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Last but not least we wish all our readers a very happy and prosperous new year.

Guy Dawkins

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Fr Mark Bonney
makes a plea for
thoughtful
inclusiveness
among church
congregations

review leader

The past year has had many salutary moments for the world and for the Church. The Iraq war, continuing acts of terrorism in the Middle East and worldwide;

the Anglican Communion stretched literally to breaking point over issues surrounding sexuality. In so many areas there seems to be a hardening of the edges, a desire for very clear boundaries of who's acceptable and who is not. It affects everything from immigration and asylum issues to who can enter our church doors.

A simplistic (though not entirely false) reading of Church history can see an organisation that keeps splitting itself into ever more and more groups (we call them denominations) because of disagreements over one thing or another - very often with a hardening of edges and a desire to be clear about who's in and who's not, who's acceptable and who isn't. This concerns me greatly, and with the prospect in this coming year of the Anglican Communion doing the same thing I have been wondering whether there's anything that can be done. We can look at ourselves and the boundaries we draw - I'm not at all suggesting that there should be a free for all, but there is much to reflect upon for ourselves in considering who Jesus in the gospels seems to include specially.

I'm not a great one for joining pressure groups, but I have been very attracted by one that has started up within the Anglican Church and I commend it to you - it calls itself Inclusive Church (it has a website <http://www.inclusivechurch.net>).

Inclusive Church is a network for those willing to subscribe to a declaration they make which reads:

We affirm that the Church's mission, in obedience to Holy Scripture, is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in every generation. We acknowledge that this is Good News for people regardless of their sex, race or sexual orientation. We believe that, in order to strengthen the Gospel's proclamation of justice to the world, and for the greater glory of God, the Church's own common life must be justly ordered. To that end, we call on our Church to live out the promise of the Gospel; to celebrate the diverse gifts of all members of the body of Christ; and in the ordering of our common life to open the ministries of deacon, priest and bishop to those so called to serve by God, regardless of their sex, race or sexual orientation.

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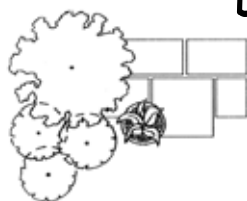


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It may seem strange, in a world which seems to float on an ocean of debt, and at a time when mortgages and credit card overspends are at an all time high, to be in a position to have money to spend and to be unable to spend it. For many of us this seems

like an unreal, theoretical problem which does not connect with the day to day reality of our lives. We are constantly short of cash and as the New Year turns we nervously check our bank balances and credit card bills after the extravagance of the Christmas shopping spree and wonder how we are going to afford the repayments. Our insatiable desires are driving us always to press our noses up against the armour-plated glass of financial finitude.

Charities, on the other hand, can have the opposite problem. Often the purposes of a charity lead to the need for tight rules and carefully circumscribed ways of using the money in its charge. This is clearly necessary to ensure that, over the passage of time, the money continues to be put to the proper use that the founders of the charity intended. Charities may have funds that originated centuries ago and the original benefits and beneficiaries may now seem archaic. For the last 60 years, in any case, the welfare state has taken over the role that many charities used to fulfil in providing for the poor, the sick and the frail elderly. Even such phrases as the poor, the sick and the aged now have a sepia colour to them, like an old photograph.

So a charitable trust can find itself in the position of having a regular income but only irregular and limited ways of spending it. In the modern world, justifying spending from a charitable fund whilst staying faithful to

Ian Reay's &news &views

Ian Reay seeks views on how to spend a fund of charitable monies

the terms of the trust's ancient, original aims can be tricky.

Take the Pest House Charity, for example. This is one of 12 charities known as the Berkhamsted Parochial Charities. Others in the group are the William Halsey Charity founded in April 1617, and the King Charles I

Charity founded in 1626. Records show that in 1906 the assets of this charity consisted of the *"House with site and garden formerly known as Pest House, and now known as Moor Cottage on Berkhamsted Common"*. This produced an annual income of £12 from a lease granted to a certain David Lee Ginger for 40 years from Michaelmas 1892. The Pest House Charity fund is now invested and produces an income of about £1,250 a year. It is administered by trustees who also manage the Sayers Almshouses.

Under the rules of this fund the net income can only be used *"for such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the . . . Ancient Parish of Berkhamsted St Peter"*. So grants made by the Pest House Charity have to be for the *"general benefit"* of the town as a whole - not just for specific groups of people or individuals such as the disabled, the young, the old or the poor. In the past the fund has made grants for the renovation of the de Lisle clock and the St Peter's clock, repair and floodlighting of the Baptist Church spire, restoration of the Market Hall in the Old Town Hall, and to help repair cemetery walls. But for the last few years no suitable cause has been found. The trustees would be grateful to hear any new ideas. Please write to the Review if you know of a suitable project that would benefit.



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We are continuing the Local History Society's programme of placing the census material for Berkhamsted (1841-1901) onto a computer, and we have just photocopied and begun keying in the relevant parts from the 1901 census enumerator's books that are held in the National Archive.

After a quick glance through we have found the entries for two of our famous citizens, the Clementine Churchill family and Graham Greene's father's family.

