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

### **Welcome to the July 2003 issue of the Berkhamsted Review.**

This month we include a real sign of the times. We have already mentioned in a low key way, the advent of our parish websites [stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk](http://stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk) and [allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk](http://allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk). Now we have cogently presented answers to the questions "What is our website for?" and "Why do we need it?"

I think any reasonable observer must agree that Kate Bonney has made the case very well. We are very lucky in this parish to have so many skilled and talented people who have been prepared and willing to give their time and talents to make this development happen. In the present era, it is a necessity for any organisation, like a church which has both a message to proclaim and a flock to protect, inform and guide.

Of course there are still many situations where old fashioned paper and ink-as illustrated by this Review-are the most appropriate means of communication. But we hope readers who have the necessary equipment will use the site and draw it to the attention of others.

Naturally we hope it will be a very long time, even in this electronic age, before we have to write a plaintive article entitled "Why do we need a parish magazine?"

But we would do well to keep the point in mind!

*David Woodward*

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## review leader

One of the many saints whose feast day is celebrated this month is **Benedict**. Benedict lived in the sixth century and in some ways he is light years from us - but in others he is very contemporary. He was born in Nursia, in central Italy around the year 480.

As a young man he was sent to study in Rome, but he was appalled by the corruption in society, and withdrew to live as a hermit at Subiaco. He quickly attracted disciples and began to establish monasteries in the neighbourhood. Around the year 525 a disaffected faction tried to poison him, so Benedict moved south to Monte Cassino with a band of monks loyal to him. Later in life he wrote his **Rule for Monks** based on his own experience of fallible people striving to live out the gospel. He never intended to found an *Order* as such, but his Rule proved to be so good and well-balanced that it was disseminated widely and became the model for all Western monasticism - hence Benedict is known as the Father of Western Monasticism. He died at Monte Cassino in the year 550.

Here is an extract from for the Prologue to his Rule:

*We propose to establish a school of the Lord's service. In founding this we hope that we shall not make rules that are harsh or burdensome. But if, for the good of all concerned, for the correction of faults or the preservation of charity, there be some strictness of discipline, do not be*

*immediately daunted and run away from the way that leads to salvation.*

*Its entrance is inevitably narrow. But as we progress in this way of life and faith, our hearts will be enlarged and we shall run in the way of God's commandments and with an inexpressible delight of love.*

Few of us are called to live in a convent or monastery (though some are - and we regularly pray for **Fr Geoffrey Tristram** erstwhile priest-in-charge of All Saints and now with the Community of St John the evangelist in the USA, and for **Sister Diana Pulvermacher** who was in the St Peter's congregation and has taken annual vows with the Sisters of the Love of God in Oxford) - but all of us who are baptised are in some way in a school of the Lord's service.

It's a lovely model for us to work with, a model of lifelong learning and growth (ask ourselves, are we still learning and growing? What are the opportunities for this and are we taking them up?) It also reminds us that there are a few rules around, but not for the sheer hell of it, but to enable us to walk along the narrow way rejoicing and to encourage others to do the same. One thing I've always found about those I've known who have joined religious communities is that they invariably have a terrific sense of humour and are fun to be with - it would be really good if people could say that about us as a Christian community.

And mention of fun allows me to finish by heartily commending to you the evening of Praise and Worship on Sunday 13 July - Pepper Praise 6.30pm in the Centenary Hall at which the priest/clown **Roly Baines** will be the guest attraction - he makes Christianity fun, amusing and challenging.



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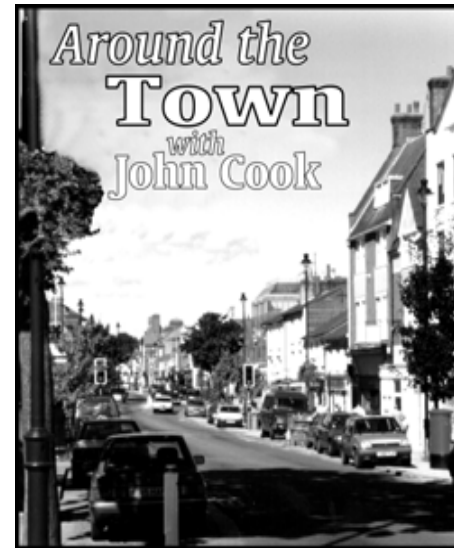
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### Does the Town Have a Centre?

A memorable comment made by the previous town mayor, **Vic Earl**, during his year of office was that Berkhamsted didn't have a centre. In a way you can see what he meant. We are a long, narrow town stretching from Garden Field Lane in the east along the valley to the frontier with Northchurch to the west of Gossoms End - a good two miles - and there is no very definite middle to it. If you don't agree with Councillor Earl, where would you say the centre is? Perhaps St Peter's Church; or the site of the old market hall outside where Tesco now stands; possibly the Civic Centre, or the Town Hall, or the traffic lights?

A century and a half ago the question would have been easier to answer. Then the market hall was the obvious commercial centre of the Town, before it was burnt down in 1854. Then there was no Town Hall, no Civic Centre, and strange as it may seem to us, there were no crossroads. In those days Kings Road was a mean, narrow lane leading nowhere much - the main road to Chesham was

what is now Chesham Road - and Lower Kings Road did not exist at all.

When the first police station - the old Bridewell - was rebuilt in 1894 the opportunity was taken to widen Kings Road a bit; and when Lower Kings Road was created a few years later crossroads were made almost unconsciously where none existed before.

**Robert Stephenson's** original railway station was opposite the end of Castle Street. When the railway was widened to three tracks, then to four, a fresh site had to be found for a new station, and this was built in 1887 some 200 yards to the west of the old one. The effect of this was to move it some 200 yards further from the Town, because the only access route remained via Castle Street, and virtually all of the Town in those days was south of the railway. So before long a new road to the station was planned, culminating in what we now call Lower Kings Road. It was built on the cheap, and as we all know it does not line up with Kings Road opposite.

