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Welcome to the April 2004 issue of the Berkhamsted Review

In this month's 36 page issue we have several strong invitations to learn about services that might help you or others known to you, or which could use your help or support. I commend to you especially **Thelma Harris's** sympathetic description of the work of our parish's grief and loss support group. Not only is this a sincere invitation to anyone who might be helped by the group to get in touch, but it is a model of how to describe the work of a group associated with the Church and needing to put the case for others to join in its work. We should be very happy to draw attention to the activities of other, often long-established, groups seeking to be of service in our town or further afield. Please let us have your details so that we can publicise them in the Review.

We have this month the usual rather eclectic selection of items covering subjects as diverse as the turmoil of the allied collapse in May 1940, via the energetic goings on in our Pathfinders group to the case for a road linking New Road, Northchurch to Bridgewater Road, Berkhamsted. We hope some of these topics at least will stimulate some readers to become writers so that we can hear your views. *David Woodward*

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THE REAL MEANING

Fr Mark Bonney exhorts us to re-read the gospel accounts of the passion to understand the real meaning of Easter

"The camera lingers on the bloodiness of every aspect. Some of the scenes are in slow motion and they are horrific". Undoubtedly crucifixion was appalling, but I find it interesting that the gospel writers chose not to focus on the horrific and brutal; they have other things to say.

Secondly, I'm not sure that I wish, by paying to go, to end up supporting a very reactionary form of Christianity. **Mel Gibson** is a traditionalist Roman Catholic, who, it is claimed, looks back to a time before Vatican II liberalised many Roman Catholic views, and before the Council declared Jewish people were not collectively responsible for Christ's death. Mr Gibson's father, **Hutton Gibson**, recently denied the Holocaust on a US talk show saying that the 6.2 million Jews who were living in Poland before the war had *"simply got up and left."*

The film is accused of being anti-Semitic. However it is undeniable that there are phrases in the Biblical text that have been interpreted in that way - the most obvious is Matthew 27:25 where the crowd before Pilate say *"His blood be upon us and upon our children"*. Also in St John's gospel the writer constantly talks about *the Jews* in what can come across as a damning way. However, critical scholarship has made it

review leader

Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of Christ*, released in the USA on Ash Wednesday and in this country on 26 March, has been creating quite a stir. I am disinclined to see it for two reasons.

Firstly, as the communications officer for the Gloucester Diocese, who saw a preview, has said,

clear to us that these remarks are borne out of the context in which the gospels were originally written, that we are right now to see things in a broader context, that any form of anti-Semitism is to be repented of, and is certainly not sustainable by reference to such texts.

I would encourage you this coming Holy Week to read carefully the four passion narratives in the gospels. It's an eye-opening experience if you do it carefully, because what you'll find are four very different portraits. At the level of *'what actually happened'* the four accounts are essentially incompatible. It's vital to remember that the gospel writers weren't trying to answer the question *'what happened?'* rather they were trying to answer the question *'who is this Jesus and what does his death mean?'* In the process of answering this question the same event is painted in different ways. The different pictures will touch and move us in different ways depending upon our experiences and situations. So in Mark's gospel (and largely in Matthew's too) we have a Christ who is forsaken and alienated - a sign that God is at the heart of that sense of lostness that is part of the human condition : we are not alone. In Luke's gospel we have a Christ who shows compassion and forgiveness on the cross - a compassion and forgiveness that the world so needs: in John's gospel a Christ who is King, who transcends suffering, sin and evil. These things have no power over God's Son, nor in the end over those who are his children.

As we come to celebrate Holy Week we need to be able to see the head bowed in dejection, we need to feel the arms outstretched in forgiveness, and we need to see the title on the cross proclaiming a reigning king who is not overcome. And we can do that because of the hope given us in the resurrection of Christ that, with joy, we celebrate on Easter Day and every Sunday.



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LISTING OR PRESERVATION?

Ian Reay considers the vagaries of the English Heritage listing criteria and the obstacles that listing can put in the way of preservation.

Of the seventy or so listed buildings in Berkhamsted, only one is Grade I - the most important category - and that is the Berkhamsted School Old Building in Castle Street. Of the others, a further six are Grade II* - the next most important category. Included in this short list are St Peter's Church and Dean Incent's House. Also included in the II* list, on the outskirts of the town, is the Great Barn at Castle Hill Farm. So, in the classification system that English Heritage has put in place, this derelict barn is regarded as of more architectural and historic interest than the Old Town Hall, the Court House and Berkhamsted School Chapel - all of which are listed as merely Grade II (without the star). Part of the reason for this is the age of the Great Barn - it is believed to go back to the 16th century.

But, of course, merely listing a building does not ensure its usefulness or even its survival. In fact, by creating more conditions to be fulfilled, listing can make it much more difficult to make effective use of a building. Although it cannot be the intention of English Heritage's listing policy to create an urban and rural landscape dotted with romantic ruins, overgrown with picturesque flora, there are many examples of listed buildings which have been left in a state of relentless decay for many years.

Just consider the obstacles that are in the way of a public-spirited developer who wishes to find a use for the Great Barn at Castle Hill Farm which will enable it to be a functioning building in the modern world whilst maintaining its character and historical form.

Firstly, the use to which the building is to be put must be from an approved list. In the case of the Great Barn domestic use is only to be considered as

a last resort. But now, since no other practical use has or can be found, the conversion of at least part of the Barn to a house is, finally, having to be conceded. The design of any alterations also needs to be sympathetic to the existing structure in terms both of shape and of materials used.

And the past lays claim on the present in another way. Since the land around Berkhamsted has been lived on for so many thousands of years it is an Area of Archaeological Significance. Any construction work will need to be monitored and any finds of archaeological significance recorded, assessed and archived.

But as well as rules and regulations on historic and architectural interest

there is a growing body of ecological concerns to be met. It is illegal to "*recklessly disturb bats*" - let alone kill or injure them or destroy their roosts. Bats are a protected species and love to settle in old barns close to woodland. A member of the human species wishing to settle in the Great Barn may find that it is already occupied by sitting tenants who do not pay any rent, but who are nevertheless very difficult to evict. The presence of a protected species, such as bats, is a *material planning consideration*. Before building work starts a licensed bat worker has to be employed to search the ruin for any signs of bat life. If any is found the builder must explain to the authorities how the bats will be accommodated within the reconstructed building. A *DEFRA Habitat Regulations Licence* may be needed.

The wildness of nature and the controlling rectitude of bureaucracy make strange bedfellows.