This is the first census to show house numbers, and for 85 High Street (now 107) the entry shows Mrs Hozier (living apart from her husband though the census records that she is married), as being aged 48 and 'living on her own means'. She is said to have been born in 'London Piccordilly'. A distinctive feature of Clementine's entry in the enumeration books, is that it gives the exact house where she was born - 75 Grosvenor Street; I have never seen another example like this.

The twins were born in Westgate on Sea, and the scrutineers of the census office have helpfully added that it is in Kent. The eldest daughter of the family, Kitty had died the previous year in 1900.

There were also a cook and a maid, whom I assume they brought with them from their short sojourn in Dieppe. Fraulein C Kluge continued their tradition of having German tutors and governesses, although all three children were at this time attending local schools. She is listed as being born in 'East Baltic Provinces', and again the helpful Census Office man has scribbled in Russia F S.

The entry says -

Blanche H Hozier	48
Clementine O Hozier	15
Nellie O Hozier	12
William O Hozier	12
Fr C Kluge	38
Emile Fe'ray	22
Maria Desurannes	22

Hoziers and Greenes

Bill Willet gives us a preview of what the 1901 census tells us about some of the town's more famous citizens

The initial O is for Ogilvie, a Hozier family name.

Their neighbours seemed equally well-to-do, and nearly all were born outside the town. Sarah Dell (schoolmistress) and William H London an organist lived at 79;

retired Louisa Balderston and her maid Elizabeth Gilby at 81, William Phillimore a solicitor and his wife Jane next door at 83, and on the other side, Charles Rew an architect at 87, a 41-year-old Widow, Mabel Yeatherd, and her 9-year old son Gilbert at 89, and beyond them Alfred Norman, a 69 year-old Clergyman, and his two servants.

The largest households (both with over 10 souls) belonged to the Rector, Arthur Johnson, up the lane at the Rectory, and at 97, which was, I assume, though it is not specifically so named, Egerton House, where lived Frederick Blaydes.

A little further along the High Street we have George H Gowring and his wife Violet looking after some 41 boys of the Boy's School, and round the corner in Chesham Road we find James and Maria Parsons with 43 boys at Incent's, and at St John's, Charles H Green and his wife Marion. Note the surname spelling as used in the census record. They had 42 boys and seven staff including the matron, Ann Mellor. There was a House Master, Henry Herbert, and an eighteen year-old visitor, Robert Stuart. This is the entry showing the ages and where born. Charles' occupation is stated as School Master.

Charles H. Green	36	Henley on Thames
Marion Green	29	High Wycombe
Alice M Gree n	4	Berkhamsted
William H Green	2	Berkhamsted

Graham was not born till 1904 and will not feature until the 1911 census.

When the census is fully computerized we can more easily search for other Greene relatives as well as other famous citizens living in the town.



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As reported towards the end of last year following the experimental period and the replies to questionnaires the Area Committee agreed that we would pursue the idea of an altar that would have the president facing the congregation. The fact that the altar arrangement has returned to what it was doesn't mean that nothing is happening!

Since that time I have been in touch with one of the foremost liturgical consultants in the country and asked his advice, and he has put me in contact with an architect who has good liturgical knowledge. The architect in question came to St Peter's and shared in our worship one Sunday in October so that he could get a feel for how we do things, and what we are thinking of. He took away the questionnaires so that he knew what they contained and the issues to be aware of.

At the time of writing this brief update I am in the process of organising a meeting with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, whom it is important to involve at this stage, and then we will move to more detailed discussions with the architect leading, hopefully, to a presentation of concrete ideas.

Fr Mark

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Older residents of the town often look back nostalgically some forty years or more to a time when Berkhamsted boasted many more butchers, greengrocers, ironmongers and other genuinely useful shops than remain today, and far fewer estate agents, charity shops and purveyors of strange knick-knacks.

But if we go further back to the late Victorian period, and scrutinise Kelly's Almanacs for the 1890's, we discover an even greater range of small shops and businesses, almost all individually owned and managed: multiples and chains were starting to appear, but there were not many - Boots and W.H. Smith were still in the future.

No matter what the customer's requirements were, they could almost certainly be met within the town. Of course there were plenty of grocers, bakers, outfitters and so forth. But perhaps your chimney needed sweeping?

George Adams in Back Lane could oblige. A new umbrella? **Peter Wood** of 56 High street would make one to your specifications. For an important announcement, **David Nash** of Gravel Path was your man - he was the town crier and billposter.

Feeling thirsty? **Henry Lee** of 84 and 86 High Street sold his own mineral water. Then there were boot and shoe makers (very numerous), blacksmiths, coachbuilders, coopers, china dealers, drapers, hatters and so on.

They all contributed to a more varied and colourful town than exists nowadays.

BUSTLING BYGONE BERKHAMSTED

Gerry Morrish describes a more colourful Berkhamsted of yore

Almost every street contained businesses and shops: the outlines of former shop windows can often be made out in the brickwork of what are now private houses. The house on the corner of Gravel Path and Chapel Street is a good example.

One surname stands out among the almanac entries.