The new crossroads became so busy with the advent of the motor car that the first set of traffic lights in Hertfordshire were installed there. Kings Road was further widened when the present police station was built in 1972. Now Kings Road is not only the main road to Chesham, but following the construction of the bypass it is the main road to Watford and London as well.

So today, in my view, Berkhamsted's centre must be the crossroads. More's the pity, then, that the buildings which stand on the four corners there are, with the exception of Barclays Bank, so unworthy - the forbidding and soulless police station and the shoddily-built shops on either side at the top of Lower Kings Road.

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### Queuing for Bread

A little while ago I commented on the contrast between the nightlife of the Town these days to what it was like say 20 years ago. The results of a recent consultants' survey now shows that the evening economy of Berkhamsted attracts more customers than there are in the daytime. The supermarkets, restaurants, pubs, takeaways, fitness centres etc. all contributed to this phenomenon. Some other towns are also experiencing a burgeoning of evening trade, but according to the consultants who carried out the survey, to nothing like the same extent as here.

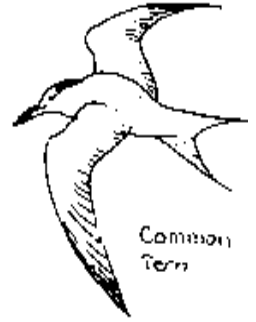
And who would have thought 20 years ago that there would be a French market here - and on a Sunday too! Berkhamsted's very first French market was held on 8 June. From not far short of St Peter's Church nearly as far as Cowper Road, the north side of the High Street was full of stalls, many flying the Tricolor, and selling cheese, soap, bread, baskets, olives, sausages etc etc. The Town and visitors turned out in numbers, jostling good-humouredly and having to queue for bread and for cheese.

Where will all these changes lead? That is anyone's guess, but it wouldn't surprise me to see more of our High Street shops staying open later in the evenings, and on Sundays too.

### The Canal in Summer

A walk along the canal on a summer's evening, now that the tow path is all well surfaced, is one of the pleasures of Berkhamsted, particularly if it is interrupted by a pause for an alfresco drink by the Rising Sun lock. There are plenty of boats moving up and down, and Berkhamsted is a favoured place for tying up for an overnight stay. But what a great shame that Bridgewater Boats is no more, and the scarlet narrow boats that used to carry the name of Berkhamsted all over the country have all gone. It is as though an important part of the Town has died.

As for the wildlife, there are fish which in certain conditions you can see in large numbers, despite the murkiness of the water. The waterfowl too are plentiful. Mallard and their hybrids with white farmyard ducks; swans, moorhen and coot, and increasingly at least one quite tame grey heron. Another species to be seen is the common tern - the sea swallow - patrolling the canal and every now and then plunging in to take a fish.



But mammals, these are only rarely to be seen. There has been yet another extensive survey, this one carried out last year focused on searching for evidence of water voles along the Rivers Gade, Ver and Bulbourne and the Grand Union Canal. It revealed that mink and brown rats were widespread, but that signs of water voles were very limited. If any one sees one of these, which at one time were often to be seen swimming in the canal, perhaps they will let me know.

### Yes to Faster Trains

Having an interest in such things, I ploughed through much of the Department of Transport's Inspector's report into various aspects of the proposed modernisation works for our railway line. It is voluminous, yet remarkably amateurish. There are no less than three whole pages defining the abbreviations used in it, starting with ALARP (as low as reasonably possible). Anyway, the bit of it that we are particularly interested in - the construction of a pressure relief shaft at Northchurch Tunnel to allow Virgin trains to speed through it, despite local opposition, gets the nod of approval.



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Had you asked us where we were going, you would probably have been told to "Count your Blessings!"

Really?

Well, actually we were going to take part in a very inspiring service held on a Wednesday evening in May. *Count your Blessings* was both the title and the theme.

After an introduction, the prayers began:-  
*"We have come together to give thanks for past blessings, to dedicate the work we have undertaken, to place in God's hands our future projects, and to seek his will for all the work of the MU"*.

During her address, **Janet Harding**, a member of the MU central prayer and spirituality committee urged us to express our thanks in our life and in prayer. A simple *thank you* can often make all the difference. We have so much to be thankful for - if we start our prayers with thanksgiving, the rest seems to fall into place.

Each deanery has an MU Chaplain and all of them were presented with stoles worked by MU members to be used in MU services. These were dedicated and

## THE MOTHERS' UNION

Jenny Wells describes how MU members have been able to  
*Count their Blessings*



we gave thanks for the work of the chaplains. Our chaplain is the **Rev'd Janet Ridgway** and we had had a preview of her stole at our deanery Ladyday service at All Saints' in March.

The service ended as we stood to sing our final

hymn, *Now thank we all our God* and the blessing was given by the Rector of St Mary's, the **Rev'd Michael Roden** and we returned home feeling truly blessed!



## Solomon's Corner

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The residents of Berkhamsted and Northchurch are normally the best of friends and it is rare for any serious disagreement to come between them. For a number of years though there has been a question that has split people right down the line which divides the town of Berkhamsted from the parish which lies to its north-west. This is the question of the *link road*.

The area of Tunnel Fields - named after the railway tunnel that lies close by and underneath part of it - has been identified as a site for housing since the 1970's. For many years part of the plan for this estate has been a through-road that would stretch from the end of Bridgewater Road along a path roughly parallel to the railway track to join with New Road on the valley slope above Northchurch. Springfield Road was built with this future link in mind but at the moment it comes to a sudden, fenced-off terminus a few hundred yards short of New Road. If completed it would form a new route to go from Berkhamsted on to Dagnall and Dunstable without the need to pass through Northchurch. This would be the *link road*.

