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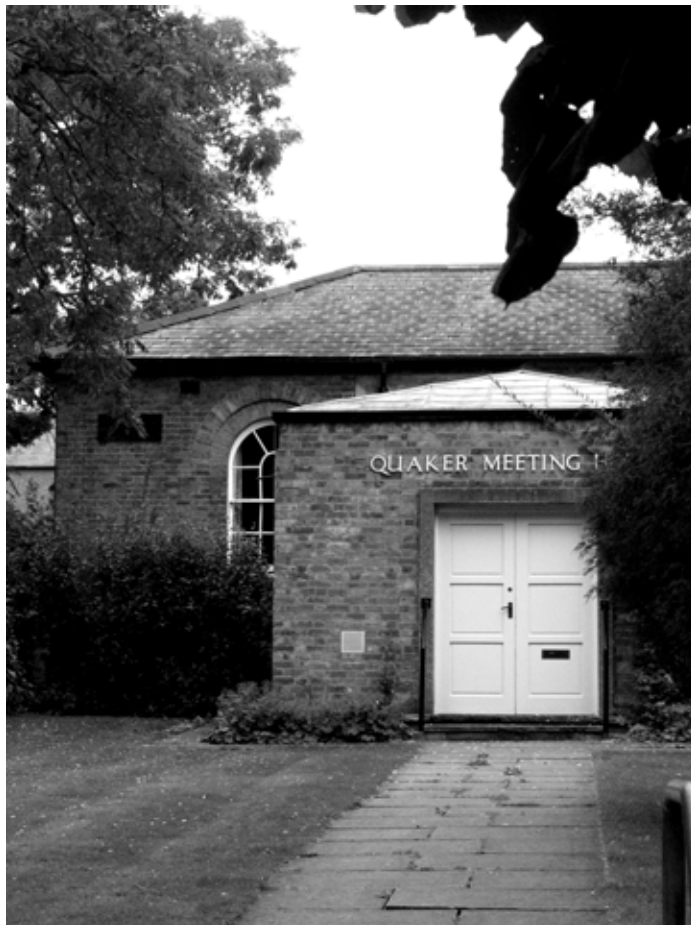
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Welcome to the January 2006 issue of the Berkhamsted review

To all our readers - Best wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

For most of our readers January *is* the first month of the year and 1st January *is* New Year's Day. However, in our multicultural society this is no longer true for all our fellow citizens. The Muslim and Chinese New Years are in early February and the Jewish New Year is in early October. If we take an even broader geographical and historical view, the diversity becomes even greater. In ancient Greece each city-state had its own calendar and chose its own New Year's Day, and in modern India, no less than thirty different calendars are officially recognised. In all this variety, there is however a pattern - a pattern that reflects some of the most ancient concerns of the human race - the pattern of seed-time and harvest, of the natural seasons of the year, marked by the path of the Sun. Our own New Year celebrations, in mid-winter, relate to the winter solstice - the point in the year when our ancient forebears noted with relief that the days were once more becoming longer. The Sun would after all climb up the sky again and warm the Earth.

Christopher Green

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A Gentle Giant, a Holy Man

Fr Basil Jones
recalls Michael
Ramsey

that he referred to **Michael Ramsey**, a former Archbishop of York who had looked forward to the day that a black Archbishop should be at York.

Michael Ramsey has always been one of my heroes and probably did as much as any man on the world scene at the time to end apartheid in South Africa. He was a gentle giant, intellectually and physically and with his beetle eyebrows was the cartoonists dream.

His official biographer was **Owen Chadwick** and to him we owe a great deal for catching something of a holy man who when asked by a rather pert American reporter as to how long he had said his prayers that morning replied

"About one minute. It took me twenty minutes to get through"

There are countless other anecdotes about Ramsey who abhorred small talk unless he was with his students but he impressed most people that he met by his sheer goodness. Probably his best book is the *Canterbury Pilgrim* which I commend to you. It contains some of his sermons. I seem to have lent my copy!

