please ring **Frances Norrington** (871855) to reserve a place.

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## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI

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At the last meeting of the old year the new joint president Joy Lovell began the meeting with a Christmas poem.

Secretary **Janet Mitchell** then gave a tribute to **Vera Shaw** who had died recently aged 92. Coming from Yorkshire a few years ago Vera had entered fully into the life of Berkhamsted in spite of her profound deafness. She will be much missed.

After further business we were entertained by **Mr John Smith**, whose presentation *Off the Beaten Track* enthralled his audience.

The slides, commentary and music were delightful and showed our county through the four seasons and many moods. An appreciation was given by **Liz Baxendale**. The competition for an interesting stone was won by **Mary Harris**. The secretary gave a preview of the coming year's programme which is full of variety and interest.

Berkhamsted Castle enjoyed their new year party on 3 January. Besides an excellent tea, there was a quiz, poetry and other readings, the usual raffle and a lot of very happy chatting. If you are free on the first Friday of each month and enjoy listening to good speakers and mixing with friendly ladies, why not come along? Our meetings start at 2pm in the Court House. Please contact **Liz Baxendale** (866464) for more details.

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## OXFAM CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

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Oxfam is pleased to give advance notice that the next of the ever popular children's wear events, the sixteenth, will take place on Thursday 13 March in the Civic Centre starting at 9.00am.

The temporary closure of the Oxfam High St shop for refurbishing should not deter our loyal supporters from giving, which please do before the end of February.

Children's spring and summer wear will be available in abundance, with baby and nursery equipment, and books and toys of all shapes and sizes. The need for Oxfam to raise money for famine and AIDS relief in Africa, and other emergency areas in the world, is all too apparent. The continued success of the children's wear events in providing good quality clothing and goods helps Oxfam in its vital work. Please enter the date in your diary, and help yourselves by getting value and bargains while also helping those in desperate need.

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## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

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### The Berkhamsted Walk

Here is another date for your diary. The Berkhamsted walk, and the associated stroll, will take place on **Sunday 11 May**. The walk, as always, will start with morning registration at the Court House. The stroll will start from Ashridge Management College in the early afternoon.

A new route this year will bypass the Ashridge Monument, where the National Trust's plant sale will be taking place, but will ensure that bluebell woods will continue to be a feature of our spring walk.

The walk remains the Children's Society's biggest money raising event for the Berkhamsted branch. We hope you will help us to help deprived children by raising lots of sponsorship money while enjoying the delights of spring in the Chilterns.

SUNDAY	St Peter's:	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		6:00pm	Evensong			
	All Saints'	8:00am	Eucharist only as announced			
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall (This service will be replaced by a family Eucharist or, All Saints' being shared with the Methodists, a 10:00am United Service as announced)			
		6:30pm	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.			
MONDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)	
TUESDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	All Saints'	9:30am	Eucharist
WEDNESDAY	St Peter's	7:00am	MP	7:30am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
THURSDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
FRIDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP(AS)
SATURDAY	St Peter's	8:45am	MP(AS) (except 3rd Sat in month)			5:00pm EP
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House For anyone on their own on a Sunday. Contact: Joan Morris (863780)					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm in the Court House. Contact Sylvia Banks 871195, Ruth Treves-Brown (863268) or June Haile (873087)					
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm in the Court House A lively women's group with guest speaker Contact chairman Jean Bray (864532) or secretary Joan Gregory (864829)					
Tue	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall. Song Time or Short service as announced. Jenny Wells (870981)					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm. Non-members always welcome. Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)					
Tue	HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm at 22,Upper Hall Park for bible study. Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely (875504)					
4 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm at 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)					
Wed	MEDITATION GROUP: meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's, 1 Montague Road. Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)					
Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm in All Saints' Hall. Jimmy Young (876736)					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: 8:00pm as announced. Contact Guy Dawkins (874108)					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved. Contact Thelma Harris (865785)					
4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. New members and visitors always welcome. Contact: Vera Pullen (862196) or Biddy Shacklock (864574)					
Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Contact Linda Bisset (862115)					
Thu	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) (863804)					
Fri	FRIDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:30pm for informal Bible study. Young children welcome. Contact: Kate Semmens (866531)					
	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St P (10am) Nicole Addy-Varndell (828541)					
Fri	ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm (& Tues 5:15-6:15pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Contact: Adrian Davis (864722) or Jean Wild (866859)					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
Sun	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:30-9:30pm in the Court House. Contact Jimmy Young (876736)					

Please see page 29 for a full list of regular services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches.  
A priest is available for confessions by appointment (864194).