The idea of a link road is very popular in Northchurch because traffic on its way from Berkhamsted to Dunstable could avoid Northchurch High Street and the busy traffic lights at the junction near St Mary's Church. The idea is however very unpopular in Berkhamsted because the road would encourage more *rat running* along Bridgewater Road (which is still heavily used despite road humps intended to discourage cars using the road as a way of avoiding Berkhamsted High Street).

The link road was always intended to be an element of the Tunnel Fields housing estate. This estate is not yet finished but gradually open land has been covered with housing -

## Ian Reay's &news &views

***To link or not to link is the very contentious question raised this month***

which has been spreading slowly along the north side of the railway track from Billet Lane towards New Road over a period of nearly thirty years. Recently a planning application was submitted to fill in the final parcel of land, the last piece of the jigsaw, right up to New Road. In examining the merits of these plans a curious fact emerged. Because this land has been

reserved for housing for so long it had not been used for anything else for several decades. As a consequence it had been invaded by wildlife and was now considered to be a site of particular interest from a wildlife habitat point of view. Normally this would now be a decisive factor in preventing construction - environmental considerations have been much more important in control of development in recent decades - but the site had been earmarked for housing so permission had to be granted.

With this final piece of infilling fifteen houses will be built - but not completion of the link road. This has not yet been scheduled into the County Council's road building work programme. A strip of land has been reserved which can be used for the link if and when the County Council decide to build it - but the concerns about the wildlife habitat will be a factor in deciding whether or not to finish the road at some time in the future. The effect of a new road here will also have an effect on the landscape. The lie of the land means that building a road would lead to an ugly scar on the side of the hill. This site is on the edge of an area, the Upper Bulbourne Valley, which, according to a recent landscape character assessment, is to be *improved and conserved*. It looks as though Northchurch may have to wait a long time for the completion of the link road.

*Some readers may recall solemn undertakings in the sixties from the then council that such a road would never be built.*

*Any comments?(ED)*



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Between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm there will be another opportunity to experience the colours and beauty of the gardens of Ashridge Management College near Little Gaddesden. The Italian garden, parterre, and rose garden should be at their best at this time. A leaflet will be available describing the features and location of the attractions in both the formal gardens and the adjoining parkland. The leaflet describes either a gentle stroll on paths and lawns, or a walk on the, relatively speaking, wild side. Here there are spectacular views over Golden Valley, horses and donkeys peering over the fence, structures to climb on, and secret arbours where children's energies and imagination can be safely exercised. Also for children, a prize quiz will be available, taxing their powers of observation. After a pleasant stroll, or longer walk, tea and cakes will be available in the Fernery. In the courtyard, a wide selection of plants will be available, cakes will be on sale, and a raffle will give the chance of a prize.

The occasion offers a civilised, leisurely and enjoyable afternoon with your family and friends. The admission charge of £3 per person will be donated to the Children's Society.

### **Friday to Sunday 15-17<sup>th</sup> August** **Needlecraft Exhibition**

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11:00am and 4:00pm by customers and staff of the specialist shop, Threads of Amersham. On display will be all manner of exquisite items from cushions to pictures, cross stitch to petit-point. It will be a real joy to see so much beautiful workmanship. The Children's Society Berkhamsted Committee will provide refreshments - tasty home made cakes and scones, coffee or tea. All proceeds from this unique event will be given to the society to fund their work helping children who deserve a better start to life.

The venue is the home of Peter Watts, Oak Trees, Wood Lane, South Heath, Great Missenden, just a short distance off the B485 Chesham to Great Missenden Road. Turn right opposite Annie Baileys to South Heath.

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** **Walk London's Bridges**

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For further information or to register, call the Children's Society on 0845 300 1128 or email [supporteraction@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:supporteraction@childrenssociety.org.uk)

## The Cat

A number of determined attempts have been made by earlier writers to authenticate the legend of the cat which brought good fortune to the orphan though more reasoned, if less romantic explanations of **Whittington's** success have also been offered. The legend of a cat bringing its owner good luck is found in the folklore of many lands. Its earliest definite association with the legend of **Richard Whittington** is to be found in a ballad which was licensed for printing in 1606. The translator of the *Liber Albus*, an early City history, a Victorian barrister called Riley, suggested that the cat story probably arose from the fact that **Whittington**, as a mercer, or trader, made his fortune from *achats*, a Norman French expression which implied selling as well as buying. The word *achat* was used as a synonym for trading in Whittington's time. Riley supported his theory by asserting that the word would have been pronounced *acat* at the time and that this could easily be misheard as “*a cat*”. An alternative explanation put forward was that the word *cat* was sometimes used to describe a ship which carried coal but since there was very little trade in coal in the fourteenth century it is very unlikely that this was the source of a fortune as great at **Whittington's**.

The theory aroused the indignation of **Whittington's** nineteenth century biographer the **Reverend Samuel Lysons** who succeeded in claiming his subject for his native Gloucestershire and was also clearly determined to

# Richard Whittington and the City of London

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**Stephen Halliday** examines the story of the poor orphan boy who rose to fame and fortune

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Bow Bells, then he must have had a very poor sense of direction if he passed through Highgate. It must be said that Lysons' work has the ring of a moral tale about it rather than a work of historical enquiry, from its title onwards.

He describes at length the supposed voyage to the Barbary coast whose ruler was plagued by rats at dinner “*upon which pussy was liberated from the captain's capacious pocket, and a few seconds sufficed for her to make the most satisfactory havoc of her natural enemies*”.

As evidence of the authenticity of the cat Lysons cites first a portrait of **Whittington** recorded as being in Mercers Hall, London, in 1536 in which the mayor is holding a cat. This portrait had disappeared but a later one, attributed to a well-known Elizabethan portrait painter called **Reginald Elstrack**, also featured a cat. **Elstrack** flourished in the period 1580-95. However a work written in the late eighteenth century by a clergyman called **James Granger** asserted that the original Elstrack portrait had shown Whittington with his hand on a skull,

rescue from the sceptics the rest of the legend including Highgate Hill, Bow Bells and, above all, the cat. The Highgate Hill tale is especially hard to swallow. If, as we are encouraged to believe,

**Whittington** was heading back to Pauntley in despair when he was summoned back by

this being a common device in portraits of the time signifying mortality. Granger suggested that “*the cat has been inserted, as the common people did not care to buy the print without it*”. At the very least this suggests that the cat legend was current in the 1590s, a century and a half after **Whittington's** death in 1423. It also explains why the cat appeared in the ballad licensed for printing a few years later, in 1606.