That is not to say that many of our current leaders are not inspirational, but we do need help from every side and a dip into the past will do us no harm at all. The faith is under attack, principally from the secularists and,

The new Archbishop of York, **John Sentamu's** sermon at his inauguration is well worth reading in full but I will leave you to find it if you are sufficiently interested. *The Times* website might help. In his many quotations I was so pleased to see

review leader

as I often say, we need to be prepared to state what we believe.

We enjoy the market place and the cosmopolitan world in which we are set but to balance our lives we must ensure that we are frequently amongst the great cloud of witnesses dead and alive who will strengthen our faith so that we can play our part as His disciples in the redemption of His world. The Christian fellowship and all those with whom we worship are very important. They are vital to us and we to them despite any shortcomings.

To complicate matters even further or to make life more interesting, whichever way you see things, we now have to make up our minds about other faiths. Here again **Michael Ramsey** comes to our aid. When asked in a broadcast television interview in 1971 about other religions he said

"Other religions contain a great deal of truth and have to be revered. The light that lighteth every man. There is something unique in Christianity, and that is God coming in Jesus. And there is something universal that gathers up all that is true in other religions."

To conclude this little piece I can do no better than to chose the inscription that **Michael Ramsey** asked to be placed on his commemorative stone to be placed in Canterbury Cathedral. From St. Irenaeus (2nd Century)

*The Glory of God is the living man;
And the life of man is the Vision of God.* ❖

ED - **John Sentamu's** sermon can be found on:

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Does your spirituality need some “whiz, bang, whoosh”? These were the words on the flier that drew over a hundred MU members in the diocese, including Kathie Lally, Jenny Wells and myself, to a day led by Fleur Dorrell and Jennie Jones of the Prayer and Spirituality Unit at Mary Sumner House.

Through a range of activities they encouraged us to experience new ways of being open to God’s presence and love.

It was 5th November and music from Handel’s **Royal Fireworks Suite** set the scene. Focusing on spirituality required us to think about ourselves, and the first exercise was to share how we felt about the day. Some were interested, others more cautious, some were relieved to have arrived, others guilty at being out for the day. Then we turned to the Bible to read a number of short texts, but to make them personal and own them; e.g. read Genesis 1:27-28. paraphrase it thus, and insert your own name in the space. “*I made you in my own image and likeness and when I made you I saw that you were good.*” For many people this imaginative use of scripture was an eye-opener and brought new insights to God’s relationship with us.

This was followed by an illustrated talk giving the biblical basis for MU’s involvement in social policy and action for justice. Regular readers of this page will know of our support for campaigns like Jubilee Debt and **MakePovertyHistory** that have justice at their heart. The disturbing call for justice in our world is the story of the Old Testament prophets who were the voices of the poor and marginalized. It is the story of Jesus who was unpopular when he

OPEN TO GOD’S PRESENCE

Margaret Burbidge describes a day at Mary Sumner House

challenged the religious leaders of his day and is our story today.

After midday prayers when MU members pray for linked dioceses around the world, we discussed the priorities for MU work in this country. You might

expect marriage to be top, and yes it was, but not for everyone. There was significant support for poverty eradication in families, and parenting and all of this was a good talking point over the lunch time sandwiches.

Refreshed and invigorated, we were on our feet in the afternoon to explore the place of music and movement with sign language in worship. Four different examples were practised and the combined effect of rhythm and music, movement and action was deeply moving. Then to Rembrandt and his famous painting *The Prodigal Son*. The detail of this fascinating work was explored; the hands of the father, the feet of the prodigal, the elder brother and the absent mother. We were taken deeply into the picture and using our imagination emerged the richer for the experience.

