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Welcome to the February 2004 issue of the Berkhamsted Review

Last month we appealed for subscriptions (and if you have not yet taken out an annual subscription, please do so now because at a mere £3, it represents fantastic value).

The month before that we renewed our standing invitation to readers to become writers. Our, or rather your contributors are already the most diverse group of people that one can imagine, and we should like to make it even more so. We try very hard, not without success, to print everything that is sent in (or at least part of it) if that is at all possible. All you have to do is to set your ideas on paper (on manuscript, typed or via e-mail) and send them in. We would prefer it if you avoided the libellous, blasphemous, seditious or obscene but we are very keen to give as many points-of-view their say as possible. Go on, get scribbling!.

This month we are very keen to widen our circle of picture contributors. as we should like to broaden the scope of our illustrations, especially those on our front page. If you are a snapper, or indeed a painter or a sketcher, please send us some of your work. Local themes would be particularly appreciated but we are open to all offers.

David Woodward

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(detail from St Peter's pulpit)

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February
happens to be my
birthday month
and I have many
good memories
of birthday
celebrations over
the years. This is
a leap year and I

remember back to the fact that so was my year of birth and if my mum had not decided to 'get on with it' and produce me forty minutes before midnight, I would still be a teenager in terms of the number of birthdays I could have celebrated! I can remember some presents received over the years; my first bike, first watch, first Hi-fi and even my first dinner suit for those posh occasions.

However, I am conscious that it was the people-gatherings that meant the most to me rather than the presents. Have you ever met anvone who is celebrating his or her 100th birthday or couples celebrating their Golden or indeed Diamond Wedding? I've met a few and it seems to me that those who celebrate such landmarks enjoy the presence of people rather than the giving of presents. There is much joy and satisfaction in people gathering together. Humans tend to be at their most vulnerable and fearful when lonely and isolated because we are dependent upon other humans for security, companionship and love. The presence of others in our lives is vital to our well-being.

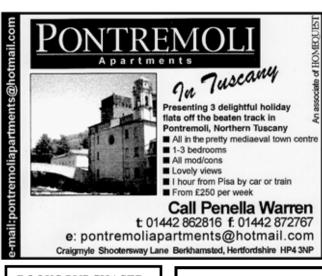
Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there amongst them" (Matthew 18:20). In this verse we remember that Jesus promised to be with us as we gather together and work life out together. As a church we believe it is important to gather together for mutual support and encouragement, to grow and

develop as human beings and followers of Jesus. Our gatherings aren't just about occasional times that may be special (a birthday party or Sunday services), they are about living life together, celebrating community, friendship, and God's intimate presence.

Of course the reality is that relationships are not always easy and as a church we don't always get it right. But of course that is why we say of ourselves we are becoming a light on a hill. Whilst we are still living we will always be 'becoming' like that light, but thank God we have a friend and Saviour, who as we gather together, will be amongst us. As a society we need to consider our role in the world. not just in our own community. It is fairly easy to get on with those we know and who are close to us, but we need to have a vision for befriending those who are least fortunate. On the world stage we have the frightened children in Iraq and Afghanistan, the starving children in Southern Africa, the orphans in El Salvador and the abused children in our own country. The list can obviously be expanded to include single mothers struggling to feed their children, the mentally ill, the elderly; all who are innocent and neglected.

What can we do to insure their human dignity, calm their fear, dry their tears? We can support the various charities who do so much to help the less fortunate and, where possible, get involved ourselves. May you know, as you gather with others, something of the power and presence of Jesus Christ, and may you find his comfort and help in times of vulnerability and loneliness.

For when I am weak, then I am strong (2 Corinthians 12:10.) ❖



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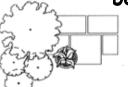
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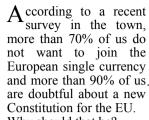


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particular, we have been doing our bit to foster closer relations with other towns in the European Union. For example, every year the Mayor of Dacorum goes on the Beaujolais Run and picks up cases of the new Beaujolais for the benefit of the Mayor's charity of the year. Thanks to the Trustees of the Market Fund, Berkhamsted now has a popular French market, which comes to the High Street on two Sundays a year. The Dacorum web-site says that Hemel Hempstead is twinned with Neu Isenburg in Germany, and Berkhamsted with Beaune in France. In fact, there is a formal arrangement with Neu Isenburg but I don't believe that Berkhamsted ever actually achieved a formal twinning arrangement with Beaune, although for some time Berkhamsted has had informal links with the French town and there has been a fairly regular exchange of students.

The borough council regularly receives grants from the European Commission to help run the Bridge in Hemel Hempstead, which is used to provide free training and advice to small businesses in the area. Since it began the Bridge has been almost entirely paid for by EU grants matched to activities undertaken directly by the borough. For two years the Bridge was involved in a joint project with local councils from Germany, France and Italy, which involved comparing notes on various ways of helping small businesses locally - using money from the European Commission.

Why then the apparent reluctance to share a currency and be subject to the same constitution? The reason I think this is the case is expressed in a passage I came across recently



Ian Reay regrets that decisions affecting Berkhamsted are increasingly taken elsewhere, and elsewhere is getting further away

in a book by Roger Scruton, England, an Elegy, which struck me:

There has been no greater effort by English intellectuals than that devoted to the conservation of the landscape, and the battle against unsightly development. But none of it has had any effect on those who make the important decisions, which is another way of saying that is governed and controlled from

England is governed and controlled from <u>elsewhere</u>. (My emphasis).