Further evidence on behalf of the cat was offered by **Lysons** in the building work undertaken at Newgate after **Whittington's** death, using money he had bequeathed for the purpose. Whittington had become aware of the state of disrepair into which the notorious gaol had fallen during his last mayoralty in 1419. At that time debtors were housed in a separate prison in the nearby Ludgate where they did not have to mix with common criminals. Some of them were so satisfied with this arrangement that they were content to remain in the Ludgate at the public expense, enjoying the company of their fellow debtors but to the despair of their creditors. On 1st June, 1419, **Henry V** issued a decree closing the Ludgate prison and despatching its residents to the less salubrious facilities of Newgate. Within weeks the squalor of the old gaol had reached such a level that prisoners were dying at an alarming rate. This prompted **Richard Whittington** to order the re-opening of the Ludgate, to which the chastened debtors returned. In his will Whittington left money for the rebuilding of Newgate. **William Maitland**, in his *History of London*, written in 1775, described the main gate of the gaol with its four niches, each containing a lifesize figure:

*“One of these, representing Liberty, has carved on her the word **Libertas**, and the figure of a Cat lying at her feet,*

*alluding to the figure of Sir Richard Whittington, a former founder, who is reputed to have made the first step to his good fortune by a cat”.*

**Lysons** knew that the cat reported by **Maitland** did not date from the time of **Whittington's** legacy. Newgate had been destroyed during the Great Fire in 1666 but **Lysons** quoted the eighteenth century antiquarian **Thomas Pennant** (1726-98) as his authority that the new cat was a replacement for one that had been there before the fire. **Pennant** had written of the rebuilding of Newgate by “*the executors of the famous Sir Richard Whittington*” and added that “*his statue, with the cat, remained in a niche to its final demolition, on the rebuilding of the present prison*”. There is no reason to disbelieve **Pennant** who was chronicling the buildings of the City rather than compiling a legend.

Perhaps the most convincing evidence of the cat legend is to be found in a Museum. In 1862 some building work was undertaken on some dwellings in Westgate Street, Gloucester which are known to have belonged to the Whittington family in the fifteenth century. One of the buildings was found to have a bas-relief in stone which showed the unmistakeable figure of a man with a cat, dating from **Richard Whittington's** time. This strange artefact is now a prized exhibit in the Gloucestershire folk museum. To this must be added the mummified remains of the cat found close to **Whittington's** tomb at St Michael Paternoster in 1946, referred to in our last article. ❖

(**Stephen Halliday's** new book *Making the Metropolis: Creators of Victoria's London* describing the careers of 8 men who built the London we know is on sale in **The Bookstack**)



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Many thanks to all those who have written or telephoned in answer to the various queries posed in previous articles. They are too many to be mentioned individually but I do appreciate the interest shown and the information imparted.

## THE DAWNING OF DAWN OF DAY

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Gerry Morrish continues  
exploring the Review's past

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One particular telephone call enabled me to track down a bound volume of the very first issues of *Dawn of Day* from January 1878 to December 1880. Readers may recall that *Dawn of Day* was a predecessor of the Review. It was a hybrid publication: part of it was printed locally, at Cooper's Chemical Works, and consisted mainly of church and parish announcements, whereas the remaining pages were supplied by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and contained theological articles, morally uplifting tales and so on.

Browsing through the 36 issues for these three years, I was struck above all by their *otherness*. The mid-Victorian period was so different in almost every respect; I think many of us would have felt more at home in the Georgian or even the Stuart age. On the negative side, there is a certain pompousness, a rather self-conscious verbosity, a heavy-handed humour, a mawkish sentimentality, a condescending attitude towards foreigners and religious dissenters, and an unquestioning acceptance of class distinctions. More admirable are a spirit of public service, a sense of civic pride, a cheerful acceptance of duty, and an eagerness to learn and 'improve' oneself. The fact that most people went regularly to church may or may not have been a positive feature: there were many who attended because it was the respectable thing to do, and no doubt others were attracted by the many church activities which brought colour into drab lives and created and maintained friendships: society meetings, concerts, outings, tea parties and so on were very frequent and popular.

One oddity is the complete absence in *Dawn of Day* of any references to current events. The years 1878 to 1880 saw the Congress of Berlin, the Second Afghan War, the Zulu War, the Tay Bridge Disaster, Gladstone's Midlothian Campaign and his subsequent

election triumph over Disraeli. None of these gets a mention. Perhaps it was thought inappropriate that a religious publication should stray into secular areas where controversy might arise. Nor do we read of local happenings,

apart from the aforementioned tea parties and so on.

