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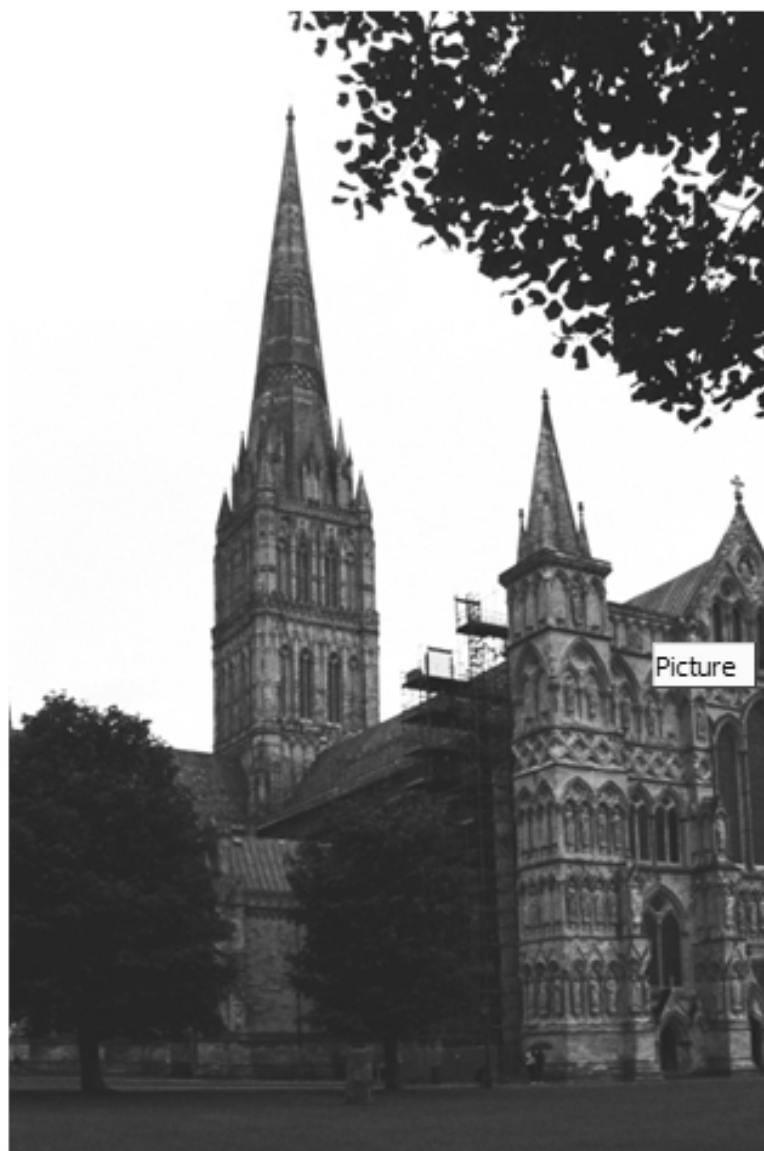
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Welcome to the October 2004 issue of the Berkhamsted Review

From an early age until I retired, my year was shaped by school and later university terms. Now, sitting in the editorial chair, occupied so ably for the last fifteen years by **David Woodward**, I have a familiar beginning-of-term feeling - new opportunities and challenges, but not without a basis of well-established policies and routines. I believe the flavour of the *review* is just about right. Keeping readers informed about activities in our town and our churches and offering an opportunity for people to write about their interests and about Berkhamsted past and present. I plan to maintain this balance.

David in his final editorial emphasised that the review could not continue without an editor. That may be true, but equally essential are contributors. News of activities, recent or forthcoming is always welcome and so is correspondence about topical issues. Also popular are accounts of travels, far or near, and items about the history of our town and neighbourhood. This month we travel across the globe to northern Ghana and back in time to the second world war and Regency London.

Christopher Green

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**When the
cat's away**

***Father Basil
Jones
encourages us
to think
positively
during the
vacancy at St
Peter's***

Father Mark (sorry, The Reverend Canon) should see this little piece I shall be corrected and perhaps reminded kindly that Sarum is a much more ancient diocese than the new boy at St Albans.

However, when there is no Rector there is no one to blame or to apportion praise. We may find that we have to admit sometimes that the mote is in our own eye. People in glasshouses should not throw stones. We might even find it surprisingly delightful to discover the names of those around us, to smile and perhaps enter into conversation with them.

An interregnum can prove to be something of a turning point for the Christian family - which is us. If something familiar seems to be missing, perhaps God has withdrawn it, for you and nobody else to fill. It may even mean some slight reorganisation of routines. As we all know, God moves in mysterious ways

review leader

When the cat's away the mice will play. When there is no Rector then lesser mortals come out to play. With that in mind I can state that for me the word *interregnum* is much more regal than *vacancy*, which smacks of a seaside B and B. However if

His wonders to perform (just look at the Old Testament)

We at St Peter's and All Saints' are fortunate in so many ways and it is tempting on such occasions as the present simply to raise the drawbridge, close ranks and conserve our resources, our man and woman power and whatever other resources we may have.

You don't need me to remind you that we are part of a much wider church and that our situation is not unique - there are interregna all around us. **The Reverend David Abbott** of St Michael and All Angels, Sunnyside is the freshly appointed Rural Dean and he has the difficult job of managing the situation as well as possible.

It is understandable that we are all a bit apprehensive. Very few people like change. I am not immune as you may have guessed. I have to admit however that it is times like the present that can prove unexpectedly rich. My hope therefore is that the new Rector will be able to lead us into fresh fields and pastures new, which have been well prepared not just in the past but right now - and by us. ❖

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Many people across the town are selling off parts of their gardens to have new houses built. This is known as tandem infilling or backland development. Infilling is, on the whole, good for those residents who may have a larger garden space than they need and also good for the community at large because more houses become available in a part of the country where housing is in desperately short supply. The borough council is increasingly under pressure to provide for more new housing and infilling is an important means of achieving this.