There is a growing sensation among all of us that more and more of the important decisions about our lives are being taken elsewhere. The growth of Brussels bureaucracy is just one manifestation of this tendency. Those who have lived all their lives in Berkhamsted have never guite got used to the fact that their local council is now situated 4 miles away in an upstart New Town. The roles of the County Councils in long term planning are now to be taken over by Regional Assemblies - at the moment, unelected. More and more, Parliament is being superseded by Directives from Brussels. Not only are the important decisions being taken elsewhere but elsewhere is getting further away.

This tendency is also shown by the fact that local councils have become increasingly unable to control how much money they raise through the council tax and what they spend that money on. As with the grants from the European Commission, which are tied to specific projects, approved by the bureaucrats who release the money, more and more of the funding of local government is tied to specific uses. Local councils are, in theory, accountable to the local electorate but the centralisers do not trust the locals and impose conditions on all expenditure. So it's not surprising that we feel less and less in control of our lives and more and more reluctant to allow this tendency to continue. *

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C omings and goings. beginnings and endings are part of the fabric of The Mothers' Union, just as in our individual lives. The end of 2003 saw a significant ending in the diocese with the president. Elizabeth Brown reaching the end of her term of office. At the final Diocesan Council

of the year, the main item was the tribute Elizabeth farewell to Affectionately called the *Bafta Award*. Elizabeth's contribution to MU over the last 6 years was outlined. The high-profile events were recalled, including the celebratory services, guest speakers and hosting visits of the presidents of our overseas link dioceses. Alongside this was the sheer hard work of managing the affairs of the diocese; chairing the trustee meetings and grappling with issues like child protection, and health and safety were not overlooked. At the heart of Elizabeth's presidency was the grass roots membership. She visited most of the 90 branches and showed care and concern for members in need of prayer and encouragement. This ending coincided with a beginning for Elizabeth, who becomes a Provincial President. promoting MU and supporting the work and members in all 29 dioceses in Canterbury province. The gifts were but a token of our appreciation for all she has done, and the love and prayers of the 2.500 members in St Albans diocese go with her into her new work

Here in Berkhamsted our Christmas party was marked by beginnings. Revd Janet Ridgway, MU Deanery Chaplain, was our guest and she enrolled Geraldine Wright as a member, and welcomed Jenny Budd and Audrey Faunce to St Albans diocese and our branch. Jenny and Audrey have transferred their membership from Portsmouth and Exeter dioceses respectively. This social evening ended with a meditation led by Tracy

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Margaret Burbridge pays a tribute and looks forward to 2004 Robinson. In Advent to Christmas we moved towards welcoming the birth of the Christ child into our own lives and more widely into all we do as members of The Mothers' Union. Becoming a member is about making a commitment to what MU stands for. Attending branch meetings is not a

requirement, but fellowship experienced, whether socially or through prayer and worship, is valued by many members, and is a way of experiencing what it means to belong to a world wide organisation whose concern is Christian care for families.

2004 marks the beginning of the United Nations International Year of the Family, as readers of last month's *Review* will remember. However, the meeting arranged in April to mark this, has had to be changed and will now take place on Thursday 29 April at 10.00am in All Saints Hall.

Solomon's Corner

Review Contributions

David Woodward asks in his editorial for contributions.

The ideal method is to attach text (and images) to an email. Most programs will save plain text, or use a text editor (like notepad) Avoid putting literal text in the body of emails, as each end of line is often *hard* (forced) & has to be removed. Do not format paragraphs. Leave them without *hard* end-of-lines, except at the end of a section. Avoid using the TAB key - use the space bar.

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There were references to Berkhamsted in the national media twice on 15 December; one direct the other a bit obscure.

Firstly, the clue in The Times crossword was Chiltern Town in North Hertfordshire.

Photos of the capture of Saddam Hussein appeared in the papers and on television. In the photos of the squalor there were such things as Mars Bars and a fly spray called by the lovely name, Pif Paf. The latter was a Cooper product originally produced in Berkhamsted. Was this part of a stock dating back many years or is it still produced in other places these days. In the photographs of the Trade Mark Controlled Designs dated 1986 for Pif Paf

BERKO IN THE NEWS

By Bill Willett

in the Heritage Store the main languages on the aerosol are English and Arabic so maybe there were great sales in the Middle East. I am sure some reader can enlighten us further.

The photographs showed Mars Bars, but the text in The Times referred to Bounty; the name of the fly spray Pif Paf appeared in both the article and photo. The packaging in the store calls it Flying Insect Killer and the manufacturer in Berkhamsted, England as Cooper, McDougall and Robertson

Fame indeed, and all on the same day. ❖

WEDNESDAY TALKS IN LENT AT ST PETER'S

8pm in the Lady Chapel

This year we are having a series of talks entitled *Lord teach us to pray*. They will be led by a variety of people with experience in different traditions and methods of prayer. Each evening will involve a talk and then a period of prayer together (which on this occasion will not be taking the form of Compline but will be in the tradition of the prayer for the evening.)

- **3 March** Ignatian Spirituality **Sister Winifred**, a Cenacle Sister has worked in the area of retreats and spiritual direction for 20 years with special emphasis on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. She helps train others in the art of spiritual companionship in both central London and Cockfosters. She has assisted on the weeks of guided prayer that have been held in Berkhamsted. Ignatian prayer has a distinctive approach to meditative reflection that many find helpful today.
- 10 March Franciscan Spirituality Canon Iain Lane, the Education Canon at St Albans Abbey., is a member of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis, the Anglican branch of the Franciscan family. St Francis offers a refreshing and inspiring understanding of God and creation, which contains much to enrich our following of Christ today.
- 17 March Praying the Rosary The Revd Jennie Cappleman, who is the curate at St Peter de Merton Bedford, discovered the rosary coming from outside the Catholic tradition and explores different ways in which it can assist our prayer including contemplative and intercessory prayer.
- **24 March** Celtic Spirituality The **Revd Ken Dixon**, the Rector of All Saints, Clifton & Southill, has had an interest in Celtic spirituality and spent his sabbatical, 5 years ago, looking at Irish Celtic Spirituality.
- **31 March** Praying with Icons The **Revd David Ridgeway** the Vicar of St Stephen's, St Albans, recently led a very successful workshop on this subject at St Albans Abbey. Icons are increasingly popular as a devotional aid and in a profound way they mediate deep truths.