The closing worship included the music and movement practised earlier. Then the indoor sparklers in the table arrangement were lit. Their flashes of light whizzed and whooshed in front of us as a sign that our spirituality had been enlivened, not with a bang, but with little flames deep within, to be taken home and shared with others. For that is what spirituality and faith are all about. ❖



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One of the pleasures of rambling through the woods on the Ashridge Estate is to be able occasionally to spot deer, half hidden in the undergrowth. In my experience they group together in clusters of fewer than half a dozen. More often than not they will

spot me before I notice them and when I do catch sight of them they are already staring alertly at me, behind the bracken, quite still and attentive. If I move too quickly or approach too closely they scuttle off and rapidly vanish – their coats make good camouflage. Which is a pity because I always feel that I want to go up to them and stroke their soft coats, which are very seductive.

But there is a dark side to life as a deer in the Ashridge forest. Some years ago, while driving through the Ashridge Estate, on my way to the M1, I hit a deer. By the time I got out of my car and inspected the damage the deer had disappeared – though it may have crawled away into a hedge to die in peace. My car was so badly damaged that I could barely drive it home. The steering wheel was constricted and the engine was dripping oil onto the ground. Ever since I have been very cautious when driving between Northchurch and Dagnall through Ashridge and despite a couple of near misses have had no other collisions.

Even so, I was astounded to learn recently that between 30,000 and 50,000 deer are hit each year across the country, many in the South East. Several hundred human injuries result and there have also been some fatalities. Ashridge is a notorious black spot with one of the highest number of recorded incidents – 120 a year. There are six main species of deer at large in the country: Fallow, Roe, Red, Muntjac, Sika and Chinese Water Deer. Of these the species most likely to be hit by a car is the Roe Deer, although in forests such as Ashridge the Fallow Deer is

Ian Reay's &news &views

Encounters with Deer Ian Reay counts the cost

more commonly at risk. Ashridge has about 800 Fallow Deer and about 200 Muntjac.

This is clearly a problem of animal welfare but also very costly for the drivers involved and their insurance companies. The cost of

vehicle damage alone amounts to about £11 million a year. If you add in personal injuries the figure climbs to over £50 million.

Work has now started to see what can be done to reduce this carnage. Hertfordshire Highways is doing research, centring on the Ashridge Estate, into how deer can be deterred from crossing roads when traffic is about. The most effective means are good fencing and the provision of safe crossing places where that is possible. We should all reduce our speed at deer hotspots; and clearing vegetation at the roadside can increase the visibility for both drivers and deer. Another effective way of reducing collisions, although it may seem to defeat the purpose, is to cull deer and so reduce their numbers. Other measures also being looked at are special acoustic devices triggered by passing traffic and an interactive sign encouraging drivers to slow down when deer are crossing the road. Interestingly though, *high tech* ideas such as using reflectors at the roadside to divert car headlamps into the verge to discourage deer have not proved at all effective.

If you do collide with a deer then *The Deer Initiative* would like to hear from you, as they are building a database of incidents across the country. If you are interested look on the website of the *National Deer Collisions Project*:

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THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

Bill Chadkirk writes

So what of the Quaker Meeting House hidden behind the trees just opposite John's Well Lane? No, it's not a typo ... see later.

Well, the trees are easy enough – they were planted by local Quaker John Lane, whose 19th century market garden now lies beneath the Telephone Exchange, Sorting Office and car park. Yes, the Lane of Lane's Prince Albert apple. The Quaker bit is a little more complicated.



The real name is the Religious Society of Friends (it used to be *Of the Truth* but the latter was dropped in favour of the snappier [!] title a while ago). *Quaker* was a slur (early Quakers were supposed to *quake* with religious fervour) which Quakers adopted as a name – what better way to take the sting from an insult? Quakers refer to themselves as *Friends*. The church was established in 1652 by a Leicestershireman called **George Fox**. Angry at the religious hypocrisy of the time, George developed a theology in which individuals were capable of a personal relationship with God, which he termed '*the Light within*'. Churches (*steeple houses*) and ministers, he thought, actively stood in the way of the *Light* preventing a process of continuous revelation which was God's message for the world. George told his followers "*be patterns and examples in all countries*

places, islands, nations wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone".