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MOTHER'S UNION

This month there will be an open meeting arranged by the Berkhamsted branch of The Mothers' Union as our main focus on the International Year of The Family. Lynne Sales will be coming to speak on Thursday 29th April at 10am in All Saints Hall and everyone is warmly invited to come along to hear her talk and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Families throughout the world experience problems and difficulties, sometimes arising directly from the local situation and sometimes arising from the tensions and strains of family relationships. The Mothers' Union helps and supports its members and the communities in which they live.

Trish Heywood, the Wide World President of the Mothers' Union, has recently been to Tanzania seeing the MU work being done there. She brought back the following two comments made to her while she was there which remind us of the dreadful trauma being borne by an increasing number of families as a

Two Invitations
In this International Year of The Family **Tracy Robinson** invites us to consider the plight of those whose lives are blighted by HIV/AIDS



know how I will cope. Please can you help me and others like me?"

I invite you to make use of the prayer for the International Year of the Family:

Wherever we are we live in God's family, when our families are broken by circumstance and pain He reaches out to hold us in His arms, piece by piece He makes us whole again, and in His love-filled hands we are transformed.

So Lord, help us in this year to build relationships in all the corners of our hearts - to be like you to love like you to heal brokenness and restore wholeness in families worldwide. Amen.

result of the HIV/AIDS virus:
"Our work is very restricted because we spend so much time attending funerals and counselling those who have been bereaved."

"Losing my children to the sickness is terrible for me and the responsibility I now have for my grandchildren is frightening. I just do not

JULIAN MEETINGS

It was about 14 years ago that I picked up a leaflet entitled *Waiting on God in the Silence* and read about Julian meetings. I felt instantly attracted to the idea of silent prayer. Why had no one told me that I did not need to struggle with words? Contemplative prayer sounded wonderful.

Eventually I tracked down a group in a neighbouring parish who welcomed me into the peace of their weekly meetings and then, of course, I moved to Berkhamsted! I really missed the group but found a kindred spirit in **Ruth Treves-Brown**. We decided that if there was no group, then we would form one. That was nine years ago and after trying various times and days, we now meet twice a month either at Ruth's home or mine.

We found initially that people misunderstood the name and so we called ourselves the *Meditation Group*. Now we have decided to call ourselves *Julian meetings* again as the name is better known. There are more than 400 meetings in the UK alone and many more worldwide. This is an ecumenical movement named after the 14th century mystic Julian of Norwich who believed that the highest form of prayer was simply, *Waiting on God*.

Each group varies in its approach. We meet for 30 to 40 minutes during which brief readings will be made from the bible or another Christian resource to guide us.

In our busy, noisy world we need some silence, a chance to sit with God. If you feel that the pressures of life are coming between you and your prayer life, or if you would just like a quiet half-hour, do come and join us. The times and venues are in the pew leaflet or the Methodist notices or you can ring Ruth (863268) or myself (870981).

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Wednesday 18
February

Awoke this morning full of joy. Then remembered I was taking 13 of the Pathfinders group that meets

at All Saints on a Wednesday evening away for a few days. Went back to bed. Woke up a few minutes later remembering that I was actually really looking forward to the trip, and the chance we all had of getting to know each other a bit better!

We met up at All Saints after lunch, and headed off to the youth hostel near Daventry where we were staying. Journey on the minibus was quiet and uneventful. As well as the 13 youngsters we had **Carole Dell** (St Peter's churchwarden and all round superwoman) and **Sara Jones** (a youthworker friend); oh, and me. (I was there to drive the minibus I think! What with Carole's superb catering, and Sara's way with the youngsters there wasn't much for me to do!)

We found the hostel easily (the only thatched youth hostel in Britain, trivia fans!) and once we got everything unloaded (which took a surprisingly long time, given the length of time we were going for) we settled ourselves in. Some of us went for a quick walk around the village of Badby, where we were staying while everyone else relaxed.

After dinner we spent some time thinking about what Christianity was, before spending the rest of the evening chatting and playing games, accompanied by increasingly surreal background stories!

Thursday 19 February

After a long and restful night's sleep (ahem...), and once breakfast was out of the way, we headed to Daventry. We spent the morning doing a photo-treasure hunt, with disposable cameras., the results

SLEEP DEPRIVATION

Jimmy Young describes the
First Annual Pathfinders Tour

of which have left the leaders with some prime blackmail opportunities (errm... for charity obviously) Hopefully evidence will be going up in

the churches!

After packed lunches and getting the photos developed, we headed for the Frontier centre, an outdoor pursuits centre near Northampton, where we spent an afternoon playing initiative games. On a hillside. In the wind. In the BITINGLY cold wind. But it was fun! Games involved planks, drainpipes, ropes, orienteering, car tyres, bits of wood with more rope... (Oh, and did I mention it was cold?)

Anyway after an afternoon of the group learning to work together, we headed back to the warmth of the hostel, where, after dinner, we were entertained by an amazing variety of acts ranging from dancing, through slapstick comedy and old-time music hall, and on, finally, to a tribute band for The Darkness!

Friday 20th February

Slept well (all things are relative!) as did most other people. After breakfast and a final session thinking about life and our priorities, it was time to get ready to go. We cleared up, and then all went for a final walk through the countryside behind the hostel. It was another beautiful clear day, and it seemed a real shame that the trip was nearly over. Then it was onto the minibus, and back to All Saints to greet parents nervously awaiting the return of their children.

We'd done it! We left with 13, had a great time, and returned with 14... oh wait, that can't be right. Try again - 1, 2, 3, 4,... 12, 13. Hmmm, maybe I'm more tired than I thought. Best get this minibus back, and then I can get some...ZZZZZZ❖

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The group has been in existence since 1997. It consists of members of the Methodist and Anglican congregations who serve, by supporting people who have suffered loss. We undertake training from qualified members of the Bereavement and Loss Training Scheme (BLTS) but we are not counsellors and work by "*being there*", listening, making regular visits or telephone contact.

There are several ways in which we learn of people who may need our help. Members of the clergy at St Peter's and All Saints' refer the bereaved to us; undertakers inform us of funerals they have arranged, or people may refer themselves whether recently bereaved or bereaved some time ago. A member of our team is assigned the care of a bereaved person and she/he makes initial contact by letter enclosing a leaflet informing them of our activities. This is followed up in 2-3 weeks by a telephone call asking the person whether or not they would like support. They are assured they can contact the group at a later date if they decide they would like support after first declining.