However, a balance has to be struck. If too much backland development takes place it can, over time, lead to a deterioration of the character of the area in which it occurs. The fact that there is an open and spacious outlook with a large amount of open garden space may be part of the reason why an area is attractive to live in. Too much infilling can destroy this quality. So new housing has to be sensitively designed.

The borough council has guidelines on the construction of new houses in each area of the town. These guidelines determine such things as the height, the spacing between houses, the density of new developments, the length of gardens and so forth. When an application for new construction is made it will be tested for conformity with these guidelines. Many applications will be decided by qualified planning experts in the planning department of the borough council. However, even when a decision is very largely determined by the planning policies, there will often be a need to apply discretion, for example, in deciding whether a new design has a "*detrimental effect on the street scene*". If an application is large or contentious, and there is a significant public interest, it will be decided by the borough's Development Control Committee. This is a committee of elected councillors. They are not experts on planning matters - although they will have had some training. The role of the members of this committee is similar to that of a jury in the administration of justice. A jury brings common sense and discretion to

Ian Reay's &news &views

Houses or Gardens

Ian Reay describes the planning process

bear in a process that is dominated and controlled by "*experts*". In both systems there is a "presumption" made. In the case of a criminal trial the innocence of the accused is presumed. In the case of a planning application the presumption that the new construction can go ahead is made - except for listed buildings or conservation areas.

There is one other similarity between the development control process and the judicial system - the possibility of making an appeal. But at this point the similarities between the two break down.

The appeal judge will examine whether there was any new evidence that could not have been seen by the jury or whether the process of the trial was properly carried out. He or she does not overrule the discretion of a jury. It is quite different in the case of a planning appeal. If a committee quite legitimately rejects an application which, in their opinion, applying their discretion, fails to meet the policies and guidelines then a planning inspector, on appeal, can apply his or her own discretion and come to the opposite conclusion. The decision of the appeal inspector is final. There is no "*higher court*" of appeal.

Whereas in the case of the legal process the jury has the last word - provided the process has been properly carried out. In the case of the development control process the common sense, local knowledge and discretion of a dozen or so representative and accountable local councillors can be overruled by the discretion of a single "*expert*" who may live two hundred miles away from the affected area. There have been several such incidents recently in Berkhamsted and the open, spacious and woodland feel in some of the most attractive parts of the town is gradually being eroded as a result.

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Go to any MU meeting, anywhere in the globe and you will discover there are enormously strong ties that bind members together. It is this that helps to make The Mothers' Union a unique organisation, and one where building relationships is real and lived out by its 3 million members around the world.

There are many ways members build relationships with each other. Personal friendships and links with branches, where visits and corresponding and exchanging news keep members from different cultures in touch with each other. Using e-mail is a real help! The more formal diocesan links with dioceses overseas and The Wave of Prayer encourage a deep sense of belonging to the worldwide MU. In July, members in Berkhamsted joined together for our own Wave of Prayer service in All Saints Church, praying for our link dioceses in Zambia, Nigeria, South Africa and Australia as well as for our own diocese of St Albans.

Building relationships is MU's theme for the year, and very appropriate it is for this United Nations International Year of the Family. The need to build relationships goes further than just between members. It has to extend to all families, whatever their structure, and wherever they are, for this is the remit of The Mothers' Union. In many countries building relationships with women is vital for the maintenance of family life and to bring about change in their communities.

The future of the Literacy and Development Programme is assured for the next 5 years through funding from Comic Relief. This will bring hope and

MOTHERS' UNION

Margaret Burbidge
explains how the MU
challenges poverty and
oppression



confidence to women and girls particularly, who have been denied education. Parenting programmes are well-established here in the UK, and strategies are being developed to expand the programme worldwide. Sharing experiences and exchanging ideas about bringing up children help to build relationships

within the family and bring satisfaction to a challenging task.

The Mothers' Union is developing a reputation as an organisation that gets things done. It has a voice at the United Nations through UNESCO, was active in the Jubilee Debt Campaign and now supports the Grow Up Free From Poverty Coalition. This is where the prophetic voice of Christianity is heard. As a Christian organisation MU speaks up for the poor and marginalized and challenges structures that maintain poverty and oppression.

At the heart of our faith is our relationship with God and our neighbour and in recognising this, MU takes up the challenge to translate faith into action, and build relationships within families, with our fellow members and with families in need around the world.❖

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VSO IN GHANA

Rachel Davis is working as a VSO volunteer in northern Ghana. She is acting primarily as an educational adviser in an area where teachers often go for long periods without pay and where

Rachel Davis writes about the new Teachers' Resource Centre in Nadowli

Activities already planned for next term include a children's reading club, computer classes for primary teachers and a teachers' resource club, which will train teachers

teaching resources are pitifully scarce. She describes the development of a new Teachers' Resource Centre in Nadowli, a project which she initiated and which people in Berkhamsted have generously supported. She writes ...



to make teaching aids. In addition, the Ghana Education Service will use the TRC to hold workshops and training sessions.

None of this could have been possible

without your help, and on behalf of the community here we would all like to say a MASSIVE thanks for all of your contributions.

It will really make a difference.



Thanks to your extremely generous support, the Teachers' Resource Centre (TRC) in Nadowli is going from strength to strength. Donations from the *Ghana Appeal Concert* and from individuals have contributed to the renovation and furnishing of the Centre building, as well as providing books, stationery and other educational resources. The Teaching Resource Centre now also has a water tank, sink and electricity supply, which will be paid for by the local community, to show their support.

