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Welcome to the March 2004 issue of the Berkhamsted Review

The quirk of the calendar in giving us Easter very early in April, means that our March edition manages to cover attitudes, preparations and events relevant to Lent, as well as making it prudent for us to give details of all our Easter celebrations. You could say you are getting two programmes for the price of one.

We might be a parish magazine but in this number at least, we think we can avoid the accusation of parochialism. We report on efforts to help Christians in Ethiopia, Uganda and wherever the spectre of war and famine threatens innocent people in other lands. We recall Oxfam's honourable twenty-five years of channelling Berkhamsted money to countless places in the world where it has been able to make a real difference.

We give advance notice of this year's Berkhamsted Walk which does so much each year to help neglected and abandoned youngsters. Long may we be able to support, advertise and describe such efforts in our town.

David Woodward

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**Fr Luke
Geoghegan**
considers the perils
and possibilities of
Lent

review leader

I find Lent very difficult. I could give up chocolate but without my chocolate bar at Euston to give me my glucose high I'd probably faint, fall to the

floor, and be casually trampled by the migrating herds of homus commutatus. I tried to give up alcohol a couple of times and lasted about twelve hours. In my desperation to justify my utter lack of will power I took refuge in intellectual examination: a major disease of the Church of England. After all, you don't actually have to do anything about anything while you're locked in the paralysis of analysis. So here is my summary of the reasons I've heard for fasting in Lent.

The puritanical The pleasures of the flesh are a real problem. We need to bring the body to heel. Self - denial is one way of doing this. Problem: but surely, by God becoming man in Jesus we are taught that the body is good.

The positive Religion is always couched as 'No!' - it should be 'Yes!' Affirm life, don't deny it! Do something positive for your neighbour this Lent! Problem: doesn't this culture of endless affirmation all get a bit silly? Thus no one ever fails an exam: instead they are working towards level one.

The politically correct 85% of people have never opened a fridge door - or so my wife's politically correct diary states. Show solidarity! Shun the multinational chocolate and alcohol conglomerates who exploit the masses! Problem: we depend on the market for everything. To say otherwise is foolish. (And, by the way,

most of the great civilisations of the world never opened a fridge door either).

The pedantic Evidence shows that early Christians in Ephesus had some pattern of fasting in Lent from at least 135 AD...Problem: I don't live in Ephesus. And I'm not interested in what they did in 135 AD.

I guess most of you will have heard these arguments in some form before. But here's another one. We have successfully cocooned ourselves from the effects of war, poverty, frequent illness and early death. We can drive away awkward thoughts by the most phenomenal range of entertainments the world has ever seen. Then every so often our life gets disrupted. Relationships end, friends or family die, pain intervenes, we loose touch with our children, careers don't go as planned, life doesn't always work out. We are a desperately feeble lot. I can't even cope without chocolate and wine. How can we cope?

Christianity is not about self-sufficiency. It is not even about God-sufficiency. It's about realising we're human and that to make it to the end, we need help; from others, and particularly from God. We need help because we fail. And when we realise we've failed we love others a little more and condemn them a little less.

So in Lent, giving something up can be useful. Because even if we fail, the important thing is to remember the lesson failure teaches us. Lent reminds us in a small way that we are not self sufficient; we are weak and we often fail. The good news is all will be well, not because of us, or in our own powers, but because God in Christ loves us. ❖

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Ian Reay's &news &views

Finding a site for a skateboard park in Berkhamsted is proving to be as difficult as finding Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq. We all know there must be somewhere but try as we might our hopes are always dashed. The time when the teenagers who

Ian Reay begins to doubt the real necessity of a skateboard park for Berkhamsted

spoke at the borough council and so eloquently persuaded them to commit £20,000 to the project now seems as remote as the first Gulf War although it was actually some years afterwards. A team of town council experts has been scouring the town for years but still has not identified a single candidate that does not have some doubts expressed about its viability by residents. We will soon be getting to the point when the Mayor of Berkhamsted will start to question the intelligence which formed the basis of the original decision to build a skateboard park. Maybe the time has finally come to admit that maybe, just maybe, there can be no skateboard park in Berkhamsted. This will not come easily to those who have staked their whole career in local politics on achieving just such a worthwhile amenity for local youth.

In the beginning we were promised that there would be plenty of room on Lagley Meadows near the leisure centre. However, the residents of Douglas Gardens and Gossoms Ryde were upset by the potential for noise and disruption: and the planners agreed, the site could not get planning permission. Then a series of further sites was systematically examined; Kitchener's Fields, The Moor, Canal Fields, Butts Meadow and Velvet Lawn. After lengthy debate Butts Meadow was fixed upon as the best compromise - that is until the residents of Chesham Road and Kings Road found out about the plans and discovered an ancient covenant that excluded any construction on the site. Borough council lawyers agreed that this ruled out a skateboard park.

The latest site to be looked at closely is Velvet Lawn; but this is proving to be no easier to use

than any of its predecessors. It is close to houses, close to two football pitches and also close to Thomas Coram School. A campaign is gathering force to oppose it.