The group meets monthly in the Court House to review their work but names are kept confidential. A member of the BLTS visits us 2 or 3 times a year to oversee and advise us. We have speakers on subjects we feel will benefit the group, and we also attend lectures and conferences organised by BLTS. We are in contact with other bereavement agencies and refer people to them if we think they can help in a more specific way.

The Group organises a monthly lunch for those who have been bereaved at The Old Mill at 12.30pm on the third Wednesday of the month where we meet to eat and chat. There is a varied menu to suit all tastes and pockets. We arrange transport for this and if you wish to join us you will be very welcome whether you have been

THE ST PETER'S AND ALL SAINTS' GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

bereaved recently or several years ago. Please contact **Thelma Harris** (865785).

We have recently started a group for the 50-70 year old bereaved whose needs and problems differ from the 70-plus year olds. They meet for a coffee or a meal which they arrange independently of the GLS Group. This is a social meeting although, no doubt, aspects of their grief are mentioned.

Every year, on the Second Sunday after Easter, we hold a Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for departed friends and family. Members of the congregation are able to light a candle especially for their loved one which continues to burn throughout the service. This year the service will be held at 6pm on Sunday 25 April at St Peter's Church. Our preacher will be the **Revd Paul Timmis**, Methodist minister at All Saints'. All will be welcome to join this service and enjoy light refreshments in the Court House afterwards. Invitations are sent out to the chief mourner for two years after the death of a loved one but anyone may attend for as many years as they wish.

If you feel you would like to talk to someone, whether you are recently bereaved or bereaved some years ago, please contact one of the names below. We cannot take away the pain of bereavement, we wish we could, but we can be there with you during your pain.

If you feel you would like to train or help with our work, please contact a member of the clergy or one of the names listed below.

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What's happened to the seasons?
March ... strawberries come in
Christmas starts in August,
It really is a sin.

St. Valentine's is over,
Shrove Tuesday's also passed,
Is it me, or is the year
Moving along too fast?

Now, when you're five
A year's ONE FIFTH of all the time
you've got,
But, later on ONE SEVENTIETH
Is really not a lot.

And as your time gets less and less,
You find you too, get slower,
And all the tasks take longer ...
And the floors seem lower.

You find you can't keep up at all,
So slacken off a bit,
And sometimes sit and think awhile
And sometimes, ... Well, just sit!

Liz Baxendale

SORDID AND SUBLIME

What horrors haunt me as I tread
The squalid streets of Berkhamsted!
I fume when cars their debris scatter -
Hubcaps, and glass as windscreens
shatter.

Black sacks untied provoke my wrath,
Disgorging rubbish on the path.
The greasy trash from takeaways
Makes hackles rise and anger blaze.

Chewing gum gives me the blues,
Sticking unnoticed to my shoes.
Beer bottles, tin cans, plastic bags,
Discarded wrappers, oily rags -

And, worst of all that comes in view,
I LOATHE the sight of doggy poo!
And yet - and yet - snowdrops I see,
While squirrels race from tree to tree.

The sun still shines, the birds still
twitter
In spite of all the mess and litter.
Much as Man's filthy ways annoy,
In Nature there is endless joy!

Gerry Morrish



Recent controversy over the financing and management of the London Underground is trivial compared with some of the episodes and personalities found in its early history. In 1900 a colourful American financier called Charles Tyson Yerkes (rhymes with turkeys) arrived in London to take in hand the capital's underground railways. He had escaped from a complicated and adulterous private life in New York, a lynch mob of angry investors in Chicago and had served a prison sentence for fraud. Over the next five years he deployed his formidable persuasive skills and some very doubtful methods of raising finance to construct much of London's deep-level tube system. Yerkes' motto was "*Buy up old junk, fix it up a little and unload it upon other fellows*". Yerkes also electrified the District line which, since 1868, had used steam locomotives to haul its passengers through steaming, smoking, choking tunnels. Yerkes rescued the Bakerloo Line from the half-completed state in which it had been left when its founder, Whitaker Wright, fled to the U.S.A. to escape a fraud charge. Wright was brought back to England, found guilty and sentenced to seven years hard labour. He left the court protesting his innocence and then collapsed, dead from some cyanide capsules he had swallowed. Upon being searched Wright's coat pocket was found to contain a fully

PROFIT MAKING ENTERPRISE OR PUBLIC SERVICE?

Stephen Halliday examines the personalities and peccadilloes of the men who built the Tube



Charles Tyson Yerkes who built much of the London Tube system. His Motto was "*Buy up old junk, fix it up a little and unload it upon other fellows*"

Wapping and Rotherhithe. Albert Stanley was brought from the U.S.A. in 1907 to rescue the system from Yerkes' disastrous legacy. He later became an M.P., a government minister and Lord Ashfield. In the 1950s Sir John Elliot, son of an American newspaperman, was the inspiration behind the Victoria line. But it wasn't all left to foreigners. In the late nineteenth century a tough Yorkshireman and a pugnacious Lancastrian fought and insulted one another over the development of the system. The Lancastrian, Sir Edward Watkin, was determined to make his Metropolitan Railway the pivot of a system which would take passengers from Manchester

loaded revolver which he had evidently been carrying throughout the long trial! Yerkes himself died just in time to avoid bankruptcy.

Yerkes was one of several vivid personalities who created London's underground railway. Marc Brunel, born in France and father of Isambard, built the Thames Tunnel, the world's first tunnel beneath a river, which carries the East London line between

to Paris via London and a Channel Tunnel, which he actually began to build until Parliament, of which he was a Member, ordered him to stop. He also began to erect a *superior* version of the Eiffel Tower on a site later occupied, much more usefully, by Wembley football stadium.

But the London Underground is more than a railway. In the twentieth century, under the management of Frank Pick, described by one commentator as the century's *Lorenzo the Magnificent*, the Underground was responsible for some striking developments in industrial design. Bauhaus, Cubist and other innovative ideas were applied to station architecture, advertising posters and even cutlery. The work of artists like Graham Sutherland, Len Deighton and Mabel Lucie Attwell was exposed to large audiences for the first time as well as Harry Beck's famous diagrammatic map of the underground network, for

which he was paid the handsome sum of five guineas.

My book *Underground to Everywhere* makes use of extensive research in London's archives to show how these pioneers struggled with the problem that vexes the Underground to this day. London undoubtedly needs it but has never really decided who should pay for it: passengers or taxpayers? public or private finance? Is it a profit-making enterprise or a social service? The book places this unanswered question in its historical context as, in the twenty-first century, the Underground turns in a new direction, once again headed by an American under the direction of London's first elected mayor.