In just six months, the teachers and children of the Nadowli District have gained a wonderful new TRC which we aim to open officially in September. A committee has been established to oversee activities in the centre and appoint a coordinator who will be trained in the day-to-day running of the centre. The good news is that the District Director of Education wants to make this a permanent, paid position.



Underneath this Salisbury Cathedral stall reserved for Canon Mark Bonney is a misericord with the *Green Man*, a symbol of fertility, as reported by ex-editor of the *review*, **David Sherratt**, who is a cathedral guide.

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This was not only a holy and moving occasion, it was an occasion for rejoicing

SPLENDOUR, SOLEMNITY AND CELEBRATION AT SALISBURY

Christopher Green reports
on Canon Mark's installation



and celebration. The girls' choir provided a lovely timbre to the music which enriched the ceremony. The organ thundered. And after the procession had wound its way back down the nave and up the south aisle, we were all made hugely welcome by the staff and Friends of the Cathedral. Many of those who filled the nave had travelled from Berkhamsted and there were other familiar faces in the crowd at the west end, enjoying a cup of tea and the profusion of cakes. - among them **Mike and Delia Limbrick**, now living in Salisbury, **Tom and Daphne Montague** and even a former Editor of the review - **David Sherratt**, now a Cathedral Guide at Salisbury.

As we left it was with every good wish for Mark in his new role and for Katy, Hannah and Eleanor in their new home. We shall miss them all.



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Building the “New Street”

After 1814 Nash began to negotiate with the owners of property along the route. Seven hundred houses were demolished but since these were mostly on the *Soho* part of the route and occupied by “mechanics and the trading part of the community” they did not create too many problems. Others were better connected and more obdurate. One of these was Sir James Langham. In 1767 **Lord Foley** had built a mansion at the southern end of the duke of Portland’s estate, having first secured from the duke a guarantee that no building would ever obscure

Foley’s view northwards towards Hampstead and Highgate. This is the reason that Portland Place, which lay in front of Foley’s house is one of the widest streets in London. It had been laid out in 1778 by the Adam brothers with a width of 125 feet, the same as Foley’s house.

In the years that followed, Nash devoted much of his time and some of his money to the “*New Street*” and the areas which it connected. He chose a Palladian style of architecture – a more restrained version of the baroque which had prevailed earlier in the eighteenth century. His task was to lay out the plans and elevations of the streets and terraces while leaving the detailed design to builders to whom the individual plots were sold. In return the builders paid fees to Nash for his preliminary work. When a Select Committee asked him in 1828 “*How are you remunerated for your trouble in giving elevations and general plans of these new streets?*” Nash replied “*Very badly*” and

JOHN NASH AND REGENCY LONDON

Stephen Halliday recounts the construction of Regent Street



explained the procedure:

“I negotiate the original purchase of the ground, negotiate the letting of the ground, make the designs for the elevations; I set out the ground for the building, draw up the terms of building; I superintend it in a general way in the execution; I draw the plans on the leases; for all of which I receive a fee of one half year’s ground rent.”

This payment could amount to ten pounds for one lease. In many cases Nash himself did more detailed design work for the buildings, handing rough sketches to his draughtsmen who turned them into working drawings for builders. The builders might then make their own alterations as they went along

and Nash whose *general way* of superintendence was often very accommodating, either didn’t notice or didn’t mind, his main concern being to maintain steady progress on the development. In this way the terraces surrounding Regent’s Park itself, including York Terrace, Cumberland Terrace, Chester Terrace and Cambridge Terrace were designed by Nash as was Park Crescent, to the south of New Road (Marylebone Road). At 152-4 Albany Street, on the eastern edge of the park, Nash designed a military hospital to specialise in the treatment of eye injuries. It later became the London home of the inventor **Goldsworthy Gurney** (1793-1875) where Gurney invented the blowtorch, limelight and a steam powered car in which he travelled from London to Bath at an average speed of 15 miles per hour. He was just the sort of resident whom Nash, and no doubt the Prince Regent, wanted to attract to the

new development. Others followed, including the French and American ambassadors, **Joseph Bonaparte**, **Lord Lister**, (father of antiseptic surgery) and **Wilkie Collins**. The area is rich in blue plaques.

All Souls' church

At the bottom of Portland Place the new street had to execute a sharp double bend in order to avoid **James Langham's** home before proceeding south into Regent Street itself. In order to conceal the awkwardness of the bend Nash designed a church to occupy the junction: All Souls' Langham Place, now situated immediately outside the headquarters of the BBC. All Souls is the only surviving church built by Nash. The church was completed in 1824.

Regent Street

Regent Street itself attracted a variety of developments including a hotel, a bank and the Church Commissioners who were anxious to ensure that the spiritual needs of the new inhabitants would be adequately served. It would also have shops and galleries at ground level with residences above them. Much of Regent Street was financed by loans which Nash made to builders from his ever-diminishing fortune. This was a device that Nash used particularly in *The Quadrant* where Nash wanted to exercise sufficient control over the development to ensure a degree of stylistic uniformity. The *shops appropriated to articles of fashion and taste* which Nash prescribed for the Quadrant would be fronted by a colonnade to shelter from the rain the men and women of fashion who, it was confidently anticipated, would wish to promenade along the new street. Referring to such people Nash wrote:

those who have nothing to do but walk about and amuse themselves may do so every day in the week, instead of being frequently confined many days together to their houses by rain...the occupiers of the Lodgings can see and converse with those passing in the Carriages underneath, which will add to the gaiety of the scene and induce single men, and others, who only visit Town occasionally, to give a preference to such Lodgings.