We are fortunate in having such a wide-ranging and able group of people willing to come and share with us and I hope that it will be an opportunity for us deepen our lives of prayer together.

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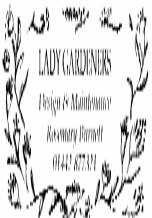
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A cold, winter morning - your work awaits - and the car won't start! What do you do? Use the other car (most families havemore than one!), take the bus or train or call a

taxi? But supposing it

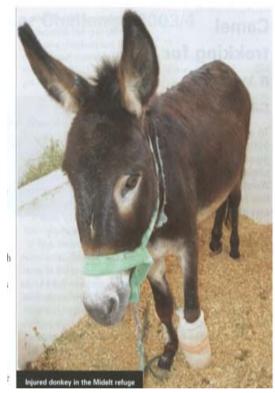
is a hot day and the transport fails? It often does in many countries, because the transport is a donkey, horse, ox or camel. If vour livelihood depends on a donkey and that donkey goes lame or collapses from exhaustion, then vour family will suffer. This is where charity called SPANA may be able to help. For 80 vears the

Society for Protection of Animals Abroad has been relieving the suffering of working animals in many countries, while educating owners, and the next generation of owners, in the good management of their beasts. They even operate a *Courtesy Donkey* scheme in some places so that men may continue to work with a *borrowed* donkey while their own is receiving veterinary treatment or just having a rest.

Simple help, like showing folk how to pad a harness to avoid rubbing sores on an animal's back, providing 'kind' bits and advising on cheap but efficient feeding is

LITTLE DONKEY

From Liz Baxendale



part of the work. SPANA however, also treat horrific conditions brought about by parasites and lice on many working animals.

The numbers involved are huge. It is not unusual to find 600 donkeys in a

Morrocan market place, or 300 or more camels in a market in Mauritania.

The charity runs mobile clinics in eight countries. including Svria Jordan. and Ethiopia, and veterinary centres in many others where animals can be hospitalised if necessary. It also supports with funds and advice projects in South America, Kenya, India and Mongolia (among others), which share their aims.

Started by an English woman **Frances Hosali** and her daughter Nina, after a trip to North Africa in 1921, the work of SPANA has expanded in spite of wars and political changes across many countries.

It's easy to forget that millions of people still depend upon an animal, be it donkey, horse or camel, for their daily bread!

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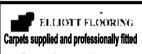
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Michael Robinson (the PCC Treasurer) outlines the Gift Aid scheme that benefits charities

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Further details and costs are available from **Staywarm** on 0800 1 694 694 and on their website at **www.staywarm.co.uk**

Michael Robinson - a *joint clerk* to the Trustees of the Almshouses

The discomfort is extreme, the air vitiated, everyone fatigued. (A letter to The Times, 14th November, 1935, describing conditions on the Northern Line)

Overcrowding and poor service on the London Underground are not new. as the above quotation shows. As early as 1906. upon the opening of the Piccadilly Line. the chairman of the_ Underground company, told the press Strap-hangers meant dividends and those who had a complaint to make would find their angry greatly feelings if they soothed became shareholders the railway. Newspaper reports from The Times in the

1920s and 1930s.

when the London Underground was still a private sector company, reveal that travelling conditions were at least as bad as they are at present, as the organisation once again moves unsteadily towards the private sector.

The problems of the inter-war period resulted from the success of the company, The Underground Group in expanding its network. The chairman, Lord Ashfield, formerly Albert Stanley, had served in Lloyd George's wartime coalition as President of the Board of Trade and, on returning to the company in 1918, made good use of his political contacts to further its interests. On three occasions he persuaded governments to underwrite new capital which the company needed to extend and upgrade its network. Each expansion of the network was

A PRESSING PROBLEM: EARLY OVERCROWDING ON THE UNDERGROUND

Stephen Halliday reminds us that some problems are always with us



1938 Tube stock still in use on the Isle of Wight in the 21st century

accompanied by housing developments which the railway encouraged as a means of developing profitable long-distance commuter traffic. Problems of overcrowding soon followed.

As early as 1921, as Ashfield began his first campaign for government finance, congestion at Charing Cross, then the busiest station on the

system, was so great that the company installed a stentorphone which, during rush hours, bellowed instructions to passengers on the escalators: "Please keep moving. If you must stand, stand on the right. Some are in a hurry. Don't impede them". It must be assumed that

passengers' reactions to this authoritarian device were more charitable than the company had a right to expect since a second *stentorphone* was installed at Oxford Circus shortly afterwards. Ashfield's explanation of the causes of this overcrowding was condescending in tone. In a pamphlet written in 1924 he wrote that *One contributory cause has been the emancipation of women, who are tending to travel as freely as men. Another contributory cause is a greater addiction to pleasure.*