This article is based on Stephen Halliday's book *Underground to Everywhere: London's Underground Railway in the Life of the Capital*, published by Sutton ❖

FEBRUARY PCC REPORT

At the final meeting of the current parochial church council before the annual parochial church meeting, discussion focused on the PCC's 2003 annual report and financial statements and the general fund 2004 budget, both of which were approved unanimously. The report of the finance committee concluded that the aim must be to achieve a regular level of income so that the parish can implement its activities/programme unencumbered by financial constraint.

Regarding the westward facing altar, Fr Mark reported that a favourable response had been received following a meeting with the DAC and he had asked the architect to move the project on a stage further.

A paper presented at the last meeting on The Inclusive Church and the Church of England suggesting that the PCC might register as a supporter was discussed but it was considered more appropriate for people to register their support individually.

Groups addressing the subject of the vision for the parish 2003-2013 had met and were now arranging more meetings in order to interact with one another to pool their ideas and resources.

Finally, Fr Mark drew attention to the parishioners' meeting and the annual parochial church meeting to be held on 14th March in St Peter's church when the new churchwardens and PCC would be elected. He expressed his thanks to members of the present council for all their work during the past year and urged them to stand again for re-election. ***Pat Hunt, PCC Secretary***

Following the articles in the July and November issues of The Review, I would like to advise your readers of the Northchurch Parish Council position on the *missing link*, i.e. the planned road linking Billet Lane and Northchurch New

Road. I say *planned* because over a long period, the Borough Council (where Ian Reay holds portfolio office) has decided that, in spite of an inspector's views to the contrary, the road remains in *the plan*.

It will come as no surprise to your readers that we in Northchurch could not agree more with Peter Morgan's well expressed views. The argument that Bridgewater Road would be overwhelmed with traffic cannot be supported; development of a link would bring no extra traffic. Anyone already using Northchurch New Road who wishes to get to the industrial area of Hemel Hempstead is already using Bridgewater Road, and why not? After all, when the *Bypass Development Group* was given £800,000 of Government money to spend on improving Northchurch and Berkhamsted following the opening of the bypass, £120,000 of it was spent to make Bridgewater Road safer for residents and users. It is not a rat run. It is a legitimate access road to Potten End, Hemel Hempstead and the M1. What would **Ian Reay** do with all the traffic in Berkhamsted High Street if his "*rats*" didn't use Bridgewater Road?

Ian Reay expressed concern for wildlife in the area. I attended a forum meeting a while ago which created the protected area. **Betty Patterson**, who knows the area better than most, represented Berkhamsted Town Council. She registered her view that there was nothing left there which justified protection. In any case why would you need it, bearing in mind that the most marvellously protected area of natural beauty, i.e. Northchurch Common, is just a few yards away.

No-one is suggesting that *the sins of the fathers should be visited on the children*. However, historically, Dacorum Borough Council *owes us one*; in fact, it owes us

THE MISSING LINK

Alan Fantham tells us about it

several. The former Green Belt area known as Tunnel Fields (and I can remember picking up Mr Ginger's potatoes for 6d a day in that area) had its status changed from Green

Belt to White Belt (I think by the Herts County Council). This allowed development to occur, development which was opposed by a section of the Northchurch community and some in Bridgewater Road.

If the then district council had correctly planned for the road to be completed in its entirety before it gave any planning permissions, its successor, Dacorum Borough Council, would not have needed to rely on an appeal inspector's decision on the penultimate plot to settle what happened. It would have realised that the final section of the road could not support the building of that final section of the link. The district council allowed the developer of each section of the area to complete his part of the road. The borough council realised when the penultimate plot came to be developed, that the final plot was not large enough to justify such a high expense for its section of road. The borough council therefore decided that the penultimate development should be responsible for the completion of the link road. The developer appealed against this decision and the appeal inspector agreed with the developer. Thus the final part of the road was never completed because the high cost of that section would have been borne by those paying for the building of the last few houses. We in Northchurch continue to pay for that lack of foresight.

The residents of Northchurch New Road (a track originally designed for the horse and cart) continue to suffer from high-speeding vehicles including huge lorries, some of which even take Northbridge Road's refuse to Bedford. The parents delivering children to Northchurch School and those visiting Northchurch School continue to live dangerously when trying to negotiate the extremely narrow path which leads from the

top of Northchurch New Road to Northchurch Common. This is particularly so when this path crosses over the canal bridge. Some drivers still don't wish to accept that they might lose a few seconds in their journey by giving way (as they should do) on the priority system, thus creating a *racing situation*.

It will be no consolation to this council when it is necessary for us to say "*told you so*" when an accident occurs. This is an accident

which all of us hope won't happen but which we all fear will.

Ian is right - we do generally *get on well together*. Ian can rest assured however that Northchurch residents, aided by this council, won't rest until this link is completed. It may take some time but it won't go away. The absence of the link creates a safety hazard and increases traffic volume to an unacceptable level in Northchurch New Road. It is up to the planners to implement their plans and as soon as possible. ❖

The Children's Society 36th Berkhamsted Walk and Stroll - Sun 9th May 2004

Winter's chills are hopefully past. Spring is with us. Catkins and pussy willow have burst out from their winter's sleep; the golden yellow of the gorse vies with the bright greens of the trees and hedgerows. What better time to pull on those walking boots and prepare for the 36th annual Berkhamsted sponsored walk?

The Berkhamsted Walk and associated Stroll will take place on Sunday 9th May. The walk will start with registration from 10.30-11.30 am at the Courthouse. The Stroll will start from Ashridge Management College with registration from 1.00-3.00 pm.

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 extensive buggy friendly grounds of Ashridge, or 5 miles, way-marked, in the countryside roundabout. Walkers intending to tackle the long walk should register early to ensure returning to the Court House, where refreshments will be available, before 6.00 pm.

The long walk will leave Berkhamsted over the Common, making its way to the first of six checkpoints at Ashridge. Continuing towards Ringshall, the Walk will later pass through the woods of the Ashridge estate to reach Duncombe Terrace, with its spectacular displays of bluebells, and onwards to the Beacon via Wardshurst and the Coombe. Returning, the route reaches Clipper Down and Duncombe Farm where it strikes off to Aldbury Nowers and Stocks golf course to reach the Valiant Trooper at Aldbury.

The short walk foregoes the Ivinghoe Hills but, turning towards the Monument at Duncombe Terrace, reaches Aldbury while still encompassing the spectacle of the bluebell woods.