In 1821 a contemporary diarist, **Joseph**

Farington, who knew and visited Nash, reported that: *John Nash, the architect, was at a stand in money matters – that he owed £800,000 if not a million*. This was certainly an exaggeration. Debts on this scale were run up only by Nash's royal patron and the architect's debts were discharged quite soon after his death but Farington's report of this contemporary rumour does reflect the strain that the development imposed on his finances. The Commissioners were also disappointed with the returns on their investment which did not approach the extravagant levels predicted by Nash in his original plan. Nash informed them, rather late in the day, *I always looked to a remote period for a full consummation of the hopes I held out as to Revenue*.

In Lower Regent Street, beyond its junction with Carlton Street, Nash built a mansion for himself. On the first floor was a fine picture gallery which contained copies of Raphael's works in the Vatican, copied by an English painter, with the permission of the pope, at a cost to Nash of £3,000. The gallery was later dismantled and re-erected in Nash's home at East Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

By Royal Command

In 1821, as the Regent Street development proceeded, Nash was drawn into the plans for creating a suitably resplendent London home for his royal patron now, at last, George IV. It was through this connection that Nash now earned a reputation for extravagance in the use of public money – perhaps an inevitable result of his association with the new king. Nash had long been George's favourite architect. George even tried to use Nash's services in a more delicate capacity in negotiations with the government over his troubled relationship with Queen Caroline. The government, in the person of Nash's friend **Sir Samuel Romilly**, Solicitor General, rejected the architect's clumsy attempt to influence them in the king's favour but the episode illustrates the king's trust in Nash as well as his ingenuousness.

Next month: Sir Joseph Paxton and the Great Exhibition

This article is taken from **Stephen Halliday's** book *Making the Metropolis: Creators of Victoria's London* on sale at the Bookstack



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Preparation Course 2005**

Plans for next year's preparation course are now complete and information packs are available in both St Peter's and All Saints'.

The course will be on Thursdays starting on 10 February 2005 with five sessions before Easter and five weeks after. (excluding half terms and holidays). First admission to communion will be at Pentecost (Sunday 15 May 2005). Please contact **Fr Martin** (866161) or **Mrs Jenny Wells** (870981) for further details.

Confirmation Course for Young People (12-17 years) with Fr Martin

Preparation will be starting before Christmas with a view to confirmation taking place with Bishop Christopher of Hertford on Saturday 16 April 2005 in St Peter's. I anticipate that there will be ten sessions for those who have not received any preparation at all, but those who are now 12 years + and have attended the Children and Communion Courses over the last three years would only come to the final five sessions. Rather than set dates and times for these sessions at this juncture, it would be good to speak to all those who may be interested, to find a day and time that would be convenient for all. There will therefore be a meeting (lasting about half an hour) to discuss this on Saturday 16 October at 4.00pm at All Saints' House in Shrublands Road. (next to All Saints' Church).

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BIDDY SHACKLOCK RIP 4 SEPTEMBER 2004

The following appreciation is drawn from the address given by Father Mark at Biddy's funeral

Biddy lived her early years in Southampton until the family was bombed out and moved to Chandler's Ford in 1940. She studied dress design at Winchester Art College and was a fashion model in London (known then as a mannequin).

In her own words Biddy "*loved sailors*" – and she was a splendid navy wife – very special qualities were needed for a life that saw 25 moves with three children, that saw Neil at sea for 14 of their first 19 years together, sometimes for periods of 3 months, sometimes two and always between two and six weeks.

Their first move was to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Neil went by submarine – Biddy's travel had to be paid for so Neil went to the travel agent to ask for the cheapest fare – and the glamorous 23 year old Biddy arrived at Southampton to be shown into a steerage cabin on the SS Batory to share with five male Polish immigrants from Gdynia. They thought it was Christmas Day. Neil had forgotten to tell the travel agent the ticket was for his wife. However, Biddy ended up travelling first class.

For me Biddy had such style – not showy or flashy but open, warm-hearted and generous. Like so many, I was welcomed into her home whenever I called – tea, coffee, wine, gin and tonic depending on the time of day – the home she loved, adorned with pictures specially chosen – and some painted by herself – she was a very skilful still life artist. Biddy was fun and bubbly – and of course always elegant and immaculately turned-out. I remember visiting her in hospital two or

three years ago now, rather earlier than the general public are normally allowed on the ward – and Biddy was sat up in bed with her make-up on and that glorious smile.

Biddy was a very faithful member of the congregation at St Peter's normally at 8am on a Sunday morning – and more recently on a Friday morning having completed the cleaning of the church silver which she had done for 26 years. I would turn up to say the 9.15 Mass on a Friday and always find Biddy tucked away by the sink doing the final bit of polishing. She did a nine year stint running the bric-a-brac stall at the Petertide Fair and in her last year had record takings of over £900 – the accompanying picture of Biddy was taken while she was lace-making at the Petertide Fair earlier this year. For the last eleven years

she has chaired the Womens' Fellowship – I know they all adored her and will miss her greatly.

One other quality I must mention is Biddy's faith and courage. Few will know just how indifferent Biddy's health had been over the past 18 years – she didn't burden others with that – and when she received the last diagnosis not very many months ago she sat down with Neil and me and planned her funeral service – pictures (including the one illustrating this appreciation), hymns, readings, quotations. – it was a mixture of tears and laughter – but Biddy wanted us to celebrate. ❖



Photograph: Rowena Pike

The September 1939 issue of what was then termed the St Peter's Parochial Review appeared a few days before the outbreak of hostilities. The Rector wrote optimistically

"Thank God that in critical days like these, the country is led by such men as the Prime Minister...We are assured by the Prime Minister that there is no problem which cannot be solved by the method of reasonable conference between men of goodwill"

The Rector's judgement was faulty on all counts. Among the "men of goodwill" he presumably included Adolf Hitler, whose specious promises to Neville Chamberlain had induced the Premier to pursue the disastrous policy of appeasement. (The worthy but weak and ailing Chamberlain was, of course, replaced by Winston Churchill in May of the following year).

