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Welcome to the December 2006 issue of the Berkhamsted review

Christmas Greetings to our readers. This year our government encourages us to celebrate a *green* Christmas. The *review* offers some seasonal support for that recommendation. The Victoria School Environment Club has compiled an excellent list of practical advice to help us achieve *green* outcomes from our over-indulgent Christmas celebrations. It isn't easy to know what best to do to balance concern for the environment and the welfare of all the Earth's inhabitants. There is plenty of advice on how to change our lives - by insulating our homes, by using public transport and by not driving over to see Grandma at Christmas. We should not forget however that these concerns for the environment are a preoccupation, some might say a luxury, of affluent countries like our own. In Darfur, in northern Uganda and in parts of China, many people are preoccupied with mere survival. Little seems to have changed since that hard journey to Bethlehem. Ordained far away by faceless bureaucrats with scant regard for the ensuing cost and hardship. That great gap remains, between the rich and the poor. The Christmas message is one of joy, but it also reminds us of inequalities that we must strive to overcome.

Christopher Green

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**The Cultivation
of Christmas
Trees**
**Father Basil
Jones** awaits the
unexpected

review leader

There are several attitudes
towards Christmas,
Some of which we may
disregard:
The social, the torpid, the
patently commercial,
The rowdy (the pubs being
open till midnight),
And the childish – which is
not that of a child
For whom the candle is a

I should really leave it there. The poet has said it all in ways so much better than I. But yet I do know what a thrill can still be experienced when you are able to see the wonder in the faces of young children – not necessarily your own. And this is a most powerful emotion.

The Nativity brings before us each year the delight of new birth and the possibility of a fresh beginning for ourselves. It has been my experience or some would say my imagination that something unexpected happens to me every Christmastide. It has the habit of changing my expectations.

May we sing with angels *Glory to God in the highest and peace and goodwill to all* ❖

star, and the gilded angel
Spreading its wings at the summit of the tree
Is not only a decoration, but an angel,
The child wonders at the Christmas Tree:
Let him continue in the spirit of wonder
At the Feast as an event not accepted as a pretext;
So that the glittering rapture, the amazement
Of the first-remembered Christmas Tree,
So that the surprises, delights in new possessions
(Each one with its peculiar and exciting smell),
The expectation of the goose or turkey
And the expected awe on its appearance,
So that the reverence and the gaiety
May not be forgotten in later experience,
In the bored habituation, the fatigue, the tedium,
The awareness of death, the consciousness of
failure,

Or the piety of the convert
Which may be tainted with a self conceit
Displeasing to God and disrespectful to the
children

And here I remember also with gratitude
St. Lucy, her carol, and her crown of fire):
So that before the end, the eightieth Christmas
(By *eightieth* meaning whichever is the last)
The accumulated memories of annual emotion
May be concentrated into a great joy
Which shall be also a great fear, as on
the occasion

When fear came upon every soul;
Because the beginning shall remind us
of the end
And the first coming of the second coming.

TS Eliot

(ED Father Basil celebrated his 80th birthday
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The hall was set out with tables, attractively arranged with chairs around, and the papers for the day tied with colourful ribbons. A warm welcome awaited the guests as they arrived at the Plinston Hall, Letchworth and greetings and introductions were

made over coffee. It was to be a day with a difference; **Time Out** for members and their guests to learn about MU and to enjoy time together. Members brought along one or more *daughters*, people of a younger generation, to hear about MU work today.

The planning had been meticulous. Carefully-prepared prayers opened the proceedings before **Reg Bailey**, the MU Chief Executive began his presentation, **Right Time, Right Place**. He spoke of our history and founder, **Mary Sumner** and how MU keeps faith with her vision in the 21st century by remaining true to its Aim and Objectives. The second speaker, **Sharon Lawton**, spoke on **Quality Time**. Sharon is a member from Broxbourne, has two young sons and recently became an accredited MU Parenting Facilitator. She spoke of her experiences of being involved with parenting groups in her church and looks to starting one soon in a local school. She believed parents valued the opportunity to share stories and found support from each other as they grappled with the ups and downs of bringing up children in an age where quality time was not easy to find.

This brought us to the 12 o'clock slot and time for Midday Prayers. MU has a tradition of stopping at noon to pray for members all over the world. Through the **Wave of Prayer** the dioceses around the world are linked together and prayed for during the year. It was the turn of Mauritius and The Seychelles, Esan and Ikka in Nigeria, Kajiado in Kenya, and Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in Ireland to be remembered on Saturday 14th October. These words at the

A DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Margaret Burbidge
takes time out



end of the prayers seemed especially relevant that day:

*G r a n t u s
understanding minds,
loving hearts and
caring actions as we
enjoy fellowship
together in person
and prayer.*

There was a long break with plenty of time to chat over a delicious buffet lunch before **Jane Groves**, the Joint Head of Action and Outreach at Mary Sumner House spoke on **Doing Time**. She focused on MU work in prisons. There are almost 80,000 prisoners in the country, 4,600 being women, and MU work includes helping at visiting times, being with women who have babies born while they are in prison and supporting families affected by imprisonment. This is an area of society that we often prefer to ignore or leave to someone else.