Rejection of the church in the 17th Century wasn't a very sensible thing to do, and early Quakers were persecuted. Many died in prison, others were beaten, made homeless or had money and possessions

seized. Not until the Act of Toleration of 1689 did the Society become legal, though Friends were still barred from university, the professions and public office. Being convinced of the potential for the divine in people, Quakers could not swear to tell the truth (to do so would imply lying at other times) or take up arms "*That spirit of Christ by which we are guided is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil, and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know, and so testify to the world, that the spirit of Christ which leads us into all Truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the Kingdom of Christ, nor for the kingdoms of this world*" (declaration to Charles II, 1660).

Now, the Meeting House.

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At its meeting on 13th December, the Parochial Church Council decided the causes to be supported by the Petertide Fair on 24th June next year. This is an important and sometimes difficult decision. The Petertide Fair is a great opportunity for the Church to affirm its outward-looking nature, but there are many worthwhile causes that would undoubtedly attract the support of the wider community so vital for the Fair's success.

As usual the PCC has decided to divide its support between home and overseas causes. At home, the decision was not too difficult. No one in Berkhamsted and the surrounding area can be unaware of the

appeal being made by the **Hospice of St Francis** as it seeks the financial resources to develop a completely new facility on a new site along Shootersway. So, for the 2006 Petertide Fair the *home* cause will be the **Hospice of St Francis**.

Overseas, the parish has year by year given modest financial support to the **Leprosy Mission** which serves the needs of sufferers with this terrible disease in 28 countries. This year the **Leprosy Mission** has a project to develop a centre that will provide resources and care for young people who have been cured of the disease but who are struggling with its after-effects. So, in 2006 the *overseas* cause to be supported by the Petertide Fair is the **Leprosy Mission**. ❖

←p9 The Quaker Meeting House continued

Quakers rejected religious rites, ritual and symbolism of all kinds including traditionally the title of saint. Although the practice has now lapsed, Friends referred to "*John's Well Lane*" and "*Albans*" for St Alban's. Meeting Houses, Berkhamsted among them, are very simple unadorned structures with plain meeting rooms. Friends sit in silence, in an expectant waiting of personal revelation. Anyone present who feels so moved can stand and offer the congregation their ministry and insight into God's will.

Berkhamsted Meeting House was built in 1818 on land purchased for the purpose. It had separate men's and women's meeting rooms and an *elders* gallery. Quakers always emphasised the spiritual equality of men and women, but until the late 19th Century they held separate meetings for church business. Elders were individuals who the meeting considered particularly inspiring. In 1964 the separate rooms in Berkhamsted were rearranged into one large meeting room and a children's room. A new porch was constructed providing (oh, the relief) inside toilets! Since 1818 the meeting has waxed and waned – it closed for a period at the beginning of the 1900s. Currently there are about 25 regular worshippers. Meetings for Worship (Sunday 10:30) are open to all – the curious, the seeking and those who might simply wish to worship in a different way occasionally.

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DOG COLLARS

I don't know what started me thinking about dog-collars recently, but I did, and the more I thought, several quite amusing incidents were recalled to mind.

Normally when we were going on holiday, my late husband, Arthur, abandoned his dog collar for more casual wear. However, one day, when our two daughters were quite young, we were going by train to visit my parents in the south. We were living in Leicestershire at the time and a small second-hand car didn't arrive on the scene until many years later. On this particular occasion Arthur was still wearing his official attire. We had no problem in finding seats quickly - but some passengers arrived late - rushing up and down the platform. To our great amusement they would take one look at the *dog-collar* - and hastily rush away. Did they think Arthur would try to convert them? I remember a few timid souls did finally join us, but we were by no means overcrowded. I have to admit that the *dog-collar* came in handy in a similar way on several other occasions when travelling.

On an earlier occasion, whilst we were living in Yorkshire and had at that time just one daughter, I was visiting a friend who lived in a village within walking distance of our home. As we sat in her delightful front garden, enjoying a cup of tea a cousin of hers joined us. Some time later, above the hedge beside the footpath to the front door, a head and shoulders could be seen - wearing a dog-collar.