The October issue contained a joint statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury and leaders of other churches. Now that the war had begun, they did not hesitate to apportion blame.

"We have not sought this war. It has been thrust upon us by the action of one man. On him alone lies the dreadful responsibility of having inflicted this crime upon humanity."

(Meaning Hitler I should add - not Chamberlain!).

The Rector contented himself with practical matters:

"Steps have been taken to obscure the windows of the Parish Church, and the evening services can now be conducted without plunging the church into stygian darkness."

(All Saints' actually made a profit from the blackout: the congregation were invited to contribute to the cost, and responded so generously that there was a surplus). These measures were taken in the firm belief that German bombers were to be expected at any

WORLD WAR II IN BERKHAMSTED

Gerry Morrish finds two contrasting insights in the *review*

November Review, the Rector feared the worst, and advised readers not to panic if an air raid took place during Divine Service:

"The congregation would do well to remain in the church.... Air Raid Wardens and others would naturally be compelled to proceed to their posts, but that should not be taken as the signal for a general exodus."

In the same issue there appeared an interesting article entitled "*Should Christians Fight?*" The author was in no doubt that they should. He explained that Christ's command to turn the other cheek was meant for situations affecting the individual and nobody else, and did not apply to common action taken to restrain a wrongdoer.

The December Review contained a reference to the evacuation of children from London. The rector wrote:

"There are some refugees and there are many strangers, most of them little people who arrived here in September. I am filled with admiration ... for the cottagers who have offered not merely houserom but a home to the children."

And so 1939 ended, with an advertisement from Lintott the butcher foreshadowing shortages to come - "*Register with us when rationing starts.*" And also a somewhat hysterical warning that Nazi agents might be reading the Review and similar publications

- "*Those responsible for the production of church magazines are urgently requested to scrutinize all editorial matter from the point of view of its value as intelligence to the enemy*"



moment, though in the event many months went by almost without incident - the so-called "*phony war*".

Berkhamsted was to escape the bombing altogether, but nobody knew this in 1939. In the

For some very different reflections on the war we are indebted to *Hedgehog* who was prompted by media coverage of D-Day to set down his recollections in Northchurch Notebook in a recent issue of the Northchurch Parish Magazine.

“What did you do in The War, Granddad?”

Well, this Granddad did very little, at 12 to 17 years of age, it was a time to stand and stare, marvel at all that went on and keep a diary—now handy for such an account as this.

As a Scout, I helped with the evacuees arriving at Berkhamsted Station, offered them a drink, a sandwich, a tin of corned beef and a few ‘*luxuries*’ at our school, then ‘*delivered*’ them—with suitcase and gas-mask—to their allotted home for the immediate future. I helped with the Scout collection of waste paper, trundling the trek-cart to Lagley, Rossway, Major Ridley’s at Dudswell, The Revd Pope’s at Coombe Cottage and other ‘*big*’ houses. Cottages had little to offer, their waste paper lit their fires.

Soldiers were to be seen everywhere, especially ‘on *manoeuvres*’ on The Common. Also Monument Drive and surrounding woodlands were a hive of activity, Nissen huts and vehicles hidden in the trees. Close to where the road dips sharply (Crow Pond) beyond Hill Farm, several wooden huts appeared, and a searchlight, providing interest and speculation.

Sadly though, much interest came from accidents (or should that be incidents?) A Flying Fortress, possibly based at Cheddington, crashed near Pretty Bridge at The Cow Roast. Also an ‘*oil bomb*’

fell in a nearby canal side field. Another American bomber crashed in the hilltop woodland near *Old Copse Lodge*, Aldbury. ‘*Real Northchurch*’ folk readily recall the aerial mine that parachuted down at the top of Durrants Lane, killing cattle, partially demolishing the Lodge and injuring the lady occupant. Schoolboys (myself included) proudly showed souvenirs of parachute silk and cord at school the next day.

Memories flood back—I saw a *doodlebug* fly up the valley, heard the engine falter, then saw a plume of smoke as it crashed towards Wigginton. Standing in New Road, I saw, in broad daylight, German bombers heading towards Luton, with escort fighter planes and ‘our’ planes circling them.

It is now hard to believe that Northchurch had a POW camp situated on the present day *Chilterns* site. It housed German and later Italian prisoners of war. Close by, behind the Piano Shop, local men served in the Auxiliary Fire Service stationed there. Other local men, who were Air-raid Precaution Wardens, had their underground post (Headquarters) in Seymour Road.

Space limits more memories of a Granddad who did very little ‘*In The War*’ but was called up for service in The Royal Engineers later.





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The following paragraphs are extracts from three articles by Marilyn Pain recently published in the All Saints Magazine and describing the work of mission at Pinetown Methodist Church, her home church in South Africa.

Firstly, Marilyn quotes from the founder of Phakamisa, **Glenda Howieson**:

"I was always deeply moved by the plight of the really poor. After teaching hours, along with 2 others, we gave some teacher training workshops to illiterate, uneducated women running Educare Centres. (Centres where EDUcation and CARE are given to children in the 0-6 year age group.) During weekends I offered support to them.

Phakamisa began with 5 Educare Centres with 100 children. I trained the 'teachers' (many of whom were not even picture literate) in fortnightly workshops then helped them implement the theory in their own centres. The project has grown by word of mouth and now we support 220 centres with 8500 children. The women run their own centres as businesses, maybe earning R100-R 200 per month. They give the children 2 meals and a snack each day, possibly the only food they get. Assistance with the implementation of the project is now done by 4 Zulu monitors, who do it far better than I ever could, as they understand the local situations far better than I".