Going steeply uphill initially, the combined route follows broad tracks to reach Princes Riding and then Coldharbour Farm, the penultimate checkpoint. The return is through open fields to Northchurch Farm, then passing Bridgewater School, Castle Hill Farm, and back to the Court House.

The Complete Outdoors has again donated an expensive pair of exceptionally comfortable **Chris Brasher** boots, or outdoor goods of equal value, to be won by the walker (or his/ her dog) who raises the most sponsorship money. Sponsor forms are available from the Bookstack (Corbett's Book Shop) in Berkhamsted High Street, or the Complete Outdoors at Bourne End. Alternatively they can be posted to you; please call 864968.

As in previous years, if obtaining sponsors is not to your liking, you may alternatively make a one-off donation to the Children's Society, *self sponsorship*. Please be generous in supporting a good cause!

The Children's Society works to help vulnerable and deprived children who, because of circumstances not in their control, are at risk or in trouble. Please come on the walk or stroll both for your own enjoyment, and particularly to help such children who, in their present circumstances, cannot share the freedom and pleasures of the countryside which are so readily available to us.

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*This article is by a young French woman, **Francoise Bonnel**, describing her experience of fleeing from her home in Arras in Northern France in front of the German invasion of her homeland in May 1940. She travelled with friends all of whom were sent by their families to keep them away from the invading forces. The article consists of extracts from her diary, made at the time but only discovered recently following her death. The events described must have been frightening and full of danger but from the tone of the writing, Francoise was clearly made of stern stuff, although aged only 18 at the time.*

19 May 1940 (Sunday)

Leave Arras at about 0740 under the sound of machine gun fire along the road. A never-ending convoy, such a sad spectacle. Arrive at Abbeville at 1600. (Alert) - we lie down in a stable of some barracks, which are in front of a bakers shop.

20 May 1940 (Monday)

Woke up at 0430. Had a communal wash with everyone in the courtyard of the barracks. German aeroplanes fly over the barracks. Left Abbeville at 0600, we crossed beautiful landscapes. The convoy was bombed and strafed at about 0800. There were a 'few' casualties. A Belgian army officer handed out water with a grave and serious face. On the road we then gave the water to the Belgian soldiers through the doors of their wagons.

There is an accident at Fou Carmont at 1000. It's such a shame (or collapse). French people, English people, Belgium

MEMOIRES OF MY EVACUATION 1940

By Francoise Bonnel



and Dutch people and every civilian flee in the direction of Rouen. We wait until the evening and we put down fresh straw in a girls school to sleep. We were ready to sleep well when somebody came to announce that a bus was waiting for us.

Quickly we prepared ourselves to go but in fact there is no bus. It was in reality a good intention because the *dear* Germans are already at the outskirts of the village. After many efforts the captain requisitioned a Parisian bus.

21 May 1940 (Tuesday)

Arrive at Rouen at 0530 at the reception centre for Belgians. Such sad people here. We go into the town to look for a coffee and milk in

a coffee shop and we fall asleep at the tables. (Alert - don't move until the coffee is here). After dinner we go for a walk round the town, we fall asleep in a public garden.

We go to the station at 1630. Installed onto the train (two or three wagons of passengers fastened to a chain of goods wagons). It's evening and we are still here. The train is parked on another track and we are guarded by French and English soldiers. We do 18 kilometres in three hours and arrive at Sotteville-les-Rouen.

22 May 1940 (Wednesday)

Leave from Sotteville at 0330, on the way we haven't got any re-supply. At a few Stations *La Croix Rouge* (The Red Cross) distribute some milk for the children and the old people. At Alencon we should be re-supplied but the train does not stop. We arrive at Le Mans at about 2200 and we pass the night there.

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23 May 1940 (Thursday)

We wake up at Le Mans and seeing English people at the end of the train we (a few of us women) go to take some tea. (They) gave us a lot of tablets of chocolate. Studying customs. Some people shave their beards and wash themselves. Some others, half-asleep, come with their mess tins for food. We get back to our train. French people give us coffee and we thoroughly enjoy it (for us like a real moka) (mocha is a coffee and chocolate drink). After the relief organisation came to re-supply us, a soldier from the office takes a photo of us and waiting for the time to go we relax ourselves walking along the train and go to search for our travel companions.

In the lead train there are Belgium refugees and Belgian soldiers, RAF people, officials and some English khaki soldiers. Leave Le Mans at about 0700 we pass Laval, and people distribute us some milk. Pass through Vitre with so many beautiful castles. During the journey, before arriving at Rennes, the train stops. English people in another train should be connected to us. At the station - songs, chattering. We arrive at Rennes at about 0630. Few people decide to go to eat in town and pass the time to play to the 'bottles'. We decide to do the same. Laughing and chatting. One whistle blast the train sets off again - the colleagues don't come. Leave Rennes at 0900. Arguments on the platform - civilian people would like to come into our compartments.

Altercation/argument between the captain and stationmaster - tut tut! The train left and we sat up on the seat to pass the night.

24 May 1940 (Friday)

We arrive at Landerneau - break - drink some coffee at a soldier's home. We set off again - and arrive at Brest at about 0530. We are welcomed by Le Croix Rouge.

Francoise stays in Brest, harboured by the Red Cross until September 1940, when after the armistice and occupation of Northern France, she is able to return home.

31 August (Saturday)

Departure from Brest at 0130. We stop for two hours at Rennes. We have dinner in the darkness. On the way some people come up. The train is packed. Thirteen people instead of eight. No sleep.

It is good to be able to record that after the war, Francoise worked as a secretary and met and married an Englishman who was working for the Imperial War Graves Commission. She spent the last part of her life as Francoise Underwood.

Elizabeth Jackson, an English relative by marriage, got her French daughter-in-law to translate the diary and we are grateful to her for making it available. ❖

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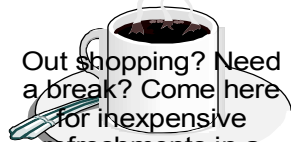
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JIM LAWRENSON RIP
EXTRACTS FROM THE ADDRESS GIVEN
AT THE REQUIEM MASS BY REV JOHN TABOR

When my wife told me the news of his death a few days ago, a picture of Jim came into my mind, and with that picture came some words from the prophecies of Isaiah and Micah, which reflect the peace and prosperity of the Messianic Age: *They shall sit every man under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid.*

I can see him now with an open necked shirt and a lovely smile on his face, and, although I cannot remember all the detail of our conversation, I remember that it was enriched as always by his usually gentle, but occasionally mischievous, sense of humour. I remember on one occasion examining the as yet small bunches of grapes on the vine, which promised an excellent crop. This image of fruitfulness is particularly appropriate for Jim's many years of ministry following his retirement in 1978 after twenty-two years as Chaplain of Berkhamsted School for Boys.