The day with a difference ended with **Keeping Time ... With God**. We shared in a dramatised poem with beautiful mime, intercessions and songs with a live music group to lead the singing, before joining hands to say **The Grace** together. We had taken time out and been given unexpected insights into MU as an active organisation for good in the world, working with families and where there are many difficulties, and had had the opportunity to share these with our *daughters* and so spread the good news of MU more widely. ❖

The website for those who would like to know more is: www.themothersunion.org

The MU Chief Executive, Reg Bailey, is preaching at St Peter's on Sunday 10th December at 9:30am. Do come and hear more about The Mothers' Union and particularly its work overseas.

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Last year the management of Luton Airport published for consultation a draft Master Plan for the future of the airport. Controversially this draft contained a plan for a second runway some way south of the present one – though called, somewhat deviously, a *replacement* runway. At the same time it declared that, after considering the comments it received on this draft, it would publish a definitive Master Plan *by May 2006*. Nothing, however, has yet emerged except for a statement from the operating company which confirms what has been rumoured for some time: the operating company and land owners, in effect Luton Borough Council, are deep in discussions (i.e. locked in dispute) over how the airport might be expanded. One possible outcome could be a completely new consultation on what would be a new and very different Master Plan. The second runway that was mooted, to widespread dismay, in the original draft Master Plan may now be ditched.

It appears that Luton Borough Council want all, or virtually all, of any expansion of the airport to occur within the footprint of the existing airport – i.e. on property which they own and whose use, therefore, would continue to attract the *concession fees*, which generate for them the equivalent of about £3.20 for every departing passenger. That amounts to around £12m a year – keeping Luton's council tax low. But the operator wants to build a new terminal, and a new runway, on land which Luton Borough Council would not own and from which they could extract a much smaller concession fee for passengers using the airport – or none at all. It is odd that the airport management did not discuss and resolve this issue with the airport owners (an issue as fundamental as the financial basis on which it hoped to expand the airport) well before publishing

Ian Reay's &news &views

Luton Airport A Second Runway?

Ian Reay is unconvinced

their draft Master Plan.

Whatever the nature of the plans which eventually emerge for the future of the airport, they will result in a public inquiry. The outcome of this inquiry would have to be in line with the prevailing government policy on aviation. But the Government has already made clear in its White Paper on Aviation that although it would be happy to see additional runways at Stansted and Gatwick – and there is even talk of a third runway at Heathrow - it does not foresee two runways at Luton Airport.

Meanwhile, the Stern report on the economics of climate change has been published, with dire warnings of the global economic effect of failure to plan for climate change. A little earlier, the Oxford Environmental Institute, a highly respected group, also published the results of a piece of research which clearly outlined the fundamental lack of coherence of Government policies on climate change and on aviation growth in particular. Their report, *Predict and Decide*, was given good coverage on both radio and TV at the time. Its most striking single conclusion was that if Government wants to do anything effective to align aviation policy with environmental policy and to combat global warming, it should immediately apply measures to curb the growth in low-cost aviation and to apply a planning presumption against any further airport expansion.

Luton Airport seem to have been out of touch with public opinion on noise pollution, out of touch with their land owners on the financing of expansion, out of touch with government policy on airport expansion and out of touch with the growing understanding of the effects of low cost flights as a contributor to climate change. How out of touch can you get without being completely in cloud cuckoo land. ❖

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The service celebrated the 267th anniversary of the day on which King George II signed Thomas Coram's Royal Charter thus establishing his *Foundling Hospital*. Thomas Coram, the Patron of the school was said to have established the world's first incorporated charity,

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helping destitute children.

Rob Halls, Deputy Headteacher of Thomas Coram, who directed the preparation of the service, said that: "Through readings, poems, music and

prayers, the service will encourage the pupils of Thomas Coram and their families to be inspired by the rich heritage of the school and of one man's pioneering work to help others."

A collection was taken at the end of the service to support the work of The Coram Family (formerly The Thomas Coram Foundation for Children). ❖



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Baptisms (St Peter's)

22 October Oliver James Rupert Cranston, Isabelle Grace Cranston

Weddings (St Peter's)

21 October Mark Ian Hasted & Natalie Jean Souter

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St Peter's Church (Chilterns)

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Future A statement of need

Introduction

Like all parish churches, St Peter's needs to look outward in order to serve more effectively the needs of worshippers and of the wider community.

The location of the church and the Court House in the heart of Berkhamsted provides the opportunity to do this. The need is to maximise the potential of these buildings to affirm the Christian message to the people of Berkhamsted and to visitors to the town.

To become more effective the parish needs to re-shape the use of these buildings, to provide more flexible worship spaces and performance areas, to provide an accessible and welcoming contact point for the general public, to provide adequate vestry and storage spaces and to provide an efficient administrative centre.