The inhabitants of Hampstead, then as now, were amongst the first to voice their concerns when the Northern Line was extended to Edgware in 1924. They had expressed deep misgivings about the railway when it was being built and now objected to having to share it with their

suburban brethren. On 28th February, 1931, under the heading A grievance of Hampstead a Mr W.Rushton wrote to The Times to complain that, since the extension of the line The intelligentsia of Hampstead has the chagrin of witnessing the canaille of Highgate lolling at their ease while we have to hang on our straps...Is it fair. Mr Rushton suggested no remedy for this grievous state of affairs. A correspondent from the Vale of Health wrote to the paper on 4th November, 1935, complaining that he had been one of 88 passengers standing in a passenger car that he had boarded at Hampstead. Ten days later this claim was capped by another correspondent who asserted that, in the evening peak, on trains to Hampstead, standing passengers were:

...not less than sixty in every compartment. This is double the complement. The discomfort is extreme, the air vitiated, everyone fatigued

They went on strike. On 6th April 1937 The Times described such an incident. A train full of Edgware-bound commuters. whose homeward journey had already been delayed, was terminated at Colindale, two stops short of its planned destination. The passengers were ask to alight. The occupants of one coach, enraged, shouted "Stay in your seats and demand to be taken on to Edgware. We have had enough of this messing about with the line". As more timid passengers left the train the militants ignored all pleas from the station staff and all assurances that a following train was approaching which would take them on to Edgware. They were duly shunted into a siding. A few moments later the following train arrived, picked up the less obstreperous passengers and took them on to Edgware. The awkward squad looked on from their siding as their former fellow passengers waved them a friendly farewell. Ashfield persuaded the government to underwrite investment

funds for new rolling stock which provided more space for passengers which alleviated the problem but did not solve it. This stock, which first entered service in 1938, is still in service on the Isle of Wight Railway.

The raised voices were not confined to the Northern Line. On 21st November, 1935, The Times published one correspondent's helpful description of the procedure he adopted when attempting to board a second Central Line train, after congested cars led to his being repulsed from the first:

On several occasions I have been one of a bunch of rejects and have had to wait for another train. At such times one's only chance of adding to the crush inside was to judge the speed of approach and jockey for position near a door. Once there I admit things are much easier; one only has to adopt a passive stance and a wave of surging humanity does the rest

The following day, in the midst of this angry correspondence The Times published a letter from one M. du Plat Taylor suggesting that the situation could be alleviated by the installation of parcel racks in tube trains, though it was not entirely clear whether the racks were to contain parcels or prostrate passengers. Since his letter was written from the hallowed precincts of his London club, the Athenaeum, one may speculate that the gentleman travelled by taxi and not by tube.

Such a suggestion for relieving overcrowding has not yet been put to **Ken Livingstone** or **Robert Kiley** but, as the network once again looks to the private sector to provide the finance to upgrade and extend the network they may reflect that, on the last occasion that the network was in private hands, the problems were much the same as they are now.

The desire for self-improvement which was so strong a component of the Victorian mindset led to the establishment of Mechanics' Institutes throughout the country. Here the so-called *lower orders* could try to better themselves, either

gratis or for a small subscription, by reading the daily newspapers and attending classes and lectures.

The Berkhamsted Mechanics' Institute was founded in 1845 in the face of much opposition from the clergy: the rector considered it entirely unnecessary for working men, and another local clergyman declared mechanics' institutes to be 'nothing better than hotbeds of *infidelity*'. Nevertheless it proved to be a successful venture, and when the old market house was burned down, the institute was given several rooms in the town hall which replaced it, having previously made do with more cramped accommodation in private houses first in the High Street and then in Castle street. It was still there when I arrived in the town in 1963 A wooden board fixed to the exterior wall of the town hall announced that snooker and chess were available within. The classes and lectures were no more: recreation had ousted education, though newspapers were still provided.

I was at that time a very keen chess player, so I joined the institute in order to play. Fortunately membership was no longer restricted to *mechanics*, as I am totally incompetent at anything mechanical. We played in the reading room, which was on the first floor at the front. On cold winter evenings it was advisable to arrive early so as to secure a seat near the coal fire. The walls were lined with old bookcases, and there were glass cases containing objects of scientific interest, though it was difficult

THE MECHANICS INSTITUTE

Gerry Morrish tells its story

to discern what these were through a thick layer of dust. Some of the members seemed equally ancient and decrepit to my comparatively youthful eyes, but they played with amazing energy, crashing their pieces

around the board with little pause for thought and much loud banter, the disconcerting effect of which could induce blunders from opponents unfamiliar with such frenetic chess. But any resulting ill feeling would be quickly forgotten after the game when young and old repaired to the White Hart pub, conveniently situated next door

Before long I became a regular member of the Berkhamsted team which competed in an inter-club competition. Our captain was the formidable **John** Sharp, a watercress grower from Bourne End, a giant of a man whose broad shoulders and bristling beard suggested a reincarnation of W.G. Grace. Indeed he played cricket too for many years, as captain and wicketkeeper of the Bourne End eleven. Over the chess board he would throw caution to the winds, employing the apparently suicidal Spike Opening (g4 to the cognoscenti). His opponents would usually overreach themselves in trying to refute these ridiculous tactics, with fatal results.

Another notable team member was the rector, **Robert Brown**, who presumably did not share the disapproving attitude of his predecessor of 1845. His courteous and benign expression never varied as he lured his unsuspecting opponent into fiendish traps. Then there was **Alex Niedzwitzki**, a very strong player of Polish origin. Whenever his tongue-twisting surname caused difficulties, he would say "It's

pronounced NEEDS WHISKY", a hint which could be followed up later at the White Hart.