Now Phakamisa has expanded to meet different needs. Because of the high unemployment in South Africa, many parents are unable to give their children even the basic education that Phakamisa offers. This led to the development of the wandering teacher initiative. This provides FREE lessons to 250 children of 4-6 years, living in abject poverty. The only criterion for admission to the classes is that the parents are unemployed. The lessons are given, by four women teachers, on the pavements, in gardens or under trees for 2 hours every day. The teacher teaches the children and gives them a sandwich, then 'wanders' to the

PHAKAMISA

A Zulu word meaning
*to work together to uplift and
help each other*

second venue and repeats the process. Each teacher teaches about 60 children every day.

The parents of these children asked for skills training to enable them to

become employed. As a result Adult literacy classes and vegetable gardening training were started. The 34 vegetable gardens are either linked to the Educare Centres or to communal gardens. An agricultural officer assists the programme. Parents who cannot pay the Educare Centre fees work in the garden in lieu of fees. The vegetables go into the school pot and the families use the surplus. This addresses hunger and unemployment in a very positive manner. Basic literacy classes are offered at the church twice a week by volunteers and are given in the townships in the Community Halls or Educare Centres. Phakamisa trains the teachers/ facilitators of these classes, by giving them lesson preparation notes and course material - exactly the same system as the Educare workshops use.

In another initiative, in response to the Aids crisis, a Granny Support Group was started to provide spiritual and emotional support for women caring for orphans. This takes the form of fellowship group meetings. They meet once or twice a week to sew, knit, crochet or do bead work together and to chat and share their lives and the responsibility of caring for orphans who are not necessarily even related to them. This has grown quickly to 44 groups with 407 grannies and approximately 1000 orphans. (Tragically this number changes all the time due to deaths of either parents or orphans!) The Grannies share their problems and joys - they pray for each other and have joyful Zulu worship. A Leader has emerged from each group who comes to Pinetown to discuss the problems of the group and to learn a new skill that can be passed on to others in the group either to provide for the physical needs of their families or to earn some form of income.

More information about Phakamisa is available in their quarterly newsletters at educare@telkom.net



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Gareth Pritchard,
Churchwarden at
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Northchurch draws
inspiration from
unexpected
musical encounters
during a holiday in
France

As this is read, the new school term will have started, Peter Hart will have been installed into the Kew parish, the PCC will have had its first meeting of the vacancy, and the summer holidays will probably seem ages ago! Yet it is being written during a few days of warm sunny weather at the beginning of September, a real 'Indian summer'.

Holidays have taken members of our congregation far afield in this country and abroad, as shown by the postcards displayed in church. Our own jaunt was a family holiday into France where the ambience was most beguiling, including music of very different types. One of our first stops was the town of Beauvais where there is an amazing astrological clock inside the massive church; but equally interesting during our visit was hearing the organ being played by members of a holiday party of American church organists. An overnight stop in Paris included an evening walk in the Left Bank area where we heard and saw a street busker playing ragtime à la Scott Joplin at breakneck speed.

Further south in the Dordogne we visited the bastide town of Montpazier on market day, the central square surrounded by arched covered mediaeval walkways with a colourful market in full swing. There, tucked into a corner flanked by an olive stall and a walnut-oil stall was a trio (electric piano, cello and violin) playing a mixture of folk songs and Debussy 'classics'. A homeward stop in Paris led us to Montmartre where an Edith Piaf look-alike was singing to a portable hurdy-gurdy equipped with a pianola roll, and a band on a 'bateau mouche' played a repertoire including Schubert's *Ave Maria* and 'standards' from Sinatra.

All the music depended on the same notes, the same principles, the same chord structures, but all were very different because of the way these parameters were used. And so it is in the St Mary's congregations! On a wider scale, the way we approach our Christian faith with its inherent responsibilities varies from person to person, yet all are united by a love for and a belief in Jesus Christ as our Saviour. In the closing presentation to Peter at the end of his ministry with us, I mentioned a conversation I had had with a church member from his previous Worcester parish:

'We'll look after him' I had said. 'No,' came the reply 'He'll look after you.' This had soon become apparent during the seven years' tenure of the Rectorship.

As Peter was going to a joint parish in Kew; I suggested that we would remember him because he had preached Christ the King to us, he had Educated us and Evangelised by preaching about the gospel to us, and he had Witnessed for Christ not the least by his Wearing of a priest's collar, by his Welcoming of everyone in church, and his tireless Work whether it be on Deanery Synod, its Pastoral Committee, ecumenical matters for the Diocese, but mainly as a Parish priest, minister, administrator, leader, pastoral visitor and friend.

As a 'visual aid' for Kew, I used a snooker CUE – straight and strong but flexible, though pointing in a prescribed direction. Peter had those characteristics – an ability to lead but also a willingness to listen to others' points of view. A cue applies Newton's Third Law of Motion – 'Every action has an equal and opposite reaction.' When it hits the white ball, it propels it where it needs to go until it hits a coloured ball. The white ball may then roll with the coloured one, or go off elsewhere ready for its next task.

For over seven years, Peter had been single-minded about pointing Northchurch St Mary's in the right direction. He had impinged on each of us sending us along different paths and had travelled with us. But now, like the white ball, he was going off elsewhere. We have tasks still to do here; we have witness still to maintain. Peter however has new tasks to start in Kew: I suggested that he was leaving St Mary's as a Church in which he had United Everyone. In wishing the family happiness in their new environment, Naomi and Imogen were presented with book tokens, and Peter and Beverley with a hand-turned wooden fruit bowl, a framed picture of St Mary's and a cheque by which they could remember us.