In a future article I hope to reproduce some extracts to illustrate the Victorian attitude to the *Demon Drink*, amongst other things. However, on this occasion I will end with a report of a Sunday School outing, a charming little piece, but readers may perhaps also detect some of the less prepossessing characteristics referred to earlier. Note also the number of teachers, which indicates a vast multitude of children!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FEAST

*The Annual Feast took place at Ashridge, by the kind permission of Earl Brownlow, on Friday, July 26th. After a short service in Church at half-past 1, the children walked in procession down Castle Street, and mounted the wagons, which many kind friends had lent for the occasion.*

*On their arrival at Ashridge they were welcomed by the Earl and Countess Brownlow, and after the Feast, which took place in quite a grand banqueting hall, they were most kindly admitted into the Gardens and Pleasure Grounds. Here they were allowed to play and roam at will during the whole of the afternoon - a privilege which was quite unexpected, but which was duly appreciated. The subscribers were also admitted by tickets, and a great many of them availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Gardens.*

*At 5 o'clock, all the teachers, 35 in number, were entertained by the Countess Brownlow, assisted by Lady Marion Alford.*

*At 6.30 a conjuror appeared on the scene. This too was quite an unexpected treat, and provided by the kind forethought of the Countess. The Band of the Volunteers, and the St Peter's Drum and Fife Band played at intervals throughout the day, and the proceedings of this very delightful festival were brought to a close shortly before 8 o'clock, when, after three ringing cheers for the Earl and Countess, each child was presented by Lady Brownlow herself with a memento of what must have been one of the happiest days of their lives. ♦*

Vic Rennie adjusted his shades and lay back in the sand of the small bay on the island of Covonia. He felt safe here and thought with smug satisfaction of the million-dollar scam he had pulled off while working for the construction firm of Gavis in California. Unfortunately the Californian police had been called in at the last minute and in order to avoid *CalPol*, he had had to flee the country, crossing the seven seas in a variety of small craft, ending up with a rowing boat belonging to a fisherman which had brought him to Covonia. Here, the fisherman's friend had given him accommodation in a small shack on this very beach.

The Gavis Con had been planned by one *Fiery Jack*, an evil crook who had also masterminded the downfall of the East Anglian Nerve Gas Company. *Nurofen* had never recovered from his attentions. Vic knew that Jack would arrive soon, paragliding in from his yacht moored in the next bay, with his current girlfriend, a blonde bombshell named Molly and her friend Anna Din, a noisy brunette. Para-Mol was coming to view a large piece of land which Anna had bought, on which to

## THE CHEMIST-RY OF CRIME

by **Liz Baxendale**

build a house. This mega zone lay next to a Calla mine, Calla being the local ore used to produce a rare metal *Silver Krin*.

Anna had received vast sums of money from the chief of a remote African tribe when she had visited Ipechechuanaland recently. She had cured a corn for him, and provided a pair of boots for his son. She was a thoughtful soul. Molly, on the other hand didn't care a fig for Jack, she was after his money and the good life, but she would pamper to his needs in order to achieve her ends.. At that moment, Jack, Mol and Anna flew in and after huggies all round, the gang set off to Vic's shack. Here they indulged in an evening of complicated planning for their next job. The complan completed, it was time to hit the sack. Jack made a pass at Anna Din, but her first response was not encouraging and so the four said "*Good Nytol*" and soon all were fast asleep in the deep heat of the tropical night! (Next Month: Will Alan Dickman join the gang now that he is retired? Watch this space!) ❖



### **National Archaeology Day with The Dacorum Heritage Trust**

Following the success of the *Behind the Scenes at the Museum Store* tours, which were held in May, The Dacorum Heritage Trust is again inviting visitors to delve into the rich heritage of Dacorum held at the Museum Store in Berkhamsted.

National Archaeology Day will run over the weekend of 19 and 20 July when visitors will be able to take a look at the archaeological collection in greater detail. There will be a chance to take a tour of the Museum Store, paying particular attention to the Archaeological Store, including handling artefacts.

Please telephone or email to book your place: **Catherine Peet** at the Museum Store (879525) [cpeet@dachtz.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:cpeet@dachtz.freeserve.co.uk) or **Ann Nath** of the Berkhamsted & District Archaeological Society (864441) [nath@hunterspark.demon.co.uk](mailto:nath@hunterspark.demon.co.uk)

I don't know about you but I spend an increasing amount of my time on web sites. Sometimes I quite enjoy it. Some people are horrified at the prospect of using a computer never mind owning one and some people find the Internet second nature. The latter category is the one that's increasing. My parents have recently gone on-line and now enjoy receiving digital celebration cards of firework displays or dancing reindeer according to the season. My mother has been brought to realise that these are not actually intended to be printed out and stood on the mantelpiece

Our parish is in the process of planning and developing a website. One wag has already said *"Do I need to come to church now we have a website?"* There is an existing site ([stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk](http://stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk)), which provides basic contact and diary information and offers sermons and relevant readings for those who missed church. Nonetheless, whilst I laughed, the question neatly illustrates a key issue. *Why have a website at all?* It's a question that the planning team are setting about answering. It's an important question to answer and important to prioritise the answers.

Everyone else has a website or so it seems and therefore we must have one too - is only part of the answer. It is a culturally relevant medium with increasing penetration of usage. (Did you know that if you're planning to book a flight with any airline it will always be cheaper to book it on-line?) If people look for St Peter's on the Internet then I want them to be able to find us, but I also want that experience to be genuinely reflective of who we are and helpful and engaging for the user.

Our project team's thinking starts with what our web site will say about us as a parish. It

[stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk](http://stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk)  
[allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk](http://allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk)

### Kate Bonney explains the thinking behind the parish websites

should reflect our values and beliefs; it should show our collective *personality*. I would want visitors to our site to get a real feel for what we do and we are like, so that hopefully when

they visit us in person our church will meet their expectations.

We will be considering carefully who will use the site and what they will come to it for. Never one to reinvent the wheel I think it important to look at other sites and learn from them.

The regular parish should find it a helpful information resource. No more Saturday night 11pm *"Am I on crèche duty tomorrow?"* anxieties. Many churches find that occasional service visitors like wedding couples find a supportive site very helpful. We could provide templates of wedding services, parish boundary info, examples of readings etc, etc.

I would love to have educational links for the local schools on how they might use our church as a resource. I have very little intention of producing the web pages for the youth groups because I'm pretty sure they could make a better job of it themselves...

I want people to come to the site and feel included in our parish life, the housebound, our friends who have moved away, anyone in need of prayer material or information on how they can explore their faith with us..

The team is made up of very talented communicators who will doubtless collar some of you to ask your views, so, as the project progresses, if **Bridget Ruffell**, **Judith or Chrichton Limbert** or me **Kate Bonney** approach, please don't run for cover.