Alas, the institute is no more, though of course the premises survive thanks to the heroic efforts of those who saved the town hall from the vandals who sought to destroy it. The chess club survives too, albeit in less atmospheric surroundings at Lagley Hall. I myself no longer play: I was bitten by the bridge bug many years ago and chess had to give way.

I have gleaned some snippets of information about the institute from the Rev. J. Cobb's History and Antiquities of Berkhamsted which gives a lengthy and detailed account of its foundation and subsequent fortunes, including the story of a sensational murder! Anyone wishing to know more can borrow the book from the library or buy a copy from the Bookstack, as despite being published 150 years ago, it remains in print



THE GEORGE AND DRAGON

Gerry Morrish writes; Mr Peter Ashford enquired in the January issue of the Review about the inn sign which formerly hung outside the George and Dragon Coffee Tavern in Castle Street. It is now kept in the office of the Collegiate School clerk of works, where I have seen and photographed it. It depicts George and the Dragon in mortal combat, and was beautifully carved in wood by a craftsman on Lord Brownlow's estate. The photograph he mentions, showing the tavern with the sign in situ, is also kept in the office.

review poetry

SHOULD IT MATTER?

Why is it different to have another colour skin? What does it matter for the home we live in? All people are different and that's for sure It shouldn't matter if we're rich or poor Some people may have a Porsche, some a Metro Some people may be interested, some may say

It doesn't matter
If people are fatter
You don't have to be thinner
To be a winner
If people have another colour skin
Don't treat them like dirt
We are all people
And we all get hurt

Michael Pettigrew (aged 13) when asked to write a poem on a subject he felt strongly about

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That display their beauty, their weary boughs to tax Are they aware of their life giving breath Do they know that their lives could be ended By the strokes of a woodsman axe

To be stripped of their crowning glory When winter makes its call No slow insidious ageing That calms the life of all

Is this what we mean by unconditionality To be content just to be Could it be that our conscious striving Is the difference between us and a tree

Don King, who now lives in France, would be delighted to share verses with others of a like mind. For more information contact Ron Fisher (865846)

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A primary school, IIMC Shikshangan Prasadpur is run by the Institute for Indian Mother & Child, a nongovernmental voluntary organisation which exists in West Bengal, India. This organisation is working for the poorest of the poor people in this area where 58 per cent live below

the poverty level and

over 50 per of cent people are illiterate.

Prasadpur is verv backward village. For many years there was no school for the children. IIMC The Micro-Credit & Micro-Savings

Women's Bank started to work there in January 1997. Local people soon wanted a primary school. They came to IIMC with a request for them to open a school in their village because primary education is the most important parameter to develop their society. Mr Gopal Chandra Mondal (a farmer), a local well-wisher, donated a piece of land to IIMC to build a school. He is 50 vears old with two daughters and a son. But his daughters are grown up and are married. So he has no family problem and donated his land for the children's education in his village.

The IIMC organisation started a preprimary school (3 to 5 year old children)

THE SCHOOL AT **PRADASPUR**

Barnali Brahmochary tells us about the school in India which has been helped by funds given by our parish in Berkhamsted

in a temporary bamboo room in May 1999 with 50 children. Two female teachers (one of them local) are taking care of We have them. since then purchased more land surrounding the school to build proper brick building. Now the number of

students is 102 with five teachers. The school has five classes: lower nursery, upper nursery, class-I. class-II and class-III.

The village

people are very happy to get a school there, from their kind supporters and well-wishers at St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted.

In the same way that Sayra Khatun (the sponsor child of St Peter's Church Sunday School) is going to enjoy the chance of education and life skills, so also are the children that attend the soon-to-be constructed brick building of IIMC Shikshangan Prasadpur. village is in such a remote area, that bringing education to the children in this way is a real blessing to the whole community.



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Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 5th March 2004

faiths, and also join with an ecumenical committee in promoting events focussing on peace.

Keep this page to hand for 5th March when, from dawn in the Pacific to their sunrise

the following day, men and women around the world will join in the same act of worship in their own languages.

Read John 20: 1-18. Mary Magdalene took a step of faith by going to the tomb. She was willing to communicate with others, unafraid of the response of others. She had a personal encounter with Jesus, who called her by her name. She was no longer blind to the reality of Jesus' presence and became the first person to declare to others "I have seen the Lord".

How can we measure the significance of Mary Magdalene's obedience to the divine commission, "Go and tell"?

O God, give us unity, determination, faith and hope to bring our problems to you, so that we may receive help and courage to make the necessary changes in all aspects of our lives - economic, social, moral and spiritual. Let us strive in all our relationships to work with God for change.

Living God, in our daily work, we pray that the Holy Spirit will be our guide. Help us to yield to his leading, knowing that, as our friend, he will provide all that is necessary for us. May our love grow and may we be equipped to encourage and nurture others our family, neighbours and friends. Amen. In faith, let us all shape the future

Join with us:

11.00 am Sacred Heart Catholic Church

8.00 pm Northchurch Baptist Church

Valerie Clark



Will there be an "abundance of fish and butterflies" on the first Friday of March this year? We shall be thinking on that day of the women of Panama who have created the service which will be used across the whole world - and their country is named for some of the richness of its fauna.

Panama is a unique crossroads. The Canal has linked the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans for 90 years. Its land joins together the continents of North and South America. Not surprisingly, its economic structure is based on services, primarily around transportation and finance. Bananas and shrimps are its main exports; and money is being invested in tourism. Yet this activity comes at a price. Mangroves are being destroyed to provide room for shrimp farms and holiday resorts, causing coastal erosion and serious loss of many species of fish and reptiles.