'Good God' was the startled cry of my friend's cousin 'It's the b-----y Vicar.' My friend and I fell about laughing - we had been expecting Arthur but we hadn't thought to mention it. The desperate spluttered apologies only made it funnier. And Arthur wasn't a Vicar at that time. He was a Minor Canon at Ripon Cathedral - in other words on the lowest rung of the ladder.

**Muriel Lander describes
their remarkable effects**

The next occasion that I can recall was when Arthur had a spell in hospital in Leicester after a suspected heart-attack.

He was joined in the ward by another patient whose language was picturesque to put it mildly. Arthur was in his pyjamas when the other patient joined him. On the day that Arthur was to come home, he changed into his suit and, yes, of course, his dog-collar. He said that the look on the man's face was excruciatingly funny - and his turn of speech changed dramatically. I'm sure, knowing my husband, that he kept a dead-pan face, but we had a good laugh later.

The last incident that I can recall was when I was a patient at St Luke's Hospital in London - a hospital for Anglican clergy and their families. I got talking to one of the staff one day and she told me that they had an elderly clergyman as a patient who refused to be parted from his dog-collar, even whilst wearing his pyjamas. I never met him, but I can tell you, my imagination ran riot.

I wonder whether any readers of the Review have similar experience of *the dog-collar effect* to share with us. ❖

Written by Children - Some Lively Gems of Wisdom and Biblical Reinterpretation

Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.

The Egyptian's were all drowned in the dessert.

Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.

The proper name for Marriage is
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The choir processed into their stalls, the organ faded and we rose to welcome Bishop Christopher as he was greeted by the Churchwardens. The symbols of the life and worship of the Church were brought forward by members of the congregation. The Bible, to be placed on the lectern. Water to be poured into the Font. Bread and Wine to be placed upon the Altar.

THINGS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL

The Parish welcomes a new Rector

announce publicly his induction, and finally was led to the Rector's stall to be welcomed there alongside his wife, Carolina, and to lead the congregation for the first time as Rector.



Father Michael was presented to the Bishop and facing the congregation declared his assent to the authority of the Church. Assisted by the Diocesan Registrar, in wig and gown, he took the Oath of Allegiance to the Queen and to the Bishop of St Albans.

Kneeling before the Bishop and holding in his hand the Bishop's seal, affixed to the Deed of Institution, he accepted the spiritual care of the parishes of the Team. Then accompanying the Archdeacon of St Albans to the west door and receiving there the keys, he took formal possession of the benefice. He tolled the bell briefly to



Afterwards, clergy, parishioners, and visitors from Father Michael's previous parish in Sheffield and visitors from the villages of the Team gathered for refreshments in the Deans'

Hall of Berkhamsted Collegiate School. Outside, the night was bitter cold, but for Father Michael and Carolina there was a warm and loving welcome. ❖





photographs - Rowena Pike

For three days at the beginning of December it was *open house* at All Saints' as the church welcomed visitors to a Festival of Christmas Trees - the final event in a

TREES IN THE NAVE

A Christmas Festival at All Saints'

year that celebrated the centenary of All Saints' church. Over 2,000 tickets for the event were sold and as children came free of charge, and there seemed to be lots of them in the church at most times, there must have been close to 3,000 visitors in all. They had the pleasure of walking around among some forty Christmas trees, all sponsored by local organisations and companies and beautifully decorated by local churches and charities, in many cases with decorations symbolising the group that

had decorated the tree. As well as the trees in the church there were refreshments in the hall and cakes, preserves and craftwork for sale. During the festival visitors were

entertained at various times by various school and church choirs. On Saturday evening there was family entertainment with music, songs and sketches, and on Sunday evening a Service of Thanksgiving. Over £5,000 was raised towards the improvement of facilities for the disabled at All Saints' and for local charities caring for the homeless. An inspiring event, helping to keep the Church at the heart of the community. ❖