**FEBRUARY**

- 1 7.30pm **Bridgewater Band** The Perfect Fool Holst, Horn Concerto no 4,  
Mozart (David Pyatt horn), Symphony no 5 Tchaikovsky  
directed by Adrian Davis.....*St Peter's*
- 2 6.30pm Joint Taizé service.....*All Saints'*
- 3 8.00pm Eucharist with prayers for healing.....*St Peter's*
- 5 8.00pm All Saints' Joint Council.....*All Saints' House*
- 7 10.00am Little Fishes Toddlers Service.....*St Peter's*
- 9 9.30am The Revd John Payne Cooke will preach at a Parish Service...*St Peter's*  
(and there will be no 9.15am service at All Saints')
- 11 10.15am Chuckles Service Jesus calms the storm.....*All Saints'*
- 11 8.15pm Parochial Church Council.....*The Court House*
- 15 8.00am Prayer Breakfast.....*Kings Road Evangelical Church*
- 22 7.30pm The Gaudeamus Singers directed by Graham Wili.....*St Peter's*

**MARCH**

- 4 10.15am Chuckles service A very big picnic.....*All Saints'*
- 5 8.00pm Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.....*St Peter's*
- 7 10.00am Little Fishes Toddlers Service.....*St Peter's*
- 7 10.00am Women's World Day of Prayer Service.....*All Saints'*
- 8 3-8pm District Bellringing with 4.30pm Evensong.....*St Peter's*
- 15 8.00am Prayer Breakfast.....*Sacred Heart Church*
- 18 10.15am Chuckles service Come and see!.....*All Saints'*
- 23 11.00am Annual Parochial Church meeting.....*St Peter's*
- 25 8.00pm Lady Day Eucharist Service for Mothers' Union.....*All Saints'*

**There will no longer be 11.30am Eucharist at St Peter's on the first Sunday of the month**

## reviewregisters

**Baptisms (St Peter's)**

15 December Henry Charles Rutherford & Matthew Gregory Rutherford

**Funerals**

11 December	Olive Russell	Chilterns Crematorium
30 December	Peter Payne	St Peter's Church (Chilterns Crematorium)

Young people

Churches

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Contacts

## ASSOCIATION OF BERKHAMSTED CHURCHES

Telephone numbers to ring for times of services, etc.

1. Northchurch Baptist	Rev David Russell	877001
	Mrs H Blundell	875021
2. St Mary's Northchurch	Rev Peter Hart	865312
	Mrs D Knapp	864368
3. All Saints' Anglican	Rev Martin Wright	866161
	Mr John Malcolm	874993
4. Methodist All Saints'	Rev Paul Timmis	866324
	Mrs Ida Rance	865829
5. Sacred Heart (RC)	Fr Peter Grant	863845
	Mr Frank Furlong	862768
6. Society of Friends (Quakers)		The Clerk's Team, 289 High Street
7. Kings Road Evangelical	Pastor Billy Milton	864393
	Dr Richard Walker	875614
8. St Andrew's (URC) HH	Rev Jane Wade	212597
	Mrs Margaret Chrichton	875401
9. St Peter's	Rev M Bonney	864194
	Mrs Jean Green	878227
10. Berkhamsted Baptist	Rev James Neve	872190
	Mrs Pat Ginger	865817
11. St Michael & All Angels	Rev David Abbott	865100
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 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road (870981)  
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 John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway (874993)  
 Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road (870981)  
 Parish Administration: Mrs Jean Green, The Parish Office, The Court House (878227)  
 Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway (871598)  
 Churchwardens: Christopher Green, 17 Cowper Road (863241)  
 John Malcolm, Landswood, Shootersway (874993)

**Parochial Church Council:** Secretary: Mrs Pat Hunt, 11 The Firs, Wigginton (822607)  
 Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way (863559)

## St Peter's

Director of Music: Adrian Davis (864722) Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild (866859)  
 Organist: Jonathan Lee (0794 1113232)

**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP) Holy Communion  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche, Wednesday 7:30am  
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders Thursday 11.00am  
 (in the Court House) followed Friday 9.15am  
 by coffee in the Court House. Morning Prayer: M-F7:30am, W7:00am  
 Evening Prayer: M,W,Th 5:00pm  
 Sat 5:00pm  
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon  
 Holy Days - see weekly Notices

**Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals:** Father Mark Bonney (864194)  
**Bellringers (St Peter's):** Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road (863804)

## All Saints'

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn (874894)  
**Sundays**  
 8.00am Anglican Eucharist only as announced  
 9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall  
 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)  
 6.30pm Anglican service only as announced (otherwise Methodist Evening Service)  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – United Anglican/Methodist service.

**Weekdays**  
 Holy Communion: Tuesday 9.30am MP/EP see p29 Holy Days - see weekly Notices  
 All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership.  
 Anglican priest-in-charge Rev Martin Wright (see *Contacts* above);  
 Methodist minister: Rev. Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road (866324)



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