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Tring Millennium Woodland, which is a project in aid of the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, was planted off Duckmore Lane in the year 2000, and is now flourishing. Hundreds of local people supported the original project by sponsoring trees and going along to help plant the new woodland, which currently comprises one thousand oak, ash and cherry trees.

It is now planned to double the size of the woodland and create glades and paths. The mix of native saplings to be planted, will be the same as before. These will be two years old and about 60cm high. The woodland will be regularly maintained and weeded, and the trees thinned out after seven years. Over time, the area will mature into a traditional natural wood - a perfect habitat for wildlife and a wonderful legacy for future generations.

The second phase of planting will take place over two weekends: 7th / 8th and 14th / 15th February 2004 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. A ceremony of dedication will follow in the woodland on Sunday 12th September 2004, when the trees will be in leaf.

Everyone is welcome to go along and help to plant the trees. Countryside Management Services will be on hand to supervise and assist. Hole boring equipment and expert help will be available, so absolutely anyone will be able to play their part, although you should, of course, wear suitable clothing and take gloves and a spade. Trees and tree guards will be provided. The organisers would love to hear from individuals and groups who would like to participate.

Once again there will be opportunities to become a patron and sponsor one or more trees (minimum

## IAN RENNIE HOSPICE AT HOME

An extension to the  
woodland project

donation £10 per tree). While it is not possible to identify individual trees, you will be able to make a dedication to friends or relatives, and a second volume of the Commemorative Book will be produced. Patrons will receive a certificate acknowledging their support. A leaflet is available for this purpose from the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, 52a Western Road, Tring, HP23 4BN (890222), or you can register and make a credit card donation online at [www.irhh.org](http://www.irhh.org).

The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home is a registered charity providing specialist nursing care for terminally ill patients in their own homes within the Chilterns area of Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. Iain Rennie nurses have supported around 5,000 patients and their families since the organisation started in 1985, and care for up to three hundred patients at any one time.

### Reminder: Terry Lightfoot & His Jazzmen

On Saturday 5th July at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm, Terry Lightfoot and His Jazzmen will be playing in the Lancaster Arts Centre in the grounds of Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe. The grounds of the school will be open (from noon for the matinee performance and from 5:30 pm for the evening one) for people who want to make the most of either concert by bringing a picnic to relax around the lake or on the gentle slopes of the upper lawns.

Last year's concert was a sell-out and raised £25,000 for the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home. Tickets are available at £15 each from **Christine Nisbet** (01494 812458). ❖

### SUPPORTING THE HOSPICE OF ST.FRANCIS

Here are some (mostly) sedentary ways to support this important charity.

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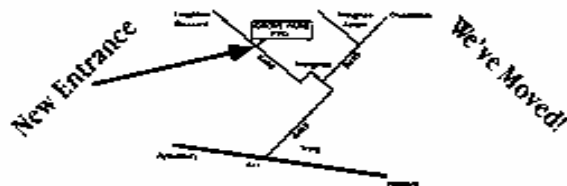
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May Kempster writes:

## PLEASE NOT AGAIN

It was with sadness that I heard of the proposition once again to move the altar in St Peter's.

Although no longer able to attend, this was our family church where I, my parents and other family members were married. My late husband and father were regular members of the choir and I attended regularly from Sunday school until my later years when I moved to All Saints.

We lived through a time of stress when the choir stalls were removed to make way for the new altar, which took a lot of adjusting to. However a Lady Chapel was kept behind the new altar, keeping our old high altar for use in small special services and discussion sessions. But now that has gone and we never see our lovely high altar.

Our church was built in the traditional style of many cathedrals and with modern sound systems, the minister can still be in the heart of the congregation. One does not have to be seen to be heard.

Please, please consider carefully before making more alterations, as I know that I am not alone in this wish.

**Dunslan House  
5 Shrublands Road  
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Muriel Lander writes:

## ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

You don't need to have been alive during the last war to appreciate - and be thrilled by - the photograph of St Paul's Cathedral standing triumphant in spite of being surrounded by flames, smoke and absolute mayhem round about.

It has come to represent to so many who were alive at that time, as I was, the force of good over evil. Millions of innocent people died during that period, but this photograph has remained for many of us a symbol of hope at a time when our very lives and liberty were at stake.

Imagine my horror, when listening to Radio 4 one morning recently to hear that a *developer* (I've come to intensely dislike and distrust the very word) is planning to build an enormous block of offices, mainly built of glass (I think it is), which will destroy forever some of the views of St Paul's which are so loved by so many people throughout the world.

By the time a decision is made as to whether this plan is able to go ahead or not, I imagine its fate will be sealed.

I couldn't help thinking, as my fury mounted as to what I was hearing, that if a vote was taken I'm pretty sure the general public would defend the right of St Paul's to stand for all to see.

Already it appears that this magnificent cathedral is becoming more and more hemmed in by buildings which obscure some of the views which stand for so much in the minds of so many.

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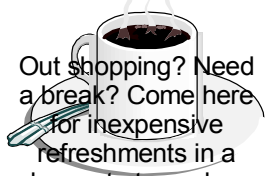
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**Peter Hart** urges  
us to use the  
Summer to  
explore other  
churches and to  
talk to those who  
belong there

## *review*

Recently, our two guinea pigs made a bid for freedom. Having spotted a gap under one corner of their run, they slyly crawled underneath it, out of the confines of their safe grazing space into the riches of the wider garden with all its possibilities for exploration.

However, they were spotted, and caught (very easily) just round the back of their run, in the long grass. They had ventured inches away from their run.

It must be admitted that guinea pigs are not the brightest of God's creatures, though they are high on the cuteness factor, so they can hardly be a model for us, sophisticated humans. However, we, like Spike and Chester, can be very wary about going beyond our normal boundaries, be they social or geographical. We can be bold and travel the world for our holidays, but to think of attending worship anywhere than at our usual church can be unthinkable. We will cover miles for the sake of work or our children's social lives, but still regard the church across the road as foreign territory, to be viewed with suspicion or conveniently ignored.