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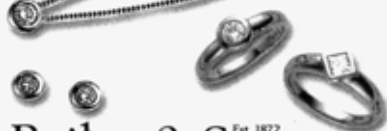




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At its meeting on 13th December the Parochial Church Council decided its priorities for its programme of Outward Giving in 2006. It is perhaps not always realised that the Church, through the Christian Stewardship of its members is able to make useful financial contributions to a number of charitable causes. Each year a decision has to be made about which causes to support. This year twenty causes have been identified and will receive sums ranging from £500 to £3,000 each, totalling £23,500. These sums are additional to the money raised through the Petertide Fair (see p11) or by appeals associated with unforeseen emergencies, which in 2005 included the Asian Tsunami and the more recent earthquake in Pakistan. Some brief details of the charitable causes to be supported in 2006 are set out below.

United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG) - Working in 50 countries worldwide providing training, people and resources for Christian mission.

The Church Army - Working nationally in this country on problems of poverty, homelessness and family breakdown.

Dacorum Rent Aid - Providing a rent guarantee scheme and advice to the adult homeless of the Dacorum district.

The Hospice of St Francis - Aiming to achieve the best quality of life for people with incurable and progressive illnesses. (see page 11)

Hope Africa - Working with problems of poverty, hunger and homelessness in the Diocese of Cape Town in South Africa.

Practical Action - Helping people in the developing world to use local resources to solve practical problems.

Mothers' Union Overseas Fund - Offering training in the developing world; supporting the civil and legal rights of the underprivileged; and promoting craftwork cooperatives.

OUTWARD LOOKING, OUTWARD GIVING

A Caring Church in a Troubled World

The Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association - Supporting religious and charitable work, and work of reconciliation in this strife-torn region.

The Thomas Coram Church of England Middle School - Contributing to the discretionary fund of the School Governors.

The Toynbee Hall Project - Working in Tower Hamlets, the most impoverished of the London Boroughs, to help people there with advice and community resources.

Victoria Church of England First School - Contributing to the discretionary fund of the School Governors.

Diocesan Ordination Fund - Supporting men and women training for ordination in the St Albans Diocese.

The Bible Society - Working to make the Bible heard worldwide.

The Church Housing Trust - Working nationally to provide shelter and long-term housing for the homeless.

Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS) - Providing immediate shelter and longer term accommodation for local adult homeless.

St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy - Providing free medical treatment for Anglican clergy and their families.

The Leprosy Mission - See Petertide Fair on page 11.

The Mission to Seafarers - Offering practical and spiritual help to seafarers of all creeds and nationalities in 300 ports worldwide.

The Parish of Norton, Sheffield - Making a gesture of friendship towards the financially challenged former parish of our new Rector.

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A Year of Living Generously

**The Revd
Jonathan
Gordon** offers
some guidance

This is the time for New Year resolutions and I got some inspiration for mine last summer at the Greenbelt Festival which is held at Cheltenham Race Course and brings together a cross section of

people and groups who are concerned about Christian and environmental issues. One of these groups organised a meeting under the heading of *Living Generously*. The meeting described an experiment by a group of people who had decided that they wanted to live in a different way. The reasons were dissatisfaction with the growing gap between the rich and the poor, the profound sense of unease about changes in the environment, and a desire not just to be consumers, but to do something positive for the common good. The question they posed was - What could a group or community of people do if they acted together to live more generously in the world?

The really good thing about the project was that the suggestions and ideas were down to earth and allowed everyone to be involved. Here are a few suggested examples of living more generously. Turning off the tap when cleaning our teeth; saying "No" to plastic bags; buying presents that make a difference (fairly traded); passing on clothes to charity shops; keeping to the speed limit (uses less fuel); shopping more locally; walking whenever possible; putting a plastic brick in your cistern

(saves a litre of water every time you flush); and when possible switching to public transport. These are just a few suggestions that were given at the meeting.