At 147 High Street could be found **Octavius Timson**, described as a collector of rates, taxes and poor rate, and **Samuel Timson**, collector of income and assessed taxes. (Did people really pay their income tax to a collector knocking at the door?) The same premises doubled as a tailor's and draper's shop (Samuel Timson and Sons). An enterprising family, the Timsons: there were also **James Timson**, baker and confectioner of 208 High Street, **Thomas Timson**, grocer and butcher of 232 High Street, and **Walter Timson**, linen draper of 204 High Street.

But the accolade for the most impressive entry must go to the King's Arms, listed between **Edward Kingham**, baker, and **James Knowles**, corn chandler. It describes itself as '*the only hotel in this county patronised by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen*'. Perhaps Victoria popped over from Windsor Castle occasionally for a warming glass or two. Or perhaps not.

Incidentally, the early copies of Kelly's Almanac can be seen at the Museum Store by prior arrangement. The 1899 almanac is reproduced with the 1898 street map of Berkhamsted, available at the Bookstack



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CARING FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

Jackie Jackson tells us about the work of the Institute for the Indian Mother and Child, an NGO in West Bengal, India

In October I flew to West Bengal to see the work of the IIMC whose aim is to empower the village people of rural West Bengal through a sequential strategy of medical and health promotion interventions, followed by educational support, and thereafter economic and house-building programmes. In response to this strategy village people are now much more able to fully engage in society around them.

First of all I visited the four medical centres, which treat patients with minor ailments, tuberculosis, and malnutrition. Where necessary these refer people on to the bigger state hospitals. I also had the pleasure of meeting medical students from Europe assisting at the dressing stations at the clinics, as part of their tropical medicine courses.

The IIMC Education Department runs a Child Sponsorship Scheme through which a great number of children get the chance to attend school, who otherwise would be unable because of their parents' poverty. There are presently over 1,500 children being sponsored by parents who live in European countries and Japan. I also learned about the many schools that IIMC has built (five pre-primary schools, nine junior schools and two secondary schools), in areas where government provision is lacking. I visited one IIMC pre-primary school and saw how it is managing in a mud hut construction. I met the kind donor of the land, who wanted the little children to have a local building for their education. I was told that the building of a permanent structure, where the teachers and children will have electricity, light, tables and chairs in a concrete building, will be taking place after the monsoon period. It gave me great pleasure to take photographs of the children at the school, with the intention of showing them to the congregation of St. Peter's Church, who have generously made the upgrading of the school possible.

Using the MicroSavings and MicroCredit Programme, which is one of the most recent innovations at IIMC, women get a real opportunity for financial improvement for themselves, and for the social and educational

status of their family. There are two kinds of banks at IIMC. The first kind, Women's Bank, encourages women who are below the poverty line to take out loans for small businesses, such as a banana stall. These businesses have proved very successful, and there are now over 4,000 women availing

themselves of this opportunity. The second kind of bank is the Mother's Bank, whereby most of the 1,300 mothers of children on the Child Sponsorship Scheme can save small amounts of money over time, and use their savings for household costs; they can also take out a loan for business purposes if they want to. Both banks are very popular, and there are plans to include many of the key women in the Programme in the expanding work of the Health Education and Health Promotion (HEHP) Team at IIMC.

Following the launch of the British funded 'Healthy Mother, Healthy Family' health promotion video in 2000, many smaller NGOs accepted the invitation to join an IIMC Health Education and Health Promotion Network. In June 2001 12 NGOs were initiated into the IIMC Network, whereby two Community Health Workers (CHWs) from each NGO receive wages and training from IIMC to carry out specific aspects of IIMC's Health Promotion strategy in their local field areas. The CHWs concentrate on communicating basic mother and child health promotion messages, encouraging behaviour change and providing restricted primary health care services.

I was delighted to take part in the inauguration of a further 8 NGOs into the IIMC Network, and the launch of their training programme. I was glad to light the inauguration programme's candle and attend many of the excellent lectures and demonstrations that formed part of their training. The role of drama, song and video, especially the *Healthy Mother, Healthy Family* video, has been clearly highlighted to these new CHWs, and I

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A Royal Shrine, A Royal Palace

Edward had presented to the abbey a relic which purported to be the girdle of the Virgin Mary, thus ensuring a steady flow of pilgrims to the shrine. Edwin, the last Anglo-Saxon abbot, had persuaded Edward to endow his foundation with some land to ensure that it had an adequate income. Under William the Conqueror the abbey's future was more secure than the abbot's. Edwin was soon replaced by a Norman called Vitalis under whose excellent stewardship the abbey of Bernay had flourished - a mark of the importance that William attached to Westminster. By the time of Domesday Book in 1086 it was supporting eighty monks with the very comfortable income of £515 per annum. Edward's queen Edith died in 1075 and joined her husband in the abbey and William made it the site of many of his *crown-wearings* which occurred on the festivals of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost which, according to the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, were attended by "*all the rich men over all England, archbishops and bishops, abbots and earls, thegns and knights*".