But I am beginning to wonder whether the plan to have a skateboard park in the town is not actually misconceived and based on the, too simple, premise that there are skateboarders in the town and therefore there must be a skateboard park in the town. But would the skateboarders actually use a park if one were provided on Velvet Lawn? A survey of local skateboarders by Norman Cutting, to find out if they would go to the Butts Meadow site when it was being considered, revealed that they wouldn't go to Butts Meadow *'as it will only be for advanced skateboarders and we only do it for fun'*. Velvet Lawn is more remote than Butts Meadow and so the same attitude is likely to prevail. If a skateboarder is an expert then he or she will be happy to travel to places outside the town - such as Tring - to spend a lot of time honing skills. If not then in most cases they will be content with the nearest kerb and Velvet Lawn would be too far away.

The borough council has just recently fixed on a site for a skateboard park in Gadebridge Park - close to the Park and Ride, which will be smartened up. Skateboarding experts and aspiring experts will be able easily to get there to practise and this would further reduce the demand for an out-of-the way site at Velvet Lawn.

Perhaps the time has come to bow to the inevitable and admit that there is no suitable place for a skateboard park in Berkhamsted.



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A prayer, written by
Doris Decker,
Diocesan President of MU
in Ghana:

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you have created us into
families, so that we may
live, play, work, rejoice
and grieve together. Above
all, we thank you that we
are able to be members of
your family and mothers in
your church.*

*We thank you for
our Christian
family throughout
the world.*

*We pray that our
hearts may be
united in prayer so that we are able to share
one another's burdens, rejoice in one another's
blessings and strengthen one another in the
power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Families are very much what the MU is about
and this year is the International Year of the
Family.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Jenny Wells invites you
to learn more about the
International Year of the
Family



In January, we wrote about
the plans we have for this
including a talk to be held
on Thursday 29th April at
10.00 am in All Saints'
Church Hall at which
everyone is welcome.

But MU is not only about
business - talking and doing
- but also about stillness and
prayer as our prayer from
Ghana shows. On the fourth
Tuesday of each month, we

have a prayer
group very
much focused
on local family
needs.

If you have
something or someone needing prayer, please
contact one of our members or ring 870981 or
perhaps you would like to join us at
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OXFAM 18th CHILDREN'S WEAR EVENT

This event will take place at the **Civic Centre, High Street, Berkhamsted**
on Thursday, 25 March from 9 to 11.30am.

As always, there will be a wide range of clothes to choose from, displayed for boys and girls,
from baby to teenager.

The event has outgrown its title. It not only stages children's wear, but also nursery
equipment, toys galore, and children's books.

Thanks to the generosity of donating mums, the quality of stock is increasing year by year.
Your challenge is to discern the new-to-you from the brand new.

The event is supported by many helpers, from Oxfam and from within the community. It's a
major exercise, preparing the clothes, hanging them in the Civic Centre on the day before,
selling on the day, and then clearing away. If you'd like to be a part of this £4,000 success
story, please contact **Nicky** at the Oxfam shop (864225).

A separate article in this Review celebrates the Silver Jubilee of Oxfam in Berkhamsted and
tells something of the work of Oxfam in helping people, worldwide, lift themselves from
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I am delighted to be in the role of Berkhamsted Community Sergeant. My predecessor **David Dumbleton** is to remain at Watford as an inspector and it is to his credit that I inherited a hard-working and imaginative team of 5 ward constables.

The Berkhamsted Community Team based at Berkhamsted police station will continue to work with the crime prevention panel and neighbourhood watches to make the criminal's life more difficult. We also still believe in visible policing done mostly on foot so that we are out there to be seen and to make personal contact. Our distinctive green sponsored car, provided by **Roy Chapman Limited**, enables us to reach the more distant points so that we can then patrol on foot. Berkhamsted remains a relatively low crime area, but in the darker evenings the panel and police will work together against burglary on *Operation Thunder*, a combination of crime prevention activities and extra patrols.

The panel and the neighbourhood watches are valuable in so many ways but I am very aware that they give us the opportunity to hear what local people are concerned about and what they would like us to do about it. We are listening!

The Community Team is here to provide continuity and local knowledge in dealing with crime and other problems. There is also 24-hour emergency cover from the police 'Intervention' teams who likewise work out of Berkhamsted police station.

BERHAMSTED'S NEW COMMUNITY SERGEANT

Mick Rayment introduces himself

On the subject of resources, your community team is fully staffed and draws upon a combined total of 120 years of policing experience - not that anyone of us is that old! The *Intervention* or shift teams include many inexperienced officers and there is still a shortage

of sergeants and inspectors. However active recruiting has brought our force up to the required number of officers and, if we can retain them, our new recruits will progress greatly in only one or two years.

Finally, recruiting of *Police staff* to assist officers continues. You will see Dacorum's new yellow-jacketed policy community support officers (PCSOs) in and around Berkhamsted and other communities. Though they are constabulary staff, they are funded by the county council as part of a rural initiative, and will be seen chiefly in Dacorum's villages, including Potten End and Little Gaddesden. I believe their deployment will be very successful when they help us deal with various nuisance issues. They are not police officers, and so do not, for instance, have a power of arrest. However, they can report on and therefore deter criminal and anti-social behaviour. They can call on the immediate support of police officers. The PCSOs are intended to be visible and accessible to the community, and they will not be abstracted from their public patrols in the way that police officers are. ❖

Telephone numbers of our ward constables, our office and myself.