There is so much in the news at the moment about the ongoing problem of global warming, alongside the plight of millions of people in the poorer parts of the world. At the start of a New Year it is a good time to make resolutions and the suggestions provided by the campaign for living generously provide some good ideas. These resolutions possibly offer us a vision of a world in which we can live in a way that is more aware of our environment, the needs of our fellow citizens in the world, and the importance of using the resources that God has given us in this world for the benefit of others and ourselves. ❖

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Margaret Burbidge
records a successful
District Quarter Peal Day

most of the towers in this area of Hertfordshire, including Great and Little Gaddesden in our Team Ministry, and Northchurch. Over 40 ringers took part, some ringing in just one, and others in up to five!

The opportunity to ring for 45 minutes without a break helps to develop ringing skills and to widen experience. It was a successful day, well-organised and enjoyable on many fronts, but above all it raised over £1,000 for The Hospice of St Francis. The ringers obtained sponsors and through the ringing and the generosity of so many people the day supported a very worthy cause. ❖

What & Where in St Peter's?



Answer next month

Answer to December's What & Where in St Peter's?



A squirrel on the coat of arms of
Thomas Baldwin
in the south transept

News from Victoria C of E First School

Christmas was an exciting time for the children. A group of carol singers sang at All Saints' Christmas Tree Festival, Gossoms End Elderly Care Home, the British Legion and the Retirement Fellowship. There was Christmas dinner for children and staff and mince pies for Governors and each class had a party. KSI children acted and sang in two lovely Christmas plays. The youngest children in KSI performed a Nativity and the elder ones a play called *Sugar Plum Fairy and Elvin the Elf*. In addition the nursery treated us to a performance of *Whoops-a-Daisy Angel*. After the performance a collection was made for the Children's Society to help with their work supporting vulnerable children.

Additionally we are very pleased that we are able to support the salaries of two pre-school teachers in Sri Lanka where we helped fund a new pre-school to replace one destroyed in the tsunami. In December the school received its certificate for being a *Healthy School* in recognition of its work in many different areas.

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LAY READERS

The parish is very fortunate to have the support of four Lay Readers - **Marjorie Bowden, Joan Cook, John Malcolm** and **Jenny Wells**. They regularly conduct worship in our two churches and lead a wide variety of group activities in the parish.

In addition, **Penny O'Neil** is now well advanced in her training as a Lay Reader, and at its last meeting the PCC learned that **Richard Hackworth's** application to train as a Lay Reader had been accepted by the Diocese. The PCC endorsed his application with unanimous acclaim.

BERKHAMSTED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The traditional New Year's Day circular walk will start at 10:30am from the front of Berkhamsted Railway Station.

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INSTALLATION OF FATHER MICHAEL BOWIE

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PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOLS

On Monday 9th January 2006 with **Eva Wallace-Hadrill** at 16 Greystoke Close. All welcome. Further details from **Marjorie Davies** (01949 783034).

THE PARK PLAYERS PANTOMIME

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Saturday 21st and 28th January -
2:00pm and 5:00pm

Sunday 22nd January - 3:00pm

Thursday 26th January - 7:30pm

Friday 27th January - 7:30pm

Tickets £8 (concessions £4) One child under 5 free with full paying adult - from 873491 and ABC Costume Hire, Berkhamsted High Street.

DACORUM HERITAGE TRUST

Tuesday 24th January 2:00pm - come along to the Museum Store in Berkhamsted and see how we record and interpret the heritage of Dacorum. Take a close look at the collections, find out about the local area and discover materials to assist with local history and family history research. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Please e-mail cpeet@dacht2.freemove.co.uk or telephone 01442 879525

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MARKET DATES

Farmers Market 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Sunday 15th January