The Saint

Within forty years of his death there began the campaign to have Edward canonised. Its chief protagonist was Osbert of Clare, abbot of Westminster, who would certainly have known that having a royal saint as a founder would be of benefit to the abbey's independence from royal control as well as to its revenue as a pilgrimage centre. In 1102 Osbert had Edward's tomb opened and declared the body to be intact, adding that he, Osbert, had himself been cured of fever by the late king. Chastity was a desirable quality in a saint and Goscelin's Vita Aedwardi had recorded that Edward "*preserved with holy chastity the dignity of his consecration*". Osbert also testified to Edward's chastity, referring to queen Edith as Edward's "*consort, whom he had possessed only in appearance and whose*

secrets this man of God had not known in the flesh".

Nothing came of this early attempt but Osbert's successors were more resourceful. To the evidence of Edward's virginity they added further testimonies of his healing powers. William of Malmesbury, writing at the time that the campaign for canonisation had been renewed, claimed that it was "*widely asserted that Edward never marred his purity by intercourse with any woman and recorded Edward, on his deathbed, as commending queen Edith as one who has served me devotedly, and has always stood close by my side like a beloved daughter*", an equivocal description of the role of a wife.

In the end politics came to the aid of Edward's cause. In 1159 pope Adrian IV had died. Formerly known as Nicholas Breakspear he was the only Englishman to become pope. His death was followed by the election of two rival popes, Victor IV and Alexander III. King Henry II, five years into his reign and five years before the beginning of his quarrel with Thomas a Becket, saw his chance. He decided to support Alexander's claim to the see of St Peter and left the pontiff in no doubt about what he wanted in return:

"Henry congratulates Alexander on becoming pope and professes his devotion to the Roman Church. He joins with the whole English church in requesting the canonisation of King Edward his predecessor on the throne".

On 7th February 1161 Alexander announced Edward's elevation to the position of "Confessor" a status reserved for those who had lived a life of exemplary devotion but had not been martyred for their faith. On 13th October 1163 his remains were moved (*translated*) to a shrine and that date became his feast day: by a strange coincidence the eve of the battle of Hastings which had occurred on 14th October 97

years earlier. The king, Henry II and the archbishop of Canterbury were present at the translation of Edward's remains. The archbishop was the recently appointed Thomas a Becket, still on good terms with his royal patron. The shrine of St Edward the Confessor survived the hazards of following centuries, though not without some narrow escapes. In 1540, when Henry VIII ordered the dissolution of the monastery, the shrine was dismantled. It was rather clumsily reassembled in the reign of Mary but has since been restored and stands now in the Chapel of St Edward the Confessor which it shares with the tombs of five other kings and four queens.

A Royal Peculiar

The royal associations with Westminster which Edward the Confessor created were recognised and strengthened by later monarchs. Henry III (1216-72) cherished the cult of Edward and commissioned a series of hagiographical writings about his royal predecessor. The most notable is a brilliantly illuminated manuscript in Anglo-Norman verse which was probably written by the St Albans monk Matthew Paris and is held in Cambridge University library. It was early in Henry's reign that Westminster abbey was exempted from the jurisdiction of the bishop of London and the archbishop of Canterbury, thereby beginning the process by which it became a royal peculiar. Henry also began to rebuild the abbey in a style which he felt was more becoming to the dignity of Edward's shrine, thereby destroying almost everything that Edward had built. By the reign of Edward III the abbey was referred to by the king as "*the Chapel Peculiar of our Palace*", with a royal licence required before the monks could elect a new abbot. Following the dissolution of the monastery during the Reformation Elizabeth re-founded the abbey as a *Royal Peculiar*, a status which it retains and shares with St George's Chapel, Windsor. This means that the abbey is exempt from the jurisdiction of

the authorities of the Church of England and subject directly to the monarch. This can be a source of awkwardness, as in the 1990s when a dispute between the dean and the choirmaster had to be resolved, at considerable expense, to avoid embarrassing the queen.

A New Seat of Government

Edward the Confessor's decision to build his abbey and establish his principal residence at Westminster ensured that henceforward Westminster ceased to be simply a place to the west of London and became an integral part of the capital. It remained a royal residence until it was damaged by fire in 1512; it became the home of the principal law courts until they moved to the Strand in the nineteenth century; and it remains the home of Parliament.



This concludes this series of articles on Edward the Confessor.

Dacorum Mencap Friendship Scheme

Fifty years ago it was commonplace for people with learning disabilities to live segregated lives. They were put into institutions out in the countryside and kept apart from society.

Thankfully today they live with us in our community and our society is enriched by their inclusion. However it is still difficult for many adults with learning disabilities to do the things that the rest of us take for granted. How do you get to the cinema if you can't cross the roads safely or use public transport? How can you find your way around the underground system if you can't read? How do you know you have the correct change in a shop if you aren't good at handling money? Would you go into the local pub alone if you were not sure of getting a friendly welcome?

People with learning disabilities rely heavily on family for support, but families also need a break, which is where the Dacorum Mencap Friendship Scheme comes in.

The Friendship Scheme matches adults with learning disabilities to volunteer befrienders on a 1:1 basis to help them make the most of their leisure time. Matches are made

according to interests and personality, and many form lasting friendships, which enrich the lives of both parties.