July and August provide us with myriad opportunities to expand our church horizons, frequently in a non-threatening way. This is the season of church fetes, flower festivals, summer concerts and open days, and these are easy ways to get into places where normally we might hesitate on the threshold. However,

setting foot in these places is not sufficient: we need to meet the people who regularly worship there, we ought to talk with them, compare notes, assess the similarity of the challenges that face us and recognise the creativity that they show in organising their church life in ways different from our own.

Collaboration, mission, effective presence within the community: all these are our church buzz-words, but they need to be rooted in friendship and ease with each other. To share effectively in God's work, we must be confident in each other, accepting of difference and welcoming of diversity, for God is more multi-faceted than even the human mind can imagine.

So, this summer, poke around open churches: talk with the people who are tending the flowers or sorting out the churchyard; enjoy the similarities and differences as a basis for friendship and sharing. Then, when the longer evenings of autumn draw us closer to ourselves, we can spend time praying and planning together, worshipping and learning together in a greater spirit of unity. ❖

### **St Mary's, Northchurch** **PARISH FETE**

**Sat 5th July from 2.00 pm**  
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you name it, we've got it  
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Brass Band + cream teas etc.

## BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



The June meeting was chaired by joint president **Liz Baxendale** on a rather wet afternoon.

The business of the meeting included the reading of a letter to the local health authorities about the proposals for Hemel Hempstead general hospital and this was signed by all members. Birthday greetings were handed out to four June babies, and names were taken for an outing in September.

An invitation had been received from Wigginton WI for two members to attend an evening party and this was organised.

Our speaker for the afternoon was **Janet Naylor**, well-known for her talks on BBC Three Counties Radio, and she gave an amusing and interesting talk about Scandals, Spooks and Strange Goings-on in Hertfordshire over the centuries.

We heard of a woman who had twenty-two children, a female highway robber and a disgraced politician amongst many others. Janet is descended from **Robber Snooks** (real name James) who is commemorated by the stones on Boxmoor.

The competition was for *An Interesting Key* and this was won by **Joy Lovell** with **Judith Lowther** second. The bloom of the month was a lily brought by **Maureen Stonhill**.

Tea followed and then the raffle was drawn for six lucky winners. We are always pleased to welcome new members, and our meetings are open to visitors for a charge of £1.50. Why not come along and see what we all get up to?

We meet in the Court House at 2pm on the first Friday of each month.

## NATIONAL TRUST SPRING PLANT FAIR

The Friends of Ashridge would sincerely like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's plant fair such a success. Whether you were a grower who donated plants, a helper over the weekend or a customer on the Sunday, you all were part of a record breaking total of £7000. Thank you,  
**Andy Hallett**

## THANK YOU FROM CHRISTIAN AID

A generous £6,279, raised locally during Christian Aid week, is on its way to relieve the suffering of those less fortunate than ourselves. The Christian Aid committee is deeply appreciative of the help it received to achieve this sum.. Some including many very busy people gave a few hours to the house-to-house collection, others baked a cake or gave a few plants for the stall at the Saturday market, and of course others patronised the stall and responded generously to the collectors. Thank you all.

The Christian Aid committee is composed of representatives of St Mary's, Berkhamsted Baptist, All Saints Methodist and Anglican, and St Peters churches. Thirty years ago when I was a member of the Christian Aid committee, I seem to remember all thirteen churches in the town were represented though two were *observers*. Times change. But consider, dear reader, what we might succeed in raising next year, if we all pulled together.

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## DOES ANYBODY WANT THESE?

We seem to have acquired over the years many assorted items, often from relatives, which refuse to disappear, but which it seems silly to throw away.

Any readers interested in a couple of aluminium walking frames or perhaps a two-tier metal wheeled *push trolley*? (Social Services said throw them away) But the real problem is an electronic organ (Eminent S30). Someone must be able to take it off our hands.

Contact me if you can give any of the items I have mentioned a good home.

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## A FLAVOUR OF FRANCE

A flavour of France is coming to Berkhamsted and you can sample it free.

Amista is a choir from Sorgues, a small town near Avignon who are due to do an exchange visit with the Aeolian Singers.

Amista will be performing with the Aeolian Singers in St John's church, Boxmoor on Saturday 12 July (tickets £6, £4 for full-time students), but they will be giving their own concert in St Michael and All Angels Church, Sunnyside on 15 July. This concert will be free but there will be a retiring collection the proceeds of which will be given entirely to Sunnyside church. All Amista want is a good audience!

They sing in their delightful Provencal costumes, mostly a capella French folk music and make a very exciting sound. They are part of the international organisation Sing For Pleasure and have approximately 70 adult singers with a vast repertoire of songs old and new, some sacred, some not, negro spirituals and gospel, jazz and so on sung in a variety of languages. They have done many foreign visits and quite a number will be staying with hosts in Berkhamsted.

Arrive early for a good seat! For the 12 July concert the Aeolians will be singing Elgar's Songs from the Bavarian Highlands.

They will also be singing in *Music on the Moor* (Boxmoor Trust, also free) on Sunday 6 July. For further information about these events, including times and so on, please call **Diana Nicholas** (871598).

Please note these dates and conditions carefully as some details were inadvertently left out of the announcement in last month's *Review*.

## The Snail

Lord,  
You try for a little while  
to walk on one foot  
carrying Your whole heaven on Your back.  
As for me  
I drag, drag, drag on  
trailed by my iridescent track,  
and swaying this hollow mountain,  
my small house,  
but where is there a coilaway  
from gardeners and hens?  
You must admit, Lord,  
You have made my life hard.  
So many enemies!  
And just to bring home  
the smear of my helplessness,  
these two eyes on the tips of my horns,  
are two timid periscopes  
Lord, You know  
that someone who drags along complains.  
Don't be offended  
by this misanthropic heart  
but, to lighten its burden,  
send a paradise of lettuces-for -one  
and the warmth of a thunder-shower.