Sunday 19th February

Sunday 19th March

French Market 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 2nd April

Antiques and Collectibles Market

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SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evensong	
	<i>All Saints' 5th</i>	10:00am Morning worship – Anglican led	
	12 th	10:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led	
	19 th	10:00am Sung Eucharist – Anglican led	
	26 th	8:00am Holy Communion – Methodist led 10:00am Morning Worship - Methodist led	
All services at <i>St Peter's</i> unless otherwise indicated MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer			
MON	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 9:15am
TUE	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 9:30am <i>All Saints'</i>
WED	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 8:00am
THU		EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 11:00am (<i>Fr Michael's day off</i>)
FRI	MP 8:45am	EP 5:00pm both churches	Eucharist 9:15am
SAT	MP 8:45am both churches	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 9:15am
1 st Sun	SUNDAYS TOGETHER LUNCH 12:30pm		<i>Court House</i>
	For anyone on their own on a Sunday.		Contact: Joan Morris (863780)
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)
Tue	ST PETER'S CHOIR Children 5:15 to 6:15pm		<i>St Peter's</i>
	Contact: Adrian Davis (864722) or Jean Wild (866859)		
1 st Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 8:15pm <i>A lively women's group with guest speaker</i>		<i>Court House</i>
	Contact chairman Val Atkinson (866792) or secretary Joan Gregory (864829)		
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		at Jenny's <i>57 Meadow Rd</i>
	<i>All are very welcome at 11:30am as arranged</i>		or at Ruth's <i>1 Montague Rd</i>
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Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7-8:30pm . (yrs 5-8)		Jimmy Young (384929)
			<i>All Saints' Hall</i>
3 rd Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved.		
	Contact Thelma Harris (865785)		
Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays.		Contact Linda Bisset (862115)
Thu	TE'S (Youth club for yr 9+) 7-9pm		Jimmy Young (384929) <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, Adults 7:30-8:30pm.		<i>St Peter's</i>
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3 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers.		<i>Various local churches</i>

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Please see opposite for a full list of services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches.

January / February

January

Fri	6	10:00am	Little Fishes Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
		8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for the Epiphany	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	8	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	9	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Wed	11	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	<i>36 Trevelyan Way</i>
Wed	18	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	<i>The Court House</i>
Sat	21	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches	
			Prayer Breakfast	<i>Northchurch Baptist Church</i>
Sun	29	7:30pm	Mozart 250th Birthday Celebration –	
			Chamber Concert	<i>St Peter's</i>

February

Thu	2	8:00pm	Solemn Eucharist for the Feast of Candlemas	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	3	10:00am	Little Fishes Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	6	8:00pm	Eucharist with Prayers for Healing.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	12	6:00pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St Peter's</i>
Thu	16	7:30pm	Installation of the Revd Tricia Gibson...	<i>Great Gaddesden</i>
Sat	18	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches	
			Prayer Breakfast	<i>Kings Road Church</i>
Tue	28	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council	<i>The Court House</i>

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Baptisms (St Peter's)

27 November Sean Frederic Jarrett, Francesca Rose Malam, Jesse Redd Salterpicco,
Evelyn Alice Smith

Funerals

9 November Raymond Victor Reginald Hicks St Michael & All Angels, Sunnyside

Memorial Service

21 November Mary Wimbush St Peter's Church

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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'

The Anglican and Methodist children meet together on Sundays at 10:00 am as *Explorers*, in four age-groups: *Trekkers* 3-5 years, *Hikers* 5-8 years, *Climbers* 8-10 years and *Pathfinders* 11 years onward. Contacts: for Explorers—Carenza Wilton (875147), for Pathfinders—Penny O'Neill (843422) or Rebecca Judd (865691). Crèche is available at the same time for children under 3. Contact: Vicky Drury (384794).

Youth Groups

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Thank you **Mrs Green** for the Bible Cake recipe that appeared in the December issue of the Berkhamsted Review. I was kept well occupied, during one of my nights of insomnia, searching for the ingredients hidden in the Old Testament (Authorised King James Version) - a book which I confess is not at the top of my reading list!

However, I soon became fascinated and quite carried away with other snippets which caught my eye, including Proverbs 23:1-3. Is this an early guide to correct behaviour on dining out? Also, a little further on, verses 29-32 could possibly be a warning to those tempted to drink too much wine. I enjoyed these 'dips'.

Sheila Newland

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