It always seemed to me most appropriate that the last three digits of Jim's and Nancy's phone number should be 999, since it was to Jim many clergy and churchwardens first looked for help, if an illness occurred, or they were trying to arrange cover for services during the holiday period or an interregnum. Jim not only travelled far and wide in the Berkhamsted Deanery, and beyond in the Diocese of St. Albans; he also had permission to officiate in the Diocese of Oxford from 1987 to 1990.

After the death of Alfred Speed, I was greatly indebted to Jim in my last ten years as Rector of Northchurch for his taking services on numerous occasions when I was on holiday, or had preaching engagements at other churches.

But the congregation of St. Mary's was not the only one to benefit from his ministry during an interregnum. Jim held the fort at Little Gaddesden over a period of ten or more years following the retirement of Howard Senar in 1982, and covered more than one vacancy there. He also officiated at Sunnyside during the illness of Stephen Breukelman, and the interregnum which followed his sad death seven or eight years ago. Other parishes which benefited from his ministry during a vacancy include Bovingdon, Boxmoor, Long Marston, Marsworth and, of course, St. Peter's, which was Jim's spiritual home and base throughout his retirement.

Ecclesiastically, Jim was a true all rounder, who could adapt to the differing needs and ethos of the many churches in which he ministered. He soon gained the confidence and respect, and the love and affection, of the numerous congregations where he ministered on a regular basis. These are some of the tributes paid to him: *"Jim was a very special person, whose happy, friendly and caring disposition endeared him to people. He was easy to work with and always fitted in well. You could always depend on him."* *"Jim was a rock."* and *"Jim was always concerned with people, with ministry at the coal face, rather than status."*

At the heart of Jim's life was a sincere and deep faith. He could, I think, have echoed in all humility and in all sincerity the words of St. Paul to Timothy: *"I know him in whom I have believed"*. It was this which gave to his preaching a note of authority and the ring of truth, which people recognised.

He was a man who realised the importance of living the faith. Jim was also a man who was sustained by the peace and joy of the Christian hope. It was this hope which enabled Jim to comfort those who mourned, to endure increasing weakness and frustration, as illness overtook him in the last three or four years of his life, and above all to die in the peace of Christ.

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BERYL LANGLEY RIP

An extract from Fr Mark Bonney's address.

Beryl was born in 1917 in Cornwall and like all members of her family, was proud of her Cornish connections. She went to school in Penzance, where she excelled at all sporting activities. She left Cornwall to train as a teacher, teaching in Croydon and Wokingham. Miss Cutler, as she was then, came to Berkhamsted in the summer term of 1949 to teach at the Beeches - the preparatory department. of Berkhamsted School for Girls and to be head of that department. School colleagues remember Beryl as a good sport. Those who were taught by her perhaps found her a little more daunting.

Beryl was always a busy person. She was an excellent cook - famous for her lemon cake - and she enjoyed the company of others at her dinner parties. She was entertaining well into her 80's -not long after I moved to Berkhamsted we were guests at an excellent dinner party at her flat in Graemesdyke Road. She was also an active Guider, becoming a commissioner in the area, continuing her work with the younger generation.

Travel was always appealing to Beryl and she arranged and accompanied many trips for the girls at Berkhamsted as well as her own holidays and her photographs and experiences were always well documented.

Beryl was always good with her hands and enjoyed many activities. School and Church productions benefited from her costume making and makeup expertise. Reading, music, flower arranging and art were important in Beryl's life and she enjoyed sharing these with others, holding flower arranging classes locally and further afield.

Beryl married Cyril Langley in August 1968. Cyril had been appointed PCC treasure in 1964, having retired early from his bank, and hoping to travel abroad with his wife Grace. Sadly she died soon after his retirement, but Beryl and Cyril formed a good partnership, and they were able to enjoy their joint fondness for travel, and had numerous happy holidays together. Beryl enjoyed twelve happy years of married life with Cyril.

After Cyril's death, Beryl continued to be involved with work in and around Berkhamsted. The Hospice of St. Francis benefited from her energies - in its early days she spoke to a number of meetings in surrounding towns to get their support for the project. She formed and co-ordinated the Hospice links and her aim was to get a representative in every church and chapel in the area. She continued with this activity until she became ill and had to move from Graemesdyke Road

As we all know Beryl has always been an active member and regular worshipper at St. Peter's Church. When I arrived she was very involved in organising the welcomers for the 9.30 Eucharist. She was a member of the PCC from 1954-1979 and again on the PCC for one year 1982-83. She was active on PCC committees, notably the Pastoral and Evangelistic Committee and the Cowper Society. She also took part in the fund raising for the Court House restoration and later on was on the committee concerned with the arrangement of the new Court House kitchen.

The last few years have, of course, been very different - although in many ways it has perhaps been more difficult for us than for Beryl herself. It was a privilege to be called in just a few hours before she died and to pray with her - she was either asleep or not conscious - but I prayed the famous words of John Henry Newman - *Go forth upon your journey Christian soul* - and surrounded by angels and archangels she did just that.

ENOUGH OF EARTHQUAKE

*Some while ago the BBC commissioned a poll to discover which were the most favoured hymns. Subsequently, **Patrick Baker** wrote the following, which was published in the Church Times; it is reproduced here by kind permission of the editor.*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways,
For most of us, when asked our mind,
Admit we still most pleasure find
 In hymns of ancient days,
 In hymns of ancient days.

The simple lyrics, for a start,
Of many a modern song
Are far too trite to touch the heart,
Enshrine no poetry, no art,
 And go on much too long,
 And go on much too long.

Oh, for a rest from jollity
And syncopated praise!"
What happened to tranquillity?
The silence of eternity
 Is hard to hear these days,
 Is hard to hear these days.

Send thy deep hush, subduing all
Those happy claps that drown
The tender whisper of thy call;
Triumphalism is not all,
For sometimes we feel down,
For sometimes we feel down.

Drop thy still dews of quietness
Till all our strummings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress
Of always having to be blessed;
 Give us a bit of peace,
 Give us a bit of peace.

Breathe through the heats of praise-guitar
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let drum be dumb, bring back the lyre,
Enough of earthquake, wind and fire,
 Let's hear it for some calm,
 Let's hear it for some calm.