Sent in by Angela Morris

## Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills.  
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,  
If you can overlook when people take things out on you when,  
through no fault of yours, something goes wrong.  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can face the world without lies or deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
If you are able to do all these things then.....

YOU ARE PROBABLY THE FAMILY DOG

Sent in by Mavis Haile



## Bereavement and Loss Support Group

There is a warm welcome on the first Sunday  
of each month from 3.00-4.30pm in the  
Northchurch Baptist Church Hall, High Street, Northchurch,  
for any who might feel the need of support at a time of loss.  
Do drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

For enquiries please ring Church Office  
Telephone 01442 877001 between 9am-12 noon weekdays.

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 ( <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.			
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 <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday.</i> 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 <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i> 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. <i>Non-members always welcome.</i> 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. <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)					
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)					
3rd 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. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> 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. <i>Young children welcome</i> . 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 (864094)					
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 All Saints' Hall or the Court House as announced Contact Jimmy Young (876736)					

# review diary

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).

July / August 2003

## JULY

- |    |          |   |                       |
|----|----------|---|-----------------------|
| 1  | 10.15am  | Chuckles Toddlers Service An Invitation to a Party .....                    | <i>All Saints'</i>    |
| 4  | 10.00am  | Little Fishes Toddlers Service .....  | <i>St Peter's</i>     |
| 7  | 8.00pm   | Eucharist with prayers for healing .....                                    | <i>St Peter's</i>     |
| 13 | 6.30pm   | Pepper Praise (& no Evensong at St Peter's) .....                           | <i>Centenary Hall</i> |
| 19 | 8.00am   | ABC Prayer Breakfast .....  | <i>St Peter's</i>     |
| 20 | 1:30-5pm | Tower trips and cream teas (arranged by the Petertide Fair Committee) ..... | <i>St Peter's</i>     |

## AUGUST

- |    |         |  |   |
|----|---------|--|---|
| 3  | 10.00am | United Anglican/Methodist Sung Eucharist, Anglican Rite .....  | <i>All Saints'</i>                          |
| 10 | 10.00am | United Anglican/Methodist Morning Worship, Anglican led .....  | <i>All Saints'</i>                          |
| 16 | 8.00am  | ABC Prayer Breakfast .....                                     | <i>St Michael and All Angels, Sunnyside</i> |
| 17 | 10.00am | United Anglican/Methodist Holy Communion, Methodist Rite ..... | <i>All Saints'</i>                          |
| 24 | 10.00am | United Anglican/Methodist Morning Worship, Methodist led ..... | <i>All Saints'</i>                          |
| 31 | 10.00am | United Anglican/Methodist Morning Worship, Methodist led ..... | <i>All Saints'</i>                          |

# review

## Baptisms (St Peter's)

25 May Elizabeth Freda Berryman, Eve Isabella Kate Sibley, Mia Sophie Muncer

## Weddings (St Peter's)

31 May Stephen Geoffrey Clarke & Nicola Jane Boyes

## Funerals

3 April	Violet Emily Mary Ayling	West Herts Crematorium
19 May	Gerald Rawley	Chilterns Crematorium
3 June	Basil Willie Williams	

## CONTACT LIST

Names and local telephone numbers for jobs, rotas and information (for clergy, parish officers, music, bells and banns etc. see back page). Parish Office in the Court House (878227) is usually open 9:30am-5:30pm Tues/Wed, 9:30-12noon Friday (answering machine other times)

	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>
Altar service	Alan Conway (865798)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Chalice rota	Jean Green (863241)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Sunday school	Sally Emery (870656)	Kathy Beaumont (384453)
Church maintenance	Christopher Green (863241)	Martin Judd (865691)
Church cleaning	Jean Green (878227)	Mike Limbrick (384682)
Flower arrangements	Sarah Dawson (871614)	Jayne Harris (873974)
Sunday morning coffee	Rene Dunford (862420)	Sylvia Banks (871195)
Service recordings	Alan Conway (865798)	Peter McMunn (874894)
Intercessions	Revd Mark Bonney (864194)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Epistle Readers	Ron Fisher (865846)	Jenny Wells (870981)
Electoral Roll	Judith Limbert (873626)	Pat Hearne (871270)
Pathfinders	Stephen Lally (863526)	Felicity White (866223)
Sidesmen	Christopher Green (863241)	John Malcolm (874993)
Catering	Val Atkinson (866792)	Christine Dipper (873006)
Hospice contact	Rachael Anderson (871997)	Jean Merrett (866263)
Christian Aid	Angela Morris (866992)	Muriel Johnston (866447)
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## Contacts

The Revd Mark Bonney, The Rectory, Rectory Lane (864194) (day off Friday pm / Sat am)  
 The Revd Martin Wright, All Saints House, Shrublands Road (866161) (day off Monday)  
 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road (864485)  
 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road (870981)  
 Mrs Christina Billington (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise (385566)  
 Miss Marjorie Bowden (Reader), 16 Broadwater (871283)  
 Mrs Joan Cook (Reader), The Gardeners Arms, Castle Street (866278)  
 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: Carol Dell, 4 Clarence Road (864706)  
 John Banks, Ladybrand, Cross Oak Road (871195)

**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)

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**Sundays**  
 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sun BCP)  
 9.30am Family Sung Eucharist with crèche,  
 Sunday Schools & Pathfinders  
 (in the Court House) followed  
 by coffee in the Court House.  
 6.00pm Evensong & Sermon

**Weekdays**  
 Holy Communion  
 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  
 Sat 5:00pm  
 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)

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**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 Revd Martin Wright (see *Contacts* above)  
 Methodist minister: Revd Paul Timmis, 32 Finch Road (866324)



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