Just under 3 million people live in a country a little less than the size of Scotland, about one-third of them under 19. Most of the people are of mixed indigenous and Spanish descent, and seven tribes of indigenous people are surviving with their own cultures and languages. Though the number of women who are graduates and professionals almost equals that of men, at the other end of the scale indigenous women are the poorest of the poor.

Nearly 80% of Panamanians belong to the Roman Catholic Church, established in the 16th century after the Spanish Conquest. Various Protestant Churches came in with the English-speaking Afro-Caribbeans in the early 19th century. Jews, Moslems, Hindus and Buddhists add to the rich diversity of

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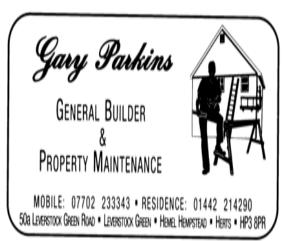
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LOVE IS THE GIFT - LOVE IS THE GIVER

Once more Christmas has just been upon us, again, Lord, I've failed you it seems. I've tried reaching out proclaiming your love, they can't comprehend what it means I tell them of you, your blessings you give, my friend who walks daily with me. They don't understand, Lord; don't want to know; it's answers they're after, you see.

Why all this suffering? Why all this pain? Why all of the bloodshed and war? Why is there much starving, hatred and sin? Why is it so many are poor? Why is it the good seem to die early? Why some get away with their crime? There are so many questions they ask me, Γ m struggling for answers this time.

Dearest child, let me help you with answers, you don't have to struggle alone.

Let me show you once more how I love you, the reason why I left my throne.

When I looked at what I had created, a beautiful world just for you, I wanted to give you one further giftmy presence to bless you with too.

I will live on the earth Γ ve created.
Γ ll go there myself through my Son.
I will live in you all, through my spirit.
My children and I will be one.
No more need they bear their burdens alone.
Their cares may be handed to me.
Willingly I would do all this for them,
because they are precious, you see.

So come walk with me, I'll gladly show you, the path that my only Son trod.
Let's start at the manger where he was born.
See Mary the Mother of God.
Now let us move to the carpenter's shop; and watch Joseph teaching his trade.
Then we move on to him healing the sick, the blind and the outcast and lame.

For three years He was preaching and healing; gladly doing His Father's will.

Now it all changes, just watch as he goes; bearing his own cross to the hill.

Just follow His bloodstains, follow his path; the hate in the crowds who cry out.

Hear the scorn; hear the laughs, as death draws

"Come down from your cross" they all shout. But death is no more, my Son is alive! The pathway to heaven is paved. If you would know the true meaning of Love, then start where the Christ child is laid And to all who want answers to questions, come, kneel humbly before the King. You will be touched: you'll know joy in your heart, And all heaven and earth will sing.

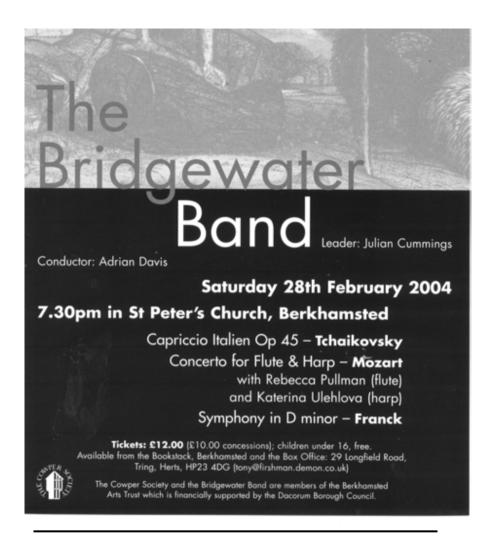
Written by Pam Jones of the Christian centre for Healing and Wholeness, Hyde, Kent

HILLSIDE GROUP

"He went up the hillside with his disciples and sat down and taught them there" (Matthew 5: 1-2)

Formed in September 2000, Hillside Group meets weekly or less often, for Bible study and deeper reflection on what it means to be a Christian. Starting from Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, we have studied a wide range of themes, Paul and his letter to the Galatians, Gerard Hughes' *God of Surprises*, Isaiah, the Bible as a whole, and the Second Coming (*Jesus: the sequel?*). We have also much appreciated one-off sessions led by **Martin Wright** and **Paul Timmis** on the Anglican/Methodist Covenant, by Alan Cox on Galatians, by **Marjorie Bowden** on Gerard Hughes and retreats, and by **John Malcolm** on Paul and Isaiah.

We would very much like to welcome some fresh faces. The only commitment is to be prepared openly to discuss our own ideas and perspective, and to listen generously to each other's contributions Anyone from All Saints' (Methodist or Anglican) or St Peter's is welcome to an open evening at 8pm on Tuesday 27th January at 22 Upper Hall Park, to hear more about what we have learned and about what we hope to cover during Lent and the rest of 2004. Our Lent course will run weekly from Tuesday 2nd March to Tuesday 30th March, and if you cannot make it on 27th January, we would still love to welcome you Contact: Rob and Julie Wakelv. 22 Upper Hall Park. (875504)



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he 18th Children's Wear event will be held on Thursday 25th March at the

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Oxfam is one of the many aid agencies which are helping the people of Bam, Iran, following the recent devastating earthquake. Oxfam brings particular expertise in desperately needed emergency water supplies.

Funds are needed, in Iran and in many other troubled locations in Africa and around the globe, to send equipment and experts. Please come to the Children's Wear event and help to make a difference to the lives of helpless and blameless victims of the

Bam and other disasters.