The Friendship Scheme is always on the look out for new volunteers who come from all walks of life and have varied interests. Men are particularly encouraged to apply as they are under represented amongst volunteers, and more men than women

have learning disabilities. No experience is necessary as all volunteers receive training. They are also required to provide two referees and undergo a criminal records check. Volunteers need only give a few hours per month of their time to make a real difference to someone else's life. The flexibility of the scheme is appealing to many as there are no set times, volunteers and befriended agree between them when and where they will go. Volunteers also receive ongoing support and out of pocket expenses.

If you feel you might like to become a volunteer for the Friendship Scheme or if you know someone who could benefit from the support the scheme gives, please contact the coordinator **Elaine Precious** (247675) email: dacorum.mencap@virgin.net



←p16 believe they are prepared for their task of health education and promotion of behaviour change in their rural areas. It has been a privilege to see the expansion of the Network and understand better the system of continuous training and evaluation for all the Network members.

Another part of my visit that stands out was seeing the building of new homes for landless people who are expected to give their labour in the building of their new home, rather than money.

As a parting gift IIMC has given me the memory of a beautiful ceremony held at IIMC Hogulkuria village on the occasion of the 6th Anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa. A statue, by the IIMC art teacher Ujjal Ghosh, was unveiled to the sound of beautiful music and the soft light of candles, as night fell.

This ceremony was an echo of the greatness of India when individuals across this vast country, in village settings, feel united and uplifted by the same vision. I hope very much that the reader of this article agrees with me that IIMC has given very real help to create educational, health and economic opportunities for the villagers whom they serve.

I just love
enthusiasm!

Enthusiasm

My father was one of the most enthusiastic people I have ever known. And what a dreary world it would be without such people in it.

Muriel Lander extols the virtues of this attractive state-of-being

But the memory which will remain with me is of this particular committee member, keeping her earphones on and listening intently all the time, whilst serving delicious looking cakes. Sometimes it looked as

When the recent rugby match between England and Australia took place - THE rugby match - I happened to be on duty at the Court House, helping with a Christmas fair in aid of Save the Children.

You may well remember that it was a very miserable day here; dark, gloomy and pouring with rain. Likewise it was pouring with rain in Australia which was greatly to our players' advantage, as they were used to such weather in the U.K. One of the committee members had more or less refused to help unless she could wear earphones and listen in to the match. So, there we helpers were, already to serve - and we really did have some wonderful gifts for sale. BUT - yes, you've guessed it - where were the customers? Well, if they had any sense they were at home watching or listening to the match in Australia!

No, I don't really mean that. It was just unfortunate that when the Christmas fair date was fixed, we were not to know of the exciting rugby match taking place at the same time.

Some people did come, and in spite of everything we did make nearly £500. This was thanks in no small part to the helpers buying like mad.

though she could hardly bear what she was hearing and she would cover her face with her hands. At other times she would murmur the score to those of us nearby. I asked her to let us know the final score to put us all out of our misery. Towards the final few minutes of play she could hardly bear the suspense, and I really thought she would chew her nails down to the quick. Suddenly she yelled out YES, or words to that effect. As for the rest of us, we all let out a great cheer.

Towards the end of the morning a young schoolboy came up to me at the bookstall and asked if we had any books on rugby. (I'm always on the bookstall, including the one at the Petertide Fair. I have never had such a request before.)

I sadly informed him that I hadn't, but that I had plenty on football. I showed him the prize one of the bunch, large, beautifully illustrated and obviously had been very expensive. He looked at it without a glimmer of a smile and I offered it to him for 10p. I thought he might look a little appreciative, but no. He walked away without even a thank you.

Oh yes, I do love enthusiasm ❖

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2004 is the 10th anniversary of the United Nations International Year of the Family. The events of 1994 have slipped from our minds, so the 10th anniversary year is an opportunity to remind everyone about the diversity of family life and its importance in the societies in which human beings live throughout the world.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Tracey Robinson explains the many benefits of buying Fairtrade bananas



The structure of families varies with culture, and from age to age. The Jewish families of biblical times were large, and included relatives, servants and slaves. The modern nuclear family of western culture, which we think of as 2 parents and 2+ children, came from Victorian times, and is not representative of family structures today. In developing countries afflicted by HIV/AIDS, families are broken, leaving children orphaned, grandparents bringing up young children and mothers struggling to earn a living. The problems affecting families are age old. While some are linked to the brokenness of human relationships, others are particular to time or place.

With children so often at the heart of family life, families deserve our concern. Within

families children learn the values they take into adult life, which can determine the contributions they will make to society in the future. It is not surprising that the objectives of the International Year of the Family include: increasing awareness of family issues strengthening the formulation and implementation of policies in respect of families stimulating response to problems affecting families.

The Mothers' Union will be taking this challenge seriously, for families and their care are central to its work. In this country and abroad we are involved in many areas of family support, especially where there are crises and problems, but also affirming families and encouraging those values that lead to flourishing and growth.

Special events are being planned nationally and in this diocese. Prayers and a service on the theme of building relationships are available for use through the year. Here in Berkhamsted, MU is organising a talk to mark this important anniversary. It will be held on Thursday 22 April at 10.00a.m. in All Saints Church Hall and everyone will be welcome. ❖

review letters

ST GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

The article by Gerry Morrish in the November Review on St George and the Dragon made interesting reading.