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Ashridge: PC	Andrea Bettridge	07736 225291
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At last, I am able to write and tell you that, not only have the commentaries arrived safely, but we have managed to extract them from customs. We are really thrilled that so many parishes and individuals responded positively to your appeal and that you managed to send out so many commentaries. Please thank everyone who contributed. All of the books are destined for the simple resource centres that we are in the process of setting up in several key locations: one in each of three refugee camps, in Gambella town, in Itang town and a new municipality in Lare Kuergeng, which is not currently on any maps.

These resource centres are not perhaps as grand as they sound. They will be simple grass built structures (which are highly appropriate, as everyone there knows how to build them, they are cheap to construct and, above all, they are cool) containing wooden benches, a blackboard, a hurricane lamp and your books. In Gambella town, we are thinking of giving some of the books to the local library, so that leaders of all the churches will benefit, not just the Nuer from the clan we minister to.

All our work in the western region involves an element of risk; risk that everything could go badly wrong: not only is the Sudan peace accord close to being finally ratified (it is impossible to project forward to get a sense of what this might mean for our work, although I'm sure we'll still be in business for another few years after it is signed, simply because people will wait and see how things settle down before they move back), but there has been terrible inter-tribal fighting in Gambella town recently, resulting in hundreds of deaths (we were amazed that this just wasn't covered in the western media). However, we feel that

unless we're prepared to take the risk, we'll never achieve anything.

The leaders in the Churches, men and women, are so keen to learn, that I know they will value these books and use them regularly. If I know anything about them, I am sure those books will be in use every day, all day. They just cannot get enough biblical study. These books are going to make a real, lasting difference to people here. Thank you.

Love to everyone at St. Peter's and thanks,
once again, to the Diocese.
Andrew

The Revd. Andrew J Proud,
Chaplain St. Matthew's Church and
Bishop of Egypt's Assistant for the Horn of
Africa

BYGONE BUSTLING BERKHAMSTED

The early copies of Kelly's Almanac, to which Gerry Morrish referred in his February article on Bygone Bustling Berkhamsted, together with a number of Looseley's Directories, are part of the archival collection of the Berkhamsted Local History and Museum Society, stored in the museum store under an agreement with the Dacorum Heritage Trust.

They are available for research purposes by prior arrangement either with Matt Wheeler, curator of Dacorum Heritage Trust (879525), or with **Eric Holland**, archivist of the society (864956).

For those of you who wish to know more about the firms and businesses to which Gerry referred, and very much more, visit the society's forthcoming exhibition, entitled Berkhamsted Trades and Industries through the Ages. This will take place in the Civic Centre from 8 to 12 June 2004 inclusive, daily from 10am to 5pm. Further details will appear in later issues, or can be obtained now from **Jenny Sherwood**, chairman of the Berkhamsted Local History and Museum Society on 865158.

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UGANDA REVISITED - Angela Morris is off to Uganda again.

It is time for my biennial visit to Bweranyangi Secondary Girls School in south west Uganda where **Sylvia Morris** taught after retiring from a long teaching career. I will once again meet with the girls supported by the Sylvia Morris Charitable Trust; some are awaiting their O Level results and others are a year or two younger. But all are determined to do well. I will also hope to bring back news of the three girls supported by the Petertide Fair who have now completed their education.

Two years ago I travelled alone, but this time I have the company of my niece Janet, and a friend, Angus. This means we are able to take with us even more books for the school library, and writing materials, bed sheets and personal items for the less fortunate students. We are also hoping to take a digital music system for use in the school chapel. Excess baggage we shall certainly have and we are fortunate that friends in Winchester have offered to bear the cost of this, within reason.

The school now bursts at the seams with 900 students, (there were 600 in Sylvia's day.) Secondary education is not free in Uganda but the families of many of the girls are able to pay the school fees, of £300 a year. However, the families of other girls desperate for a good education, make heroic sacrifices to raise this sum. One young student told me on an earlier visit that her father had sold his last cow so that she could come back that term. She is now supported by the Trust.

The caring school chaplain, **Katabarwa John**, identifies other destitute students for the trustees.

Visits to the school are immensely rewarding and I look forward to meeting friends on the teaching staff at Bweranyangi, and on the school farm, where students work each day in addition to their conventional lessons. So will you wish me luck? I 'll be back, God willing, on the 30th April. See you at the Community Market on 1st May perhaps?

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 Alban's 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 Alban's, recently led a very successful workshop on this subject at St Alban's 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.

In 1938 **Frank Pick**, vice-chairman of the London Passenger Transport Board, made a suggestion to a Royal Commission which could have revolutionised the financing of public transport. The Acts of Parliament which created the railway companies that built the Victorian railway network conferred on the companies powers to

make compulsory purchase orders for the land over which their lines were to pass. In normal circumstances the companies were obliged to buy more land than they needed. This could occur because of uncertainties over the precise route to be taken. Or it could occur because a landowner through whose field the line was to pass argued that the company should buy the whole field rather than leaving a farmer with part of a field rendered useless for agriculture because a railway line passed through it.