So Parish life goes on. There will be changes in the months to come and some challenging questions to answer, particularly concerning the vacancies for priests in the Deanery Parishes and the gradual shortage of priests to fill them. In your prayers, please remember all that Peter achieved, the foundations he consolidated on which we might build, and ask for guidance that decisions which need to be made about the future of St Mary's can be made from an informed background where the needs of our Parish and of our neighbouring ones can all be addressed. ❖

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The Leprosy Mission works to help people suffering from leprosy and touch them with the healing hand of love through prayer, medicine, surgery and rehabilitation.

Please contact me, **Judy Ewart**, (879814) if you can offer donations of cakes, toys, bric-a-brac and so on, or just come on the day.

As the new representative for the Leprosy Mission at St Peter's Church, I will welcome your support, along with Meg Harper and Pat Hearne from All Saints

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Patrick Lepper is not only the Chairman of the Trust's Bike Ride Committee, he is also the Bike Ride Organiser for the Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead Area. On the day of the Bike Ride, he usually cycles to all of the participating churches and chapels in his area - 48 last year - to thank those who are spending the day welcoming riders and recording their visits. This year Patrick decided to encourage the good citizens of Luton to become more active in the Bike Ride and on the Bike Ride day he rode around Luton to thank all those he had encouraged to participate.

He asked your Editor to take on his mantle in the Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead area. He passed his formidable list of participating churches and chapels into my

care and after careful study of maps and street plans, I was ready to set out on the day. I don't think it was cheating to take the bike in the car to Wigginton to start from there at 10.00 a.m.

Fortunately the weather was much brighter than the Met Office had suggested it might be and I had soon crossed the valley of the Bulbourne to Aldbury. From there to Little Gaddesden and Nettleden and over Piper's Hill to Great Gaddesden. Then a complicated route to visit 22 churches and chapels in Hemel Hempstead, but not without losing the way on one or two occasions.

I ate a rather late picnic lunch watching the cricket at Boxmoor before returning along the valley to Berkhamsted and finally, as six o'clock approached, Tring.

I had planned to equal Patrick by continuing out to the villages beyond Tring, ending up at Puttenham, but time denied me and my final tally of churches and chapels visited ended at 42.

It was a lovely day to be cycling in the Chiltern Hills and the welcome at churches and chapels was invariably warm and encouraging. The number of people cycling seemed to be similar to last year when the Trust raised very nearly £90,000 through the Sponsored Bike Ride. Let's hope it will be as successful again this year.

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AEOLIAN SINGERS

Winter evenings will soon be drawing in and with them come the cosy classical concerts most of us love.

The Aeolian Singers, based in Hemel Hempstead, as usual have a meaty programme to offer for 2004/5 and welcome fresh faces to its ranks as well as old and new supporters at the varied performances.

First date for the diary is Saturday October 16th when they will visit the Rudolf Steiner School in Kings Langley. This has proved a popular venue in the past, not least for its ample parking.

The programme is a step away from the ordinary. Spanish Gold! Includes the Misa Criola by Ramirez and a supporting programme with an exciting flavour.

Highlights include works by Victoria, Scarlatti, Bizet and Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

On guitars are **Alison Bendy** and **Gerald Garcia**, flamenco specialists, with **Malcolm Ball**, percussion, **Andrew Earls**, piano and **Nicholas King**, harpsichord. The tenor is **Simon Berridge** and conductor **Stephen Jones**.

The work of **Ariel Ramirez** may be new to British audiences, but this modern composer writes wonderful music, full of Spanish and Latin American folk rhythms.

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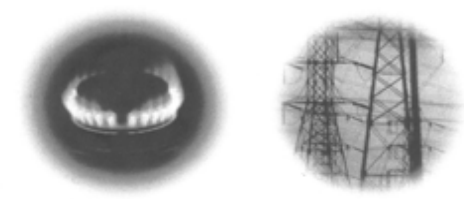
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review services & activities

SUN	<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	Family Eucharist, crèche, Sunday School & Pathfinders (1 st Sunday usually) 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.		
TUE	<i>St Peter's</i>	5:00pm		<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am Morning Prayer (MP)
					9:30am Eucharist
WED	<i>St Peter's</i>	5:00pm	Evening Prayer (EP)	<i>All Saints'</i>	7:30am MP
					8:00am Eucharist
THU	<i>St Peter's</i>	11.00am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am MP
		5:00pm	EP		
FRI	<i>St Peter's</i>	9:15am	Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:00am MP
					5:00pm EP
SAT	<i>St Peter's</i>	5:00pm	EP	<i>All Saints'</i>	8:45am MP
3 rd Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm				<i>Court House</i>
	Contact June Haile (873087), Thelma Harris (865785) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)				
Tue	HILLSIDE GROUP: 8.00pm at 22, Upper Hall Park for bible study.				
	Contacts: Rob & Julie Wakely (875504)				
Tue	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:: 10:00-11:30am <i>All Saints' Church Hall</i>				
	Song Time or Short service as announced. Jenny Wells (870981)				
1 st Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i>				<i>Court House</i>
	Contact chairman Jean Bray (864532) or secretary Joan Gregory (864829)				
2 nd Tue	T TIME KIDZ It is <i>teatime with a difference for 3-8 year olds</i> 3:45 – 4:15 <i>All Saints'</i>				
3 rd Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm.				
	<i>Non-members always welcome.</i> Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)				
4 rd Tues	MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER GROUP: 2:00pm				<i>17 Shaftesbury Court.</i>
	Tell us if anyone needs our prayers. Contact: Jenny Wells (870981)				
Wed	JULIAN MEETING: meets about twice a month as arrngd at Jenny's				<i>57 Meadow Road</i>
	<i>Everyone is very welcome to join us</i> and at Ruth's <i>1 Montague Road</i>				
	Contact: Jenny Wells 870981 or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)				
Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7:00-8:30pm . Jimmy Young (876736)				<i>All Saints' Hall</i>
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				<i>Court House</i>
	<i>New members and visitors always welcome.</i> Contact: tba				
Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Contact Linda Bisset (862115)				
Thu	YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 7-9pm Yr 9+ Jimmy Young (876376)				<i>Court House</i>
Thu	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) (863804)				<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am				<i>Court House</i>
	Weekly meetings with a short service 1st Fri in St Peter's (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				

review diary

Please see page 29 for a full list of regular services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches. A priest is available for confessions by appointment (866161).