Aren't we fortunate that we have the opportunity of helping others while at the same time benefiting from the availability of good quality clothes, generously donated, in which to clothe our growing families at bargain prices?

Please make a note in your diary now.

Nicky Evans

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met in mid-December for the last meeting of 2003 during which a number of varying subjects were addressed.

One of the main topics under discussion was the current financial situation and the need for all the congregation to be aware of the costs involved in running our church. The response to the recent stewardship letter had been poor and it was decided that follow-up letters be sent out after Christmas thanking those who had responded, and reminding others of the need to be aware of our situation. It was agreed that a presentation would be made in place of a sermon at the Joint Service preceding the Annual Meeting in March.

Another topic of importance was the decision on which charities should benefit from the Petertide Fair. It was decided that WaterAid should be the overseas charity and St Francis Hospice, the home charity. It was also agreed that the Hospice should continue to benefit from the Fair while they were appealing for help with the new building although this should be reconsidered on an annual basis.

A resolution was proposed and passed unanimously for the redecoration of parts of the interior of St Peter's Church, starting with St John's Chantry and the south and north walls.

Another subject receiving attention from the Council was the role of the laity as part of the Vision for the Parish 2003-2013. This is an on-going item for discussion and the subcommittee will be meeting again before reporting back to the Council.

Finally Father Mark asked the Council to read and deliberate on papers circulated prior to the meeting on the Inclusive Church and the Church of England. This would be a subject for further discussion at forthcoming meetings.

Pat Hunt, PCC Secretary



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_Revd Peter Hart insists that Christians must read, pray, think and debate on the issues of the day

Does the Church have anything to say about the powers of the state? We live in times of uncertainty, of security warnings and increased vigilance, and governments

around the world are introducing ever more stringent requirements for proving personal identity and entry into their territories. Some groups raise a cry for freedom, while others seek more draconian measures. Where is the Church's voice in this?

The Christian position on the state has always been one of freedom of conscience tempered by a strong line in social responsibility. The recognition of the demands of God as pre- eminent has to be played out against a recognition of God in our neighbour. God requires our obedience and worship, while at the same time expecting us to put the needs of others first, to have a bias to the poor and the unjustly treated and to work for peace in a world which seeks its own desires at the expense of the wider community's.

Currently, there are people held in various prisons around the world on suspicion of terrorist activities or sympathies. They have not been charged, most have no access to lawyers, few are allowed family visits. This is not right, and the Church must speak out. At the same time, the Church must condemn those who view other people's lives as worthless, as targets in a worldwide terror campaign whose

avowed aim is the destruction of democratically self- governing societies.

The detail and the big picture need to be kept in balance: to concentrate on one at the expense of the other will not be helpful. How to keep such a balance? The Church, the people of God, must be informed. Once informed, the people of God must pray, pray deeply and faithfully about the detail and the big picture. As people of prayer, God's people must also talk about these subjects, debate them amongst ourselves as well as with others, to demonstrate that we are not unthinking, we are not neglectful of our brothers and sisters, to contradict any notion that the Church has nothing to say on this issue. We have a lot to say, which needs to be said, vet we need the discretion of the Holy Spirit to say it. May God give us grace to read, to think, to pray and to debate, that we may live out God's demands fully and transform his world into his image.

Visiting St Mary's Northchurch

During the week, when there are no services, St Mary's is not normally open.

It is usually open on Sundays for visitors between 2:30pm and Evening Prayer.

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WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Fr Mark Bonney and Fr Martin Wright will be leading the annual parish pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 March. If you would like to join this weekend in a beautiful Norfolk village, devotional and healing services in the shrine church, good food and comfortable rooms, walks by the sea and conviviality in the local pub, then contact Fr Mark (864194) for a booking form. The cost for the weekend with full board is £72.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



Joint president **Joy Lovell** welcomed a rather depleted membership to the first meeting of 2004. Some members were still

involved with family gatherings and others were ill. Joy read a poem implying that crop circles were merely advertisements for *Out-of-this-World* pizzas (!) and a modern nursery rhyme, both very amusing.

Brief business was conducted efficiently by secretary **Janet Mitchell**.

Two members reported on a very happy afternoon spent with Felden WI at their Christmas party.

A fun afternoon was enjoyed with bingo, called by **Maureen Stonhill**, quizzes, organised by **Joy Lovell** and a Three Hat Narrative written and performed by **Liz Baxendale**.

A very nice tea was crowned by an excellent fruit cake made by **Ken Lovell**, Joy's husband.

As an almost historic gesture, this WI meeting was raffle-free! Two visitors attended, and we hope more will come and find out about us during 2004. Please ring 866464 for further details.

PETERTIDE FAIR 2004

This year's Petertide Fair will take place on Saturday 26th June. The two good causes which will be helped from the proceeds will be Water Aid and the Hospice of St Francis. Most readers will know that the hospice are bending all their energies to the provision of a new building so that their need for assistance is not in doubt. The Petertide Fair committee will investigate with Wateraid to find a specific project in Africa which the fair can support.

ENORMOUS THANKS

Enormous thanks are given to all those who responded so generously to the Hope for Children appeal to fill pencil tins. Our gifts on Christmas Day filled almost 300 tins. Thank you!



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BERKHAMSTED CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

The February meeting of the association will be held on Wednesday 18 February in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall at 8pm. **David Thorold**, Keeper of Archaeology at Verulamium Museum will give an illustrated talk on Recent developments at Verulamium Museum and in the St Albans area.