The construction of a railway line through a field greatly increased the value of the land. Houses for commuters could now be built on land previously used for cows and sheep. However the Acts of Parliament which created the railways stipulated that, once the line had been completed, surplus land on either side of the line should be offered for sale to the original owner at the original price. The railway was not permitted to develop the land itself and thereby benefit from the increase in value which it had created. This prohibition appears to have derived from a belief amongst legislators that the business of a railway was running trains, not developing land.

The only exception to this rule occurred in the first of the underground railway companies, the Metropolitan railway, whose enabling Act did permit the company to develop surplus land through a subsidiary company called Metropolitan

PAYING FOR THE UNDERGROUND

Stephen Halliday explains
the problems of paying for
the underground and bemoans
a lost opportunity

Estates. In this way **John Betjeman's** Metroland was created in Middlesex and Buckinghamshire, thereby making the Metropolitan railway more profitable than any other part of the London underground. The

Metropolitan railway produced a booklet called Metro-land to promote its property arm whose most conspicuous building was

Chiltern Court, a development of luxury flats above Baker Street station which earned £40,000 a year on an investment of £500,000 - a far better rate of return than could be earned by running an underground railway.

The creation of suburban London inspired **John Betjeman** to write some of his most popular verse as in this extract from *Summoned by Bells*:

*Great was our joy, Ronald Hughes
Wright's and mine,
To travel by the underground all day
Between the rush hours, so that very soon
There was no station, north to Finsbury
Park,
To Barking eastwards, Clapham Common
south,
No temporary platform in the west
Among the Actons and the Ealings where
We had not once alighted. Metroland
Beckoned us out to land in beechy Bucks.*

The extension of the underground network also inspired less noble attempts at versifying as the black arts of estate agency were honed in the service of the developers. Neasden was described in Metro-land as

*A model garden village in which peace
and quiet prevail, and the stretches of
country around offer plenty of
opportunity for invigorating exercise to*

those who are inclined to walking or cycling.

The Metropolitan estates company commissioned its own excruciating song to promote the Poplars estate, Ruislip which ended with the immortal lines:

*It's a very short distance by rail on the
Met
And at the gate you'll find waiting sweet
Violet.*

Neither this strained rhyme nor the accompanying Poplars Waltz made a permanent impact upon music or literature though they had the desired effect in swelling the profits of the Metropolitan Railway.

Frank Pick suggested, in his evidence to the Royal Commission, that the restriction on land development which applied to other lines should be lifted:

The moment an underground extension is projected the value of the land is at least doubled. When the railway is built and the stations are opened the land adjacent to the stations is at least quadrupled in value...in view of the difficulty of maintaining a public utility like the London Passenger Transport Board in a satisfactory condition from the receipts of fares there is every reason, in the interests of the public, why the Board should receive its appropriate share of the land values it helps to create.

One developer called **George Cross** had purchased 70 acres of poor farmland in Edgware in 1919 for £12,250. Within six years he had disposed of the land, and the houses he had built on it, at a profit of £56,000. **Frank Pick** reminded the Royal Commission that the capital cost of constructing underground railways had always been a serious obstacle to their economic viability. In the nineteenth and early twentieth century a succession of entrepreneurs had struggled to find ways of raising money to build the system and

then faced further problems in paying interest and dividends on the money they had raised. The Englishman **Whitaker Wright** had been found guilty of fraud in connection with the money he raised to build the Bakerloo Line, had been sentenced to 7 years penal servitude and had committed suicide in the Law Courts in 1904. The American **Charles Yerkes** had died in 1905 leaving his system on the verge of bankruptcy from which it was narrowly rescued by **Sir Edgar Speyer**, a German-born banker who paid £175,000 from the resources of his own bank to avoid Underground Electric Railways of London from falling into liquidation.

Frank Pick suggested that the London Underground should be allowed to develop the surplus land adjacent to the Central, Bakerloo and Northern lines which were being extended into Essex and Middlesex as he addressed the Royal Commission in 1938. The profits accruing from such development would have paid much, if not all of the capital cost of building the line and could have been a model for future investment. Pick's suggestion was rejected and the profits went instead to developers like **George Cross** who created suburban London. If **Frank Pick's** recommendation had been accepted then many of the problems associated with raising and servicing capital for underground railway investment would have been resolved with consequences which would have been highly beneficial for London's suffering commuters. An opportunity missed.

This article is based on Stephen Halliday's book

Underground to Everywhere: London's Underground Railway in the Life on the Capital

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John Rinkel writes:

Bill Willett's mention of *Pif Paf* in the February Review brings back some questionably happy memories of a past period spent in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia.

A major market was indeed the Middle East as *Pif Paf* was the essential expatriate purchase as the world's leading deterrent against the cockroach. Not the silly little black things you get up here, but the Genuine Big Brown Middle Eastern version, that is once seen, never forgotten.

One blast - and it worked. This was taken slightly to extreme by one of my daughters, then about 13 years old, who met her first one lazing in the bath (cockroach not her) with a scream and the entire contents of one aerosol. This is probably the only occasion of one actually drowning in the stuff.

The advanced course was how to handle the drains problem, where their favourite spot was hanging upside down underneath the manhole cover. Essential equipment was Pressurised Cockroach Killer, a long flexible hose with nozzle attached, a manhole hook (to open the manhole) - and a large shovel.

The technique taught to me by our services manager of the time was:

PIF PAF RE-VISITED



- 1 Hit the manhole hard with the shovel; this dislodges the hangers-up.
- 2 Open manhole cover ever-so-slightly
- 3 Slide nozzle in while squirting
- 4 Shut manhole.

It seemed to work, but over there in their millions, you knew they'd be back next week. It was reassuring to know that in a nuclear holocaust, they would be about the only survivors.

Alun Rees writes:

On reading Bill Willett's *Berko* in *The News* article in the February issue of the Review I was reminded that one morning back in the early eighties when I was manager/projectionist of the Rex cinema, I was visited by two gentlemen from the **Wellcome**

Foundation. They asked me if I would show a 30 second commercial advertising *Pif Paf* for exhibition in cinemas in the Middle East.

I agreed, and during the screening I realised that it consisted of a huge close-up of a fly buzzing about, when all of a sudden there was a quick squirt of *Pif Paf*, and the poor unfortunate fly was flat on its back, legs kicking about, and it was all over. This was accompanied by a voice-over in Arabic, together with Arabic subtitles.

The following morning, as a token of their appreciation, I received a carrier bag full of **Wellcome** products, one of which was a can of *Pif Paf*! ❖

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March marks the 25th anniversary of Oxfam having a shop in Berkhamsted. Opening in the premises now occupied by the Pet Shop in Lower Kings Road in March 1979, the charity moved to its present location in 1989.

AN OXFAM SILVER JUBILEE

Berkhamsted's Success Story

The very first Oxfam shop was opened in Broad Street, Oxford in 1948. **Joe Mitty**, now in his eighties and the shop's first manager, came to Berkhamsted in April last year to re-open the High Street shop after its refurbishment. Oxfam now has some 800 shops across the country, all raising money for Oxfam's national and international work.

The Berkhamsted shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. **Audrey Hope**, the voluntary shop manager, has been with the Berkhamsted shop since the beginning. She was awarded an MBE in the 2003 mid-year Birthday Honours, a richly deserved recognition of her service to Oxfam.

Refurbishment of the shop makes for a pleasant shopping experience in attractive surroundings. More importantly, it has enabled Oxfam to capitalise on the overwhelming generosity of local people by displaying the wares to their best advantage. Books, ladies and men's clothing, children's wear and toys, linens and bric-a-brac have all seen a record growth in sales, well justifying the cost of the refurbishment.

Oxfam has been at the forefront of recycling long before the concept became fashionable. A dusty image of charity shops selling low cost items to the less well off never applied in Berkhamsted. Good value yes, and definitely up-market these days with quality bargains to be had in all its sections.

Perhaps, as a donor or purchaser, you believe Oxfam to be an organisation that rushes emergency aid, particularly water and sanitation, to disaster struck areas. You'd be right, and Oxfam at any one time is working in 30-40 disaster struck countries. Its work is much more than that, however, with a commitment to promote lasting solutions to poverty, world wide.

While nearly a half of Oxfam's resources will go to humanitarian responses to armed conflict and natural disaster, Oxfam has

development objectives which seek to help people lift themselves out of poverty by working in their communities. It's a global programme, with Oxfam working to unleash

the power of trade to end poverty and to provide access to basic education and medical services. A medicines agreement will increase access to HIV/AIDS treatment and care, particularly in southern Africa.

Oxfam was one of the early pioneers of the Fair Trade movement more than forty years ago. Much of its work is now with third world producers, helping them to develop their products and then arranging import for distribution through the network of shops. At an international level, Oxfam is campaigning to get a fairer deal for third world producers by lobbying governments and multinational companies.

Fair Trade food is sold in the Berkhamsted shop and increasingly in supermarkets and other outlets, a growing success story.

A visit to the Berkhamsted Oxfam shop can be an eye-opener, and an easy conduit to supporting Oxfam and its work among the poorest in the world. They are in poverty through no fault of their own and, in many ways, are victims of the affluent life styles and self serving policies of the richest nations. So please keep your donated goods rolling in, and visit the shop to take advantage of good value while helping others.

The shop's silver jubilee is in March. Please, why not donate something silver for the display and sale on this landmark occasion?

Also in March is the 18th Children's Wear Event, which includes toys and baby equipment, and takes place in the Civic Centre on Thursday 25th March from 9.00 to 11.30 am.

If you want more information on Oxfam, it's in the shop or on the website: www.oxfam.org.uk If you'd like to join the shop team as a volunteer, contact **Audrey Hope** at the shop (864225).





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A MONTH IS A LONG TIME

by Stanley Sharpe

Four weeks have passed since you will have read Ian Reay's comments on Europe and remote decision-making. If you still have it, I ask you to have the February issue by your side as you read this response?

The Survey

The Survey which produced very negative responses to EU questions is, I suggest, of dubious value. This is not the fault of the people who took the trouble to reply. The Government, which is committed to a referendum on the Euro, does not update us with information from the Treasury about the *five tests*. As for the *constitution*, what's it all about?

What *information* there is comes primarily from large circulation daily and Sunday newspapers whose proprietors have their own reasons for influencing their readers.

Doing our Bit to Foster Closer Relations

The emphasis here must be on the *bit*.

The borough treats its *twin* as a distant relative. It is difficult to keep in touch when there is no money in the budget for twinning activities.

'England and Elegy'

It is a pity that English intellectuals have had no success in conserving the landscape despite their great efforts. They can take comfort from the fact that English landowners (the big ones) have been very successful in conserving their landscapes - to the tune of about £200,000 each - with very

little effort, just by cashing the CAP cheque from Elsewhere.

The Growth of Brussels bureaucracy

What growth? In numbers, there are fewer bureaucrats in

Brussels than there are in Birmingham City Council.

As for growth in activity, well-informed people - and there are many of them - will support additional legislation covering three clear areas where decisions should be taken at European level:

1 The single market, where the task is to remove barriers to the free movement of people, goods, services and capital.

2 Cross-border problems, such as organised crime, environmental pollution and the pressures of immigration.

3 International negotiations where there are clear advantages of scale, for instance in World Trade Organisation talks and where there are tariff disputes - e.g. with the USA on steel..

Decisions Affecting Berkhamsted are Increasingly Taken Elsewhere

Our town council has not had the power to make any decisions except for allotments - only to make recommendations - since 1974. From then on there has been ever-growing confusion as to who is responsible for what.

There are practical ways of sorting out this mess. There is also a very sound alternative to the grossly unfair Council Tax.

Dare I say, Mr Editor, *Watch this space?* ❖

The Children's Society - The Berkhamsted Walk and Stroll, Sunday, May 9th, 2004

The Berkhamsted walk and associated stroll will take place on Sunday 9th May. The Walk will start with registration from 9.30-11.00 am at the Court House. The stroll will start from Ashridge Management College from 1.00 p.m. The walk gives a choice of routes in the beautiful countryside around us of either 12 or 18 miles. The stroll is either 2 miles within the buggy friendly extensive grounds of Ashridge, or 5 miles in the countryside around.

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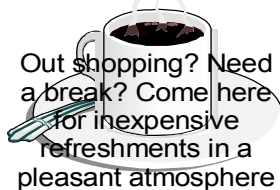
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Please bring along with you some item relating to the history of Berkhamsted - the church, parish, buildings, businesses, local families. Artefacts, maps, pictures, early photographs, documents and letters are all possibilities.

What was found in the attic or under the floorboards? It does not have to be important, but to have a curiosity value. You might like to explain a little about what you bring.

To encourage you to come, members of the society will introduce you to a lucky dip of historical curiosities that are not often displayed.

If you have nothing to bring, just come along and enjoy a convivial evening.

Admission is FREE. There will be wine for those who wish.

It will help organisers if they have some idea of how many people may be coming, and of what may be brought. A phone call to **David Pearce** (878809) or **Christopher Green** (863241) would be appreciated, but should not cause loss of sleep.

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You have probably seen us at fetes and sports events in and around Berkhamsted. Public safety rules mean that many of these events could not take place without qualified first-aiders present. Our members are all unpaid volunteers who give their time freely to train and develop their skills and to help others. As well as supporting local events we provide ambulance transport for the disabled and assist with very large events such as **Robbie Williams** at Knebworth Park. Recently we have also provided ambulances and crews to supplement the ambulance service when they have needed extra help.

We are always looking for new members to join **St John Ambulance** in Berkhamsted. If you are between 18 and 60 years old and are reasonably fit then you could be one of the team supporting the community. We are well known as First Aiders but we also need people skilled in administration, IT and communications, fundraising and public relations, maintenance and vehicle mechanics. The only qualification you need is a little of your time and enthusiasm to help others.

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**Revd Peter
Hart** reminds us
that Lenten
activity means
self-giving rather
than self-
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Lent is perceived generally as a time of self-denial, a six-week slog without chocolate or sugar in a flower-denuded church. This perception, though accurate in many people's experience, is only part of the

picture. Lent is also a very busy time, when all sorts of extra events pile into the church's life. Thus, this year there are study groups organised ecumenically through All Saints, there are Lent talks at St Peter's with excellent speakers and challenging subject matter, there is Compline at St Mary's every Thursday night and a full-on effort to raise money to support the churches in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Confirmation preparation goes on apace, the choir is practising for special services during Holy Week and the Flower Guild is eyeing up your garden greenery for their Easter decorations. This is not giving things up, this is taking on extra!

However, in taking on extra, we do deny ourselves time and activities that we normally regard as our own. Time that we value as "*our time*", activities which we consider as "*for me*", will have to be put aside for prayer and study, learning and preparation. That is true self-denial, the replacement of the things of the self with the things of God. That is at the heart of Jesus's desert struggle with temptation, and needs to be at the core of our Lenten discipline.

Jesus came out of his desert experience strengthened for his ministry, ready to demonstrate the Kingdom of God to poor and sick, sidelined and arrogant. Having withstood the temptations of the self, he reveals the self-giving love of God in his care and forgiveness, his healing and his confrontation with evil. It takes him to the cross, and brings him victoriously to resurrection. Our Lenten activity, our Lenten self-denial, should bring us, like Christ, to a life where self-giving comes before self-indulging, and where the needs of the other are placed first, within the love of Christ and for the sake of Christ's love. May this truly be our joy and experience this Lent.

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9.30am	Sung Eucharist..... <i>St Peter's</i>
5 April	MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK
8.00am	United Devotion <i>All Saints'</i>
8.30pm	Holy Week Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
6 April	TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
9.30am	Eucharist <i>All Saints'</i>
8.00pm	United Devotion <i>All Saints'</i>
8.30pm	Holy Week Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
7 April	WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
7.30am	Eucharist <i>St Peter's</i>
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8 April	MAUNDY THURSDAY
8.00pm	Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Vigil of Prayer Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Sansom <i>St Peter's</i>
8.00pm	United Eucharist and Vigil of Prayer - Anglican led Preacher: The Revd Martin Wright <i>All Saints'</i>
9 April	GOOD FRIDAY
10.00am	Ecumenical open air service (20 mins) <i>Market Place</i> followed by procession to
10.45am	Meditative / interactive / family oriented service. -Methodist led Preacher: The Revd Paul Timmis <i>All Saints'</i>
12noon	Three Hour Devotion including the Liturgy of the Day Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Sansom <i>St Peter's</i>
10 April	EASTER EVE
9.00pm	The Easter Vigil..... <i>St Peter's</i>
11 April	EASTER DAY
8.00am	Eucharist <i>St Peter's</i>
9.15am	Family Sung Eucharist <i>All Saints'</i>
9.30am	Sung Eucharist..... <i>St Peter's</i>
11.30am	Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer <i>St Peter's</i>
6.00pm	Choral Evensong & Sermon..... <i>St Peter's</i>

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AEOLIAN CONCERT

The Aeolian Singers continue their fortieth anniversary season with their major performance of the year in the parish church of All Saints', High Wycombe. The work will be the mighty St John Passion by JS Bach, in the new Novello Standard English translation by Neil Jenkins, whom they have been lucky enough to book to sing the role of the Evangelist. The orchestra will be the Hertfordshire Baroque Soloists and the conductor **Stephen Jones**, whose other chorus the City Chamber Choir will be joining in for the occasion.

Tickets cost £12 in advance, £15 at the door, £6 for full time students. Contact **Diana Nicholas** (871598) for details of tickets. A coach is available from Hemel Hempstead.

BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



An almost full house of members met for the February meeting at the Court House on Friday 6 February. Joint president **Liz Baxendale** was in the chair, while joint president **Joy Lovell** stood in for the secretary **Janet Mitchell** who was in Thailand.

Liz welcomed members and two visitors and opened the meeting with a humorous poem about underwear..... It seems that simply everyone's mother had sometime told them to wear clean undergarments in case they were knocked down by a bus, so the poem was well received.

There was very little business this month. Members were asked about the proposed group outing to Warwick Castle, but there were no takers for this one. A reminder for the Summer craft event was given and hopefully we shall be able to find several entries to the different classes.

Our speaker was **Angela Saunders**, who gave a quite hilarious account of her many journeys abroad under the title *Angela's Travels*. Interesting accounts of the places visited, Peru, India and Africa among others, and people and animals encountered along the way, made a fascinating talk. **Judith Lowther** proposed the vote of thanks.

Tea and the drawing of the raffle followed. Angela was asked to judge the competition for a favourite holiday snap, and chose one for its atmospheric appeal, another for its humour and a third for sheer prettiness.

We meet at 2pm on the first Friday of each month at the Court House and would be pleased to welcome any ladies who would like to come and find out about the fun and friendship on offer at the WI. Contact **Liz** (866464) for more details.

Revd Jim Lawrenson

As we go to press, the sad news comes of the death of **Revd Jim Lawrenson**. We offer our condolences to his family. We shall include an appreciation in our April issue.


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BERKHAMSTED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Berkhamsted Citizens association will hold its annual general meeting in the Great Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall at 8pm on Thursday 25 March. The annual environment awards will be made, there will be a guest speaker and an open forum will be held. Do come along if you wish to learn more about the association.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EASTER FAIR

Following the success of the first of these events last November, the Easter Fair on Saturday 27 March will see an increase in the number of stalls from 30 to around 40. There will be a greater diversity of artwork, including a lot of ideas for Easter gifts. In addition there will be more live music and a greater selection of children art activities. The fair is situated in Berkhamsted town hall; entrance is £1 for adults, free for children and the event runs from 10am to 5pm.

The criteria for stallholders are that the artists and craftspeople are local and that everything is made by themselves. The work has to be original and of a very high standard. Within the great diversity of artwork, stalls will include the following: paintings, sculptures, ceramics, prints, wildlife illustrations, woodturned bowls, plant arrangements, handmade childrens clothes, beaded willows, party crackers, handmade cards, cushions, silk scarves, photographs, collage pictures, handmade books, food items and decoupage boxes to name but a few. The prices will range between under £1 for some small items to over £100 for some paintings and other works. The aim is that there should be something for everyone to buy. Most of the stallholders will take commissions. The photographer displaying his work will be available to take commissions as will the wildlife artist for anyone wishing to have an animal or pet illustrated.

The occasion is more of an event than a mere fair since there is live music in the Great Hall as well as art activities for children in the Sessions Hall. These are situated in a cafe area so that parents can have a coffee whilst their children have a go at pottery, silk painting or any of the other art activities on offer.

See notice on page 24 for further details.

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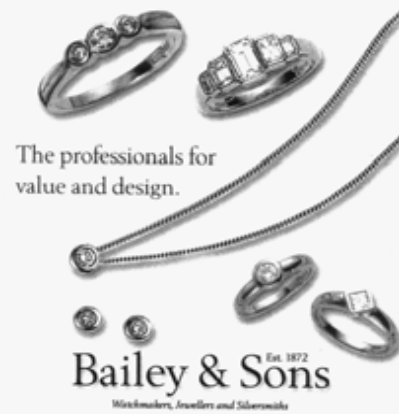
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SUNDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		6:00pm	Evensong			
	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am	<i>Eucharist only as announced</i>			
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, 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	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)		5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)
TUESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP <i>All Saints'</i>		9:30am	Eucharist
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:00am	MP	7:30am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
THURSDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
FRIDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP (AS)
SATURDAY	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:45am	MP(AS) <i>(except 3rd Sat in month)</i>		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 June Haile (873087), Thelma Harris (865785) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)					
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	JULIAN MEETING: 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)					
3 rd 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).

March / April 2004

MARCH

Tue	2	10.15am	Chuckles Service Jesus and the Children <i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	3	8.00pm	Lent talk <i>Lord teach us to pray</i> Sr Winifred <i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	5	10.00am	Little Fishes Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Wed	10	8.00pm	Lent talk <i>Lord teach us to pray</i> Canon Iain Lane <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	13	3-7pm	District Bellingring..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	14	9.30am	Parish Service, Preacher: Fr Mark Bonney <i>St Peter's</i>
		11.00am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	16	10.15am	Chuckles Service Why Zacchaeus climbed the Tree <i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	17	8.00pm	Lent talk <i>Lord teach us to pray</i> The Revd Jennie Cappleman ... <i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	19	11.00am	Victoria School Mothering Service <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	20	8.00am	Associated Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast..... <i>All Saints'</i>
Sun	21	6.00pm	Youth Led Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Wed	24	8.00pm	Lent talk <i>Lord teach us to pray</i> Revd Ken Dixon <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	28	6.00pm	The Cowper Society presents Stainer Crucifixion St Peter's Choir & All Saints' Joint Choir..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	30	10.15am	Chuckles Service Easter Story & Easter Celebration <i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	31	8.00pm	Lent talk <i>Lord teach us to pray</i> Revd David Ridgway <i>St Peter's</i>

APRIL

Fri	2	10.00am	Little Fishes Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	4	6.00pm	The Cowper Society presents Bach St Matthew Passion Chiltern Chamber & Madrid Bach Choirs..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun 4 - Sun 11 April for Palm Sunday to Easter Day Services please see page 26			
Sat	17	8.00am	Associated Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast..... <i>Sacred Heart Church</i>
Sun	18	7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents Wendlebury Wind Recital <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	24	7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents Handel The Messiah Berkhamsted Choral Society..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	25	3.00pm	St George's Day Scout Service <i>St Peter's</i>
		6.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration <i>St Peter's</i>

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

25 January Louis Max Townsend

Funerals

13 January	Patience Ingram	Chilterns Crematorium
15 January	Christopher Butler	St Peter's Church (Committal at Kingshill)
21 January	Gwendoline Vera Meadows	Chilterns Crematorium
22 January	David Arthur Sadler Jackson	St Peter's Church (Chilterns Crematorium)

YOUNG PEOPLE at St Peter's and All Saints'

St Peter's

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:30am to 10:30 in the Court House (next to the church in the High Street). Sunday School caters for 4 to 10 year olds, Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Contact Sally Emery (870656) or Stephen Lally for Pathfinders (863526).

Crèche is available at 9:30am for under 3's. Parents are most welcome to use this facility in the Court House. Please contact Clare Kaye (871613)

All Saints'

Sunday school and Pathfinders run from 9:15 to 10:15am. Sunday school caters for 3-9 year olds; Pathfinders from 10 years upwards. Children from both groups join the service in time for Communion. On the third Sunday in the month there is a Family Eucharist when everyone is together for the whole service. Contact Carenza Wilton (875147) or Penny O'Niell (843422) for Pathfinders. Crèche is available at the same times as Sunday school for children under 3. Please contact Vicky Drury (384794).

Youth Groups

Contact Jimmy Young (876736)

The youth fellowship meets each Sunday at 7pm for years 9 upwards in the Court House or All Saints' as announced.

Pathfinders games club meets 7:00-8:30pm each Wednesday in All Saints' hall.

For mid-week activities for toddlers please see page 29

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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)

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John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway (874993)

Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road (870981)

Parish Administration: Mrs Jean Green, The Parish Office, The Court House (878227)

Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway (871598)

Churchwardens: 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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