Up to 1939 the Housemaster of St George's was AW Heath, who lived there with his wife and three sons, one of whom, Brian, I have contacted.

He recalls a large black circular wooden "pub" sign which at one time must have hung outside on the building. He also remembers seeing a picture of the front of the building, with this sign, possibly in an issue of the Berkhamstedian. (Perhaps the school bursar could find this?)

Mr Heath was the craft master. One day a large off-cut of wood was put on the lounge fire and set the chimney alight along with some of the floor boards. It was dealt with by the Fire Brigade who were rewarded with glasses of sherry!

I have lived in Berkhamsted all my life (b 1927). If anyone were to research the lost shops and businesses of Castle Street then I could assist.

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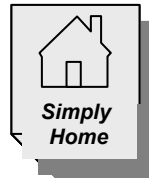
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We expect to have nearly 100 quilts of all sizes for you to enjoy and some of them will be for sale. There will be children's workshops, demonstrations, raffles, a sales table and traders. As well as showing off our fantastic needlework skills, we are also aspiring to be cordon bleu cake makers and you will be able to sample our efforts in the refreshment area.

The focus of our work during these past months has been a quilt in delicate shades of yellow, peach and green for the major raffle, which will be drawn in the hall towards the end of the show on the Sunday.

The proceeds of the raffle and the entire weekend will be given to the Dacorum branch of the Alzheimer's Society to help them in their work of supporting patients and carers.

Last time we had an exhibition you helped us to raise £6,500 for the Iain Rennie Hospice. One of the reasons this was so successful was because everyone knows about the hospice and something about the good work done there. Alzheimer's disease is not so readily understood and it is easy to think it is never going to happen to us. This is not necessarily the case and once the disease manifests itself, it can have a devastating effect on the whole family. Looking after someone with dementia can be a very lonely task as the person becomes more withdrawn and unable to participate in normal life. The Alzheimer's Society support groups and outings provide a real lifeline to carers to enable them to have a break in the company of people who understand their problems. We trust you will help us in supporting this worthy cause. We know you will be inspired by the colours, designs and fabrics we have used to make a stunning display for you to enjoy so make a date in your diary now.

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Tutor: Paul Harris

Tues 13 Jan 10 - 11.30am for 10 weeks at St Andrew's Church, Chapel Street

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Tutor: Richard Westwood

Tues 13 Jan 7.30 - 9.30pm for 10 weeks at the Friends' Meeting House, High Street

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Tutor: Jane Neal

Wed 14 Jan 10 - 11.30am for 10 weeks at the Friends' Meeting House, High Street

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Tutor: Katharine Myers

Thurs 15 Jan 10 - 11.30am for 10 weeks at St Andrew's Church Hall, Chapel Street

For more information and to join just phone Ann Baines (872432)

Thomas Coram C of E (VA) Middle School **Hilary Catchpole describes the Autumn term 2003 at Thomas Coram**

In September we welcomed our new headteacher, Bob Essery, along with 128 new pupils to the Thomas Coram School Community.

Our support for the local and wider community has included participation in the Lions International Peace Poster Competition where Beatrice Limbert was the school's first prize winner. We have sent harvest gifts to Dacorum's charity for the homeless, and the British Legion Poppy Appeal. We have also raised money for The Coram Family, which is the charitable Foundation founded by our namesake, Thomas Coram; this was achieved through a lunchtime disco organised by The School Council. Finally, a magnificent effort for the BBC Children in Need Appeal raised £1100.

A variety of crosses is now visible around the school and we very much look forward to a large cross which John Harris has generously agreed to make for this term.

We very much appreciate our weekly assembly visits from Father Mark, Father Martin and the team of Church Youth Workers: Andy, Simon and Vickie.

Red jumpers may have been spotted in large numbers in the town when Year Eight pupils visited local churches as part of their Christian Denominations project last term.

The term closed with our Christmas Carol Service - a fitting end to a very busy term.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY - DACORUM BRANCH

The Dacorum Branch of the Alzheimer's Society offers advice, information and support to local people with any form of dementia, their families and their carers. Based in offices just off the Marlowes in Hemel Hempstead, we are pleased to welcome anyone who would like to pick up some leaflets and have a chat, but please ring before calling in as the office is manned on a part-time basis. Alternatively, our carers' support worker, Barbara Cummings, can make a home visit to offer sympathetic suggestions and practical advice. You can call her direct on 269814, to make an appointment.

We know that people can become lonely or isolated and feel as if no-one understands their situation, so we run monthly support group meetings, coffee mornings and organise social activities such as pub lunches, coach trips and theatre trips.

Our Early Birds Group is for younger people (under 65) with dementia and their families and the activities organised reflect this. Recent outings include 10-pin bowling, a canal trip and meals out.