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Revd Peter Hart encourages us to be emboldened by the excitement of the resurrection, and to share our delight with others

Stark contrasts are frequently more effective than subtle differentiation. Gardeners know this and practice it in some of their planting, artists use it all the time to explore anger and shock, and glaring dissonance erupting out of tuneful melody brings the listener

up short. No contrast is sharper than the suffering Jesus and the violence meted out to him by fellow human beings through the night of Maundy Thursday to Good Friday. Here, the love of God is vividly counterpointed by human hatred: here, the grace of God is harshly highlighted by human anger, mistrust and misunderstanding.

In the mocked and crucified Jesus, the holiness of God engages with the awful reality of humanity's distance from holiness, and appears to be defeated. Death ensues.

In the resurrected Jesus, the holiness of God bursts from the tomb and humanity receives back its holiness. But what ensues? Questions, doubt, myth-making, silence on the one hand: worship, delight and the excited retelling of encounters with the risen Jesus on the other.

The double response in the disciples and women who met the risen Jesus is still real for us today. For many of us, Easter is greeted with questions, doubts and

silence. We buy the eggs, we enjoy the decoration of the church after what seems to be an eternity of flowerless Lent, we sing the songs of resurrection, but we do not launch ourselves wholeheartedly into the worship, delight and gleeful retelling of the stories that we could. We sink into ambivalence, scared of the language of resurrection.

This Easter, let us be bold enough to celebrate joyfully, in stark contrast to the grief and silence of Good Friday. This Easter, let us find real delight in the risen Jesus. This Easter, let us be part of the tumbling words which recount extraordinary tales of meeting the risen Jesus, for our holiness is restored, our humanity is complete, and our joy can know no bounds.

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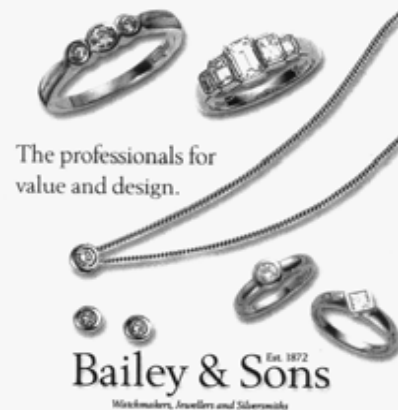
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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



Berkhamsted Castle met for its March meeting on the 4th at the Court House at 2pm.

Joint president **Joy Lovell** took the meeting, reading a couple of cheering Springtide poems to set the afternoon off. There was a small amount of business and secretary Janet Mitchell dealt with it in her usual efficient way.

Joy then gave a report on the community affairs day which took place at Wheathampstead on the day before our meeting. Five members had attended hearing about various aspects of Hertfordshire life and history from speakers who included a lady from English Heritage. We were not too impressed with her photograph of Berkhamsted castle, but it was good to see that Figg's shop had received a grant from English Heritage towards its preservation.

Our speaker for the afternoon was **Col John Ansell** who had been greatly involved in the Temple Bar trust. His talk about this historic gateway to the City of London, its development into an actual stone-built archway, and its discovery in a Hertfordshire parkland, was fascinating. It is now in the process of being re-erected in Paternoster Square near St Paul's Cathedral. An expression of thanks was given by Liz Baxendale, who remarked how important it was to have enthusiasts to look after our national treasures.

The competition this month was for a picture of a gate, and some very lovely ones were entered. The raffle included a host of freebies from Hellmann's, including mayonnaise and tuna, so together with our own collected prizes there were a lot of happy winners.....And no doubt one member's cat was going to do very well out of it! Tea followed.

Why not join us and find out what friendship and interests the WI has to offer. You will be made very welcome.

EM Baxendale (866464)

BERKHAMSTED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The April meeting of the Citizens Association will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 21 April in the great Hall, Berkhamsted Town Hall. **Mr Nick Siney** of Dunton Bros Ltd who run the Meadhams Farm brickworks will give an illustrated talk on Bricks: restoring the past. Members and non-members are welcome.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The annual thanksgiving and memorial service will be held at St Peters Church on Sunday 25 April at 6pm. The preacher will be **Rev Paul Timmis**, minister of All Saints Methodist congregation. Light refreshments in the Court House will follow the service.

Transport available, contact **June Haile** (873087)

WENDLEBURY WINDS AT ST PETER'S

Wendlebury Winds is primarily a wind decet of experienced players (including local clarinettist and member of St Peters choir **Susan Beuttler**). They were formed in 1990 by **Philip Shirtcliff** and **Peter Smith** from Oxfordshire. The composition of the group often varies and is sometimes augmented to include string players, pianists or singers. The ensemble play almost exclusively for charities or for fund raising for specific ventures, as in the case of this concert. Since forming, the group have performed in neighbouring counties and in Powys, Staffordshire and the South of France, and have thereby raised many thousands of pounds.

Wendlebury Winds will be performing, in their original format of ten wind players, a variety of music at St Peters on Sunday 18 April at 7.30pm. There will be a retiring collection for the piano fund.

Do come! It is always enjoyable.



The Cowper Society
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Berkhamsted Choral Society **Handel *Messiah***

Rachel Chapman *soprano*
Carolyn Jackson *mezzo-soprano*
Ashley Catling *tenor*
Dyfed Wyn Evans *baritone*

Simon Leach *harpsichord*
Robin Walker *organ*
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Benjamin Harte *leader*

Graham Wili *conductor*

Saturday 24 April 2004, 7.30pm
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Also available from choir members or from Cole, Flatt & Partners, 124 High Street,
Berkhamsted or The Bookstack, 248 High Street, Berkhamsted.

Berkhamsted Choral Society and The Cowper Society are members of the Berkhamsted Arts Trust which is financially assisted by the Dacorum Borough Council. Berkhamsted Choral Society is affiliated to Making Music, which represents and supports amateur performing and promoting societies.

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SUNDAY 4th APRIL 2004 at 6.00pm

Unreserved Tickets £12 (Concessions £10) from The Bookstack, Choir members &
at the door. Young people (under 17) FREE. CCC Supporters reserve seats on 863 241

The Cowper Society and Chiltern Chamber Choir are members of the Berkhamsted Arts Trust which is financially supported by Dacorum Borough Council

EASTER AT OXFAM

Easter is about new life and Easter eggs symbolise that new life as the chick emerges from darkness to light. At Oxfam the Easter eggs literally bring light out of darkness for the Maya Indian cocoa growers of southern Belize. The organic cocoa is produced by 300 farmers of the Toledo Cocoa Growers. The fair price paid for the cocoa enables the farmers to send their children to school, buy medicines, improve their farms and have confidence in the future. Maya Gold was the first product to receive the Fairtrade mark ten years ago. There are plans to expand production and give even more farmers a better more secure life.