Specific needs and proposals are set out in the following paragraphs under the headings:

1. Community, Office and Storage Space
2. Worship and Gathering Areas
3. Vestry Space

1. Community, Office and Storage Space

To look outward and to have a higher profile within the community, the parish needs to have a more lively presence in the church itself, not just

on Sundays but every day.

At present the Parish Office is accommodated in the Court House on the upper floor with its principal access by stairs at the back of the building. The office is relatively small with limited storage space. The work of the office is expanding in response to the requirements of the new Team Ministry and to meet ever-increasing expectations in terms of production standards for routine worship material and administrative documents. This growth is reflected in the recent decision of the parish to take on a second member of office staff. A consequence of these developments is the need for a larger office space.

The location of the present office is completely unsuitable as a contact point for members of the general public interested in finding out more about the life and work of the church, its history and the help and advice it can provide across a range of practical and spiritual issues.

The creation of an administrative centre within the church building offers very great potential advantages, in terms of accessibility to the wider community, the provision of a larger office space, improved oversight of security within the church, and the release of storage space within the Court House.

Experience in the existing office demonstrates very clearly that in an office development within the church building, the administrative function of the office must be separated from any

possible outreach function.

Against this background, the proposal is to enclose the most westerly bay of the north aisle, including the space within the aisle now occupied by the gallery, and to create office space at both ground and gallery level.

2. Worship and Gathering Space

The Lady Chapel and North Transept form what is perhaps architecturally the most beautiful space within the church. This space is used both for worship and for small-scale performances. About 70 people can be seated in this space as presently arranged. For both worship and performance there would be great advantages if a more flexible arrangement could be adopted. At present the flexibility of this space is limited by the existence of a low raised platform in the north-east corner of the Lady Chapel and by the fixed position and form of the altar which is

bolted to the platform.

To achieve greater flexibility in the use of this space, the proposal is to remove the platform and to introduce a smaller, movable altar. This would have the added advantage that a movable altar could be used on occasion in the adjacent crossing to allow west-facing administration in the main body of the church. (The 17th century tomb slab that forms part of the present altar could be accommodated in the more easterly recess in the south wall of the St Catherine Chapel).

In the context of re-ordering the Lady Chapel, a strong case can be made for moving the Aumbry from its present position in the St Catherine Chapel into the Lady Chapel.

The present Aumbry is too small to take any of our usual ciboria and indeed very much at all; ideally it should be large enough to take a flagon of consecrated



The Lady Chapel

photo: Tony Firshman

wine in addition to a couple of ciboria. It is also inconveniently located for our present Sunday arrangements - an Aumbry in the Lady Chapel would allow consecrated elements from Sunday morning to be reserved there after Communion, which would be an advantage on many Sundays.

The Lady Chapel is now also the usual location for the celebration of the Office on weekdays (and most Sunday evenings), for which the presence of the Sacrament would be a welcome focus, and an Aumbry would be a convenient addition if more weekday Eucharists are to be celebrated there (as it is hoped the new arrangements would allow). In its present location the Aumbry is also quite difficult for visitors to the church to find (our visiting preacher in Holy Week asked, after being here three days, whether we had the Sacrament reserved in St Peter's!). A position for the Aumbry to the south of the more northerly window in the east wall of the Lady Chapel is felt to be the most appropriate. The old Aumbry would be a very suitable repository for the Oils.

The South Transept is at present an almost completely unused space within the church. It has the potential to provide a gathering space adjacent to the south door, to serve as a generous children's area close to the focus of worship and to act as a small exhibition area for both Church and community interests.

To make use of this space it will be necessary to remove the existing pews and to provide improved floor covering.

Improved lighting is needed in both the North and South Transepts and in the Lady Chapel.

3. Vestry Space

St Peter's is very fortunate in retaining a strong musical tradition, represented in regular worship by a robed choir that includes a large and enthusiastic group of junior choristers - both boys and girls. The training that the junior choristers

receive and the social activities associated with the choir form a significant element of the church's work with young people.

The present choir vestry at the west end of the old chancel is completely inadequate as a robing area or for the storage of robes and music. Various proposals have been considered to overcome these problems, including the robing of the junior choristers in the North or South Transept, enclosure of the South Transept as a choir vestry, the conversion of the St Catherine's Chapel for this purpose and the provision of storage space in the St John's Chantry for choir music.

All the needs of the choir could be met by the enclosure of the most westerly bay of the south aisle to form a choir vestry. Such an enclosure, if it included in addition a room at gallery level, would balance architecturally the proposed office development in the north aisle and would provide a valuable meeting space with modern facilities within the church. Development of the south aisle as a choir vestry and meeting room would release space in the old chancel and allow the relocation there of domestic arrangements which might be lost in the redevelopment of the west end.

When redevelopment of the west end of the church is explored more fully it may be appropriate to consider the provision of a toilet with disabled access. At present the church is served by toilets in the Court House and this provision does not include disabled access.

To summarise, the proposals are for:

A more flexible arrangement of the