There is really no need to cope alone! Just give us a call to discuss ways we may be able to help. You can phone or fax the branch office (260088). Our e-mail address is alzheimers.dacorum@tesco.net or visit our website www.alzheimers.org.uk/dacorum

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Revd Peter Hart tells us why we should persist in prayers for Christian unity

New Year! Pull out the clichés! But no, we will resist such easy talk and focus instead on a week this month that is terrifically important. From 18th to 25th January, Christians all round the world will be joining in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is truly a world-wide event, with suggested prayers coming from a different country each year. To mark this week in Berkhamsted, the ministers will be visiting each others' churches to preach on one of the two Sundays. Also, the prayers will be used at our ecumenical prayer breakfast on 17th January, and in all our churches through the week.

That's fine, you say, but we have been holding this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for many years now, and we still have no unity. What's the point? The purpose of this yearly exercise is to return ecumenical matters to the top of our prayer list, to make us work in prayer for unity, as well as practically between the churches. We at St Mary's highlight every church in Berkhamsted in a strict cycle of prayer, so that congregations and ministers are faithfully remembered, and names and places stick in our consciousness. We cannot simply pray for ourselves: we are involved in each other because we are involved in Christ, therefore the least we can do is to pray for each other.

Prayer is work, it is stretching the imagination in the presence of God, it is remembering and looking forward

within the will of God. Our prayers for Christian unity must encompass the possible as well as the desirable, the pain of separation as well as the joys of co-operation. Prayer makes a difference, so prayer for Christian unity is a duty of all our prayers, at all times, not simply one week a year. Let our prayers for Christian unity change us as much as changing the Church as a whole, so that God's love and purpose in Christ will be fulfilled by a united and loving Church, witnessing to his love as one in his world.



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A big thank you is due to Angela for working on the tombola, Gwen for her narration of the play, and all the committee for the whole evening which went so smoothly.

BERKHAMSTED QUIET PLACES

The next quiet garden event will take place at Hill House, Frithsden Copse, Berkhamsted from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesday 20 January. The theme is This is the way: walk in it (Isaiah Ch 30 v 21). The morning will be led by Revd Keith Green, retreat and quiet day leader to the Quiet Garden Trust. Phone **Frances Norrington** (871855) to secure a place.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



Joy Lovell, joint president, welcomed members to the last meeting of the year and read a seasonal poem for us. Together with secretary **Janet Mitchell**, she took us

through the business matters of our institute. Janet Mitchell reported on a water-colour painting course she had taken at Denham college, which she found tiring but very enjoyable.

Our speaker for the day was **Liz Baxendale**, joint president, whose talk entitled *Christmas is Coming* was presented with great aplomb. She recalled her years in teaching with those little people, who presented a nativity play each Christmas, which had many shortcomings in rehearsal but was usually fine on the night to the delight of the parents and friends of the cast. An appreciation was given by **Judith Lowther**. During our Christmas tea the raffle was drawn and the competition was judged and every member received a Christmas present to take home.

We meet again on Friday 2 January 2004 at the Court House at 2pm when we hold our New Year party.

Why not come along and join us? You will have a pleasant afternoon and meet new friends, which would be a good start to the new year.

OASIS CLUB INVITATION

The Oasis Club is open to retired people, over the age of fifty, who live in the Dacorum district. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month (except August) at 2pm, in the Great Hall of Berkhamsted Town Hall.

At our meetings we have talks and slide shows by speakers who cover a variety of interesting subjects, and occasional quizzes. There is usually a raffle, followed by tea and biscuits. We organise outings to places of interest every two months. The annual membership fee for the club is currently £6. We are always keen to encourage more people to join the club. Why not come and join us. You will be most welcome.

ER Williams (Mrs), hon. secretary

EMMAUS NURTURE COURSES

A daytime course to be held at the rectory from 1.30 to 3pm on selected Mondays will start on 12 January. This Emmaus nurture course, led by **Fr Mark Bonney** is ideal for adults thinking of confirmation, those wanting to find out about the Christian faith or anyone who feels in need of a refresher course on the basics of their faith. The dates are 12,26 January, 2,23 February, 8,22 March, 20 April (NB This is a Tuesday), 10,24 May. If you are interested, please contact **Fr Mark** (864194).

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for those in the 12-plus age group will begin on Wednesday 14 January at 6.15pm and continue on Wednesdays thereafter. Please give names to **Fr Mark Bonney** (864194)

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1 Birdlife in Spring, Sunday 25 April at 7am
Look and listen for birds on the Ivinghoe hills. Many Summer migrants will have arrived to join the resident species. Bring binoculars if possible. Meet at Steps Hill grass car park (Beacon end) on the Ringshall to Beacon road (Map ref SP963 159)

2 Bluebell woods in Spring, Thursday 29 April at 7pm

Hopefully the bluebells will be looking good, but we will also discuss various topics relating to the wildlife and woodland management. Meet by the visitor centre on Monument Green. (Map ref SP971 131)

3 Historic farmland walk, Thursday 10 June at 7pm
Explore the layers of history in the fascinating designed landscape of Ashridge Park. Meet at Ashridge College car park (Map ref SP994 122)

4 Friends annual tour, Saturday 19 June at 2pm
This year's tour will feature aspects of woodland management, followed by tea in the visitor centre study room. Meet at the visitor centre. (Map ref SP971 131)