October/November 2004

OCTOBER

Fri	1	10.00am	Little Fishes Service <i>Thank you, God, for Food</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
		10.15am	Greenway School Harvest Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sun	3	9.30am	Harvest Festival Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
		10.00am	Anglican/ Methodist Harvest Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
		3.00pm	Hospice Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
<i>(The Service of Wholeness & Healing at St Peter's for 4 October moved to 8pm 27 September)</i>				
Tue	5	10.15am	Chuckles Service <i>Harvest</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
		8.15pm	Parochial Church Council meeting	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sat	9	7.30pm	Bridgewater Band Concert	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	10	6.00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	15	11.00am	Berkhamsted Collegiate School Founder's Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	16	8.00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	The Way Inn
Sun	17	10.00am	Anglican / Methodist Communion – Methodist led	<i>All Saints'</i>
		6.00pm	Leipzig GewandhausChor & Chiltern Chamber Choir concert ..	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	19	10.15am	Chuckles Service <i>David & Goliath</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	20	8.00pm	Deanery Synod	<i>The Court House</i>
Sun	31		<i>Greenwich Meantime returns</i>	
		9.15am	Parish Choral Eucharist for All Saints' Day	<i>All Saints'</i>
		6.30pm	Anglican / Methodist Evening Service – Anglican led	<i>All Saints'</i>

NOVEMBER

Mon	1	8.00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	2	8.00pm	Solemn Eucharist for All Souls Bp Christopher St Albans to preside & preach – Chiltern Chamber Choir will use the Fauré <i>Requiem</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	5	10.00am	Little Fishes Service <i>About the Saints</i>	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	7	9.15am	<i>Family</i> Eucharist	<i>All Saints'</i>
Tue	9	10.15am	Chuckles Service <i>Jonah & the Whale</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	10	8.15pm	St Peter's Area Committee	<i>The Court House</i>
Sun	14	3.00pm	The British Legion Service of Remembrance	<i>St Peter's</i>
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	20	8.00am	ABC Prayer Breakfast	<i>Sunnyside</i>
Sun	21	9.30am	The Revd Canon Stephen Lake will preside & preach	<i>St Peter's</i>
		10.00am	Anglican / Methodist Eucharist – Anglican led	<i>All Saints'</i>
		6.00pm	St Peter's Choir St Cecilia Concert	<i>St Peter's</i>

review registers

Baptisms (St Peter's)

29 August Lewis Ciaran Lavin

Weddings (St Peter's)

14 August Scott Keith Biggerstaff & Michaela Snowdon

21 August Jeremy Frank Foot & Charlotte Elizabeth Hunt

Alastair Ian Higgins & Lai Sze Au

Funerals

20 August Betty Waller

27 August Harold Elliott

4 September Bridget Ann Shacklock

8 September Marguerite Nellie Thompson

Chilterns Crematorium

Garston Crematorium

St Peter's Church (Chilterns Crematorium)

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 Nicola Beadle (874538)

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 first Sunday in the month there is a Family Eucharist when everyone is together for the whole service. Contact Carenza Wilton (875147) or Penny O'Neill (843422) for Pathfinders. Crèche is available at the same times as Sunday school for children under 3. Please contact Vicky Drury (384794)

Youth Groups

The Young People's Fellowship for Year 9 up meets each Thursday at 7pm in the Court House Contact Jimmy Young (876736)

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

T Time Kidz meets 3:45-4:15 on second Tuesdays. It is tea time with a difference for 3-8 year olds. Contact Fr Martin (866161)

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Contacts

The Revd Martin Wright, All Saints House, Shrublands Road (866161) (day off Monday)
 The Revd Prof. Luke Geoghegan (NSM), 16 Gravel Path, (866361)
 The Revd Canon Basil Jones (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road (864485)
 The Revd Preb Stephen Wells (Hon.Asst.Priest), 57 Meadow Road (870981)
 Mrs Christina Billington (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise (385566)
 Miss Marjorie Bowden (Reader), 16 Broadwater (871283)
 Mrs Joan Cook (Reader), The Gardeners Arms, Castle Street (866278)
 John Malcolm (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway (874993)
 Mrs Jenny Wells (Reader), 57 Meadow Road (870981)
 Parish Administration: Mrs Jean Green, The Parish Office, The Court House (878227)
 Stewardship Recorder: Miles Nicholas, 46 Fieldway (871598)
 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) stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk
 Asst. Director of Music: Mrs Jean Wild (866859)
 Organist: Jonathan Lee (0794 1113232)
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
 Thursday 11:00am
 Friday 9:15am
 Evening Prayer Wed Thu Sat 5:00pm
 Holy Days - see weekly Notices
 Weddings, Banns of Marriage, Baptisms, Funerals: **Father Martin Wright (866161)**
Bellringers (St Peter's): Miss Priscilla Watt, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road (863804)

All Saints'

Choirmaster: Peter McMunn (874894) allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk
Sundays
 8.00am Anglican Eucharist only as announced
 9.30am Family Eucharist with Sunday schools, Pathfinders, (1st Sunday usually)
 Sung Eucharist on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
 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.
Weekdays
 Holy Communion: Tue 9:15am Wed 8:00am 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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