CHURCH SECURITY

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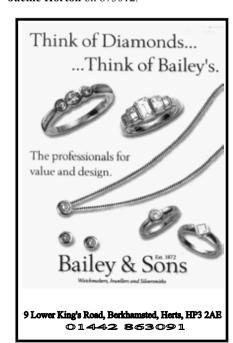
The Berkhamsted branch of Save the Children is pleased to present *Yours Truly, CB*, the story of Charlotte Bronte on Friday 5 March at 7.30pm in the Deans Hall, Berkhamsted Collegiate School.

This is a one woman play, written and performed by **Alison Neil**. Some readers will remember her previous enjoyable and professional performances as Mrs Beaton, Catherine Parr and Richmal Crompton.

Tickets are £7.50 from Jane Drake (864816) or Margaret Bowley (873694)...

PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOLS

The group Prayer for our Schools meets monthly on a Monday morning at 9.15am. The dates for this Spring term are 2 February, 1 March, 29 March. Meetings are at the home of **Jane Lines**, 12 Cedar Road (384769). All are welcome. Coffee is served from 8.45am and prayers begin at 9.15am. Further details can be had from **Marjorie Davies** on 01494 783034 or **Jackie Horton** on 873012.





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SUND	AY	St Peter's:	8:00am	Euchar	ist			

Non-members always welcome. Contact: Kathie Lally (863526) HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm at 22,Upper Hall Park for bible study. Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely (875504) 4rd Tues MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm at 17 Shaftesbury Court. Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981) JULIAN MEETING: meets about twice a month as arranged at Jenny's 57 Meadow Road and at Ruth's, 1 Montague Road. Everyone is very welcome to join us for about half an hour of quiet prayer. Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown (863268) 2nd 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) 4th Wed WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meets 2:30-4:00pm in the Court House. New members and visitors always welcome. Contact: Biddy Shacklock (864574) Thu HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Contact Linda Bisset (862115) Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) (863804) Thu BELLRINGING: 8:00pm at St Peter's. Fri FRIDAY STUDY GROUP: Tuesdays 1:30pm for informal Bible study. Young children welcome. Contact: Kate Semmens (866531) LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am in the Court House. Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St P (10am) Nicole Addy-Varndell (864094) ST PETER'S CHOIR: Children 7:00-8:30pm (& Tues 5:15-6:15pm), Adults 7:30-8:30pm. Fri Contact: Adrian Davis (864722) or Jean Wild (866859) 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) 29

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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).

February/March 2004

FEBR	UAI	RY	
Mon	2	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for Candlemas
Tue	3	8.15pm	Parochial Church Council
Fri	6	10.00am	Little Fishes Service
Tue	10	10.15am	Chuckles Service The Enormous Catch of Fish
Sat	21	8.00am	Associated Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfasttba
Wed	25	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Sat	28	7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents – The Bridgewater Band St Peter's
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Tue	2	10.15am	Chuckles Service Jesus and the Children
Wed	3	8.00pm	Lent talk: Lord teach us to pray Sr Winifred
Fri	5	10.00am	Little Fishes Service
Wed	10	8.00pm	Lent talk: Lord teach us to pray Canon Iain Lane St Peter's
Sun	14	9.30am	Parish Service
		11.00am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Tue	16	10.15am	Chuckles Service Why Zaccheus climbed the Tree
Wed	17	8.00pm	Lent talk: Lord teach us to pray
			The Revd Jennie Cappleman
Sat	21	8.00am	Associated Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfasttba
Wed	24	8.00pm	Lent talk: Lord teach us to pray The Revd Ken Dixon St Peter's
Sat	28	6.00pm	The Cowper Society presents –St Peter's Choir –
			Stainer Crucifixion St Peter's
Wed	31	8 00nm	Lent talk: Lord teach us to pray The Revd David Ridgway St Peter's

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

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Weddings (All Saints')

3 January Philip Wright & Emma Britton

Funerals

10 December Rose Ellis

Chilterns Crematorium

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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)

St Peter's

Altar service Chalice rota Sunday school Church maintenance Church cleaning Flower arrangements Sunday morning coffee Service recordings Intercessions Epistle Readers Electoral Roll Pathfinders Sidesmen Catering Hospice contact

Alan Conway (865798) Jean Green (863241) Sally Emery (870656) Christopher Green (863241) Jean Green (878227) Sarah Dawson (871614) Rene Dunford (862420) Alan Conway (865798) Revd Mark Bonney (864194) Ron Fisher (865846) Judith Limbert (873626) Stephen Lally (863526) Christopher Green (863241) Val Atkinson (866792) Rachael Anderson (871997) Angela Morris (866992) Jimmy Young (876736)

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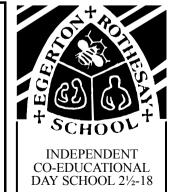
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The Revd Mark Bonney, The Rectory, Rectory Lane (864194) (day off Friday pm / Sat am)

The Revd Martin Wright, All Saints House, Shrublands Road (866161) (day off Monday)

The Revd Prof. Luke Geoghegan (NSM), 16 Gravel Path, (866361)

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) Carole Dell, 4 Clarence Road (864706) Churchwardens:

John Banks, Ladybrand, Cross Oak Road (871195)

Parochial Church Secretary: Mrs Pat Hunt, 11 The Firs, Wigginton (822607)

Council: Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way (863559)

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

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Sundays

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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.

Evensong & Sermon 6.00pm

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

5:00pm Sat 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)

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn (874894) Sundays

Anglican Eucharist only as announced 8.00am Sung Eucharist with Sunday schools &

9.15am Pathfinders, then coffee in the Hall

10:00am United service with the Methodist

congregation (3rd Sunday in month) 11.00am (Methodist Morning Service)

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

5th 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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