5 Pitstone Hill walk, Wednesday 23 June at 7pm
A walk around the Pitstone Hill area, looking at wildlife, farming and nature conservation, and enjoying the beautiful views. Meet at Pitstone Hill car park, on the Aldbury to Ivinghoe road. (Map ref SP995 148)

6 Woodland walk, Wednesday 7 July at 7pm
Explore the woodland around Rail Copse and Aldbury Common. Meet at Ashridge volunteer base camp on Toms Hill Road, close to the junction with the B4506. (Map ref SP974 118)

7 Looking at deer, Sunday 17 October at 7am
This is the most exciting time to observe fallow deer as the rut is taking place and there is a lot of activity. Bring binoculars if possible. Meet at the B4506 end of Monument Drive. (Map ref SP978 128)

8 Christmas walk, Tuesday 28 December at 10 am
A chance to walk off some of that Christmas excess, with a stop en route for mulled wine and mince pies. Meet by the visitor centre on Monument Green (Map ref SP971 131)

Prices: events 1,2 and 7 ;guests £4 per adult,£2 per child of 5 to 16

events 2,3,5 and 6; guests £3 per adult,££1.50 per child

(event 4 is open to Friends of Ashridge only)

Gentle strolls

These are informal walks which are open to all, do not require pre-booking, and may take up to a leisurely two hours. Easier, more level going is mostly selected but the Steps Hill area can not avoid all hills. Stout, water-proof footwear is always recommended. Dogs are welcome provided they are well behaved and under close control. £1 per person will be collected on the day.

1 Wednesday 14 April at 11am

Meet at Ling Ride car park, off Beacon Road (Ringshall to Ivinghoe Beacon).

2 Thursday 13 May at 11am

Meet by the visitor centre on Monument Drive

3 Thursday 17 June at 2.30pm

Meet at the Ivinghoe Beacon end of Steps Hill grass car park, on Ringshall to Beacon road

4 Wednesday 14 July at 2.30pm

Meet at Toms Hill car park, on road from Aldbury to B4506

5 Sunday 15 August at 2.30pm

Meet by the visitor centre on Monument Green

6 Thursday 21 September at 11am

Meet at cattle grid at Clipperdown end of the Steps Hill grass car park on Ringshall to Beacon road.

7 Wednesday 13 October at 2.30pm

Meet at B4506 road end of Monument Drive



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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>On the 3rd Sunday each month (and on festivals as announced) there is instead a 10am united service with the Methodist congregation.</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 st 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 rd 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 st 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 rd 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 rd 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 nd Wed	MEN'S 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 th Wed	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. <i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: 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 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches.					
Sun	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7:00-9:30pm in the Court House or as announced Contact Jimmy Young (876736)					

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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).

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JANUARY

Mon	5	8.00pm	A Service of Wholeness and Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	6	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Epiphany	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	13	8.00pm	Joint Worship Committee	
			(Ruth Treves Brown)	<i>1 Montague Road</i>
Wed	14	8.00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	<i>All Saints' House</i>
		8.15pm	St Peter's Area Committee	<i>The Court House</i>
Sat	17	8.00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>(Venue to be announced)</i>
		7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents	
			The English Mozart Ensemble	<i>St Peter's</i>

FEBRUARY

Mon	2	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Candlemas	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	3	8.15pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>All Saints' Church</i>
Fri	6	10.00am	Little Fishes Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Wed	25	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	28	7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents –	
			The Bridgewater Band	<i>St Peter's</i>

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Funerals

17 Nov	Daisy Ethel (Ann) Gibbons	Chilterns Crematorium
1 Dec	Margaret Evelyn Nunes Gardner	St Peter's Church (West Herts Crematorium)
2 Dec	Gordon Alfred Harry Williams	Chilterns Crematorium

ASSOCIATION OF BERKHAMSTED CHURCHES

Telephone numbers to ring for times of services, etc.

1	Northchurch Baptist	Revd David Russell	877001
		Mrs H Blundell	875021
2	St Mary's Northchurch	Revd Peter Hart	865312
		Mrs D Knapp	864368
3	All Saints' Anglican	Revd Martin Wright	866161
		Mr John Malcolm	874993
4	Methodist All Saints'	Revd 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, 288 High Street	
7	Kings Road Evangelical	Pastor Billy Milton	864393
		Dr Richard Walker	875614
8	St Andrew's (URC) HH	Revd Jane Wade	212320
		Mrs Margaret Chrichton	875401
9	St Peter's	Revd M Bonney	864194
		Mrs Jean Green	878227
10	Berkhamsted Baptist	Revd James Neve	872190
		Mrs Pat Ginger	865817
11	St Michael & All Angels	Revd David Abbott	865100
	Sunnyside	Mrs Pam Davis	863609
12	St John the Evangelist	Revd David Abbott	865100
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The Revd Martin Wright, All Saints House, Shrublands Road (866161) (day off Monday)

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The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road (864485)

The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road (870981)

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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: Carole 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)

Sundays

8.00am Anglican Eucharist only as announced

9.15am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools & Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall

10:00am United service with the Methodist congregation (3rd Sunday in month)

11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)

6.30pm Anglican service only as announced (otherwise Methodist Evening Service)

5th Sunday – United Anglican/Methodist service.

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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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