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Audrey Hope

GRAHAM GREENE SPRING FESTIVAL - 24/25 APRIL

This special short festival, entitled *Graham Greene of Berkhamsted*, will introduce Greene to an audience chiefly composed of members of the Alliance of Literary Societies, which is holding its Annual Meeting in Berkhamsted in recognition of the centenary of the birth of **Graham Greene** on 2 October 2004

The main speaker will be **Neil Sinyard**, author of the recently published Greene biography *Graham Greene - A literary figure*. The rest of the Festival will comprise films, dramatic presentations and conducted tours of the School and the Graham Greene Trail.

Readers of the Arts Trust green sheet may also notice reference to a production of *The Potting Shed* during the Spring Festival. BAODS Theatre Company sadly had to cancel this production due to casting difficulties.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week is from 9 to 15 May. Apart from the usual house-to-house collection, there will be a market stall on Saturday 15 May from 8am to 12 noon for the sale of cakes and plants. If you can be of any assistance please contact **Margaret Pyke** (866646).

THE GEORGE AND DRAGON

We must correct an error perpetrated in our January issue when discussing the history of the George and Dragon sign which for many years hung outside St George's House of Berkhamsted School. We wrongly named a former housemaster of St Georges. The gentleman's name was **Mr AW Sheath**. We apologise for this mistake.


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PalmSunday HolyWeek *EasterSunday*

4 April	PALM SUNDAY
8.00am	Eucharist - with Palm Crosses <i>St Peter's</i>
9.00am	Blessing of Palms <i>All Saints' & procession to St Peter's</i>
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	Stations of the Cross <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	Service of Reconciliation with Laying of Hands and Anointing <i>St Peter's</i>
7 April	WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
7.30am	Eucharist..... <i>St Peter's</i>
8.00pm	United Devotion..... <i>All Saints'</i>
8.30pm	A Meditation on the Seven Last Words..... <i>St Peter's</i>
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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SUNDAY	St Peter's:	8:00am	Eucharist			
		9:30am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the Court House			
		6:00pm	Evensong			
	All Saints'	8:00am	Eucharist only as announced			
		9:15am	Sung Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders followed by coffee in the hall <i>On the 3rd Sunday each month (and on festivals as announced) there is instead a 10am united service with the Methodist congregation.</i>			
		6:30pm	Methodist service each Sunday until further notice.			
MONDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	Morning Prayer (MP)	5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)	
TUESDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	All Saints'	9:30am	Eucharist
WEDNESDAY	St Peter's	7:00am	MP	7:30am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
THURSDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	11:00am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP
FRIDAY	St Peter's	7:30am	MP	9:15am	Eucharist	5:00pm EP (AS)
SATURDAY	St Peter's	8:45am	MP(AS) (except 3rd Sat in month)		5:00pm	EP
1 st Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH: 12:30pm in the Court House <i>For anyone on their own on a Sunday.</i> Contact: Joan Morris (863780)					
3 rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm in the Court House. Contact 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).

April / May 2004

APRIL

Fri	2	10.00am	Little Fishes Service.....	St Peter's
Sun	4	6.00pm	The Cowper Society presents Bach <i>St Matthew Passion</i>	
–			Chiltern Chamber & Madrid Bach Choirs.....	St Peter's

Sun 4-Sun 11 April for Palm Sunday to Easter Day Services please see page 32

Wed	7	8am – 6pm	Children's Club Day	All Saints'
Mon	12	8.00am	Breakfast at the Court House before Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans	
Sat	17	8.00am	Associated Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	Sacred Heart Church
Sun	18	7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents Wendlebury Wind - Recital	St Peter's
Tue	20	8.15pm	Parochial Church Council	The Court House
Fri	23	8.00pm	Deanery Confirmation Service	St Mary's, Northchurch
Sat	24	7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents Handel <i>Messiah</i>	
			Berkhamsted Choral Society	St Peter's
Sun	25	3.00pm	St George's Day Scout Service.....	St Peter's
		6.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration	St Peter's

MAY

Sat	1	6.15am	The Cowper Society presents	
			May Morning Madrigals from the tower.....	St Peter's
			followed by breakfast in	The Court House
Sun	2	3.00pm	Civic Service to mark Dacorum Mayor end of year.....	All Saints'
Fri	7	10.00am	Little Fishes Service.....	St Peter's
Sun	9	4.00pm	Service for the parents & godparents of children taking	
			First Communion at Pentecost.....	All Saints'
Wed	12	8.00pm	All Saints' Area Committee.....	All Saints' House
		8.15pm	St Peter's Area Committee.....	The Court House
Sat	15	8.00am	Associated Berkhamsted Churches	
			Prayer Breakfast.....	St Mary's Northchurch
		7.30pm	The Cowper Society presents The Bridgewater Band.....	St Peter's
Thu	20	8.00pm	Ascension Day Service	All Saints'

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Funerals

20 Feb	Peter Chambers	St Peter's Church (Chilterns)
26 Feb	James (Fr Jim) Lawrenson	Chilterns Crematorium
	Service of Thanksgiving on 21 February at St Peter's	
3 Mar	Margaret Annie Beryl Langley	Chilterns Crematorium
5 Mar	Norah Baldwin	Garston Crematorium

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		Mrs D Knapp	864368
3	All Saints' Anglican	Revd Martin Wright	866161
		Mr John Malcolm	874993
4	Methodist All Saints'	Revd Paul Timmis	866324
		Mrs Ida Rance	865829
5	Sacred Heart (RC)	Fr Peter Grant	863845
		Mr Frank Furlong	862768
6	Society of Friends (Quakers)	The Clerk's Team, 288 High Street	
7	Kings Road Evangelical	Pastor Billy Milton	864393
		Dr Richard Walker	875614
8	St Andrew's (URC) HH	Revd Jane Wade	212320
		Mrs Margaret Chrichton	875401
9	St Peter's	Revd M Bonney	864194
		Mrs Jean Green	878227
10	Berkhamsted Baptist	Revd James Neve	872190
		Mrs Pat Ginger	865817
11	St Michael & All Angels Sunnyside	Revd David Abbott	865100
		Mrs Pam Davis	863609
12	St John the Evangelist Bourne End	Revd David Abbott	865100
		Revd Dick Clarkson	873014
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St Peter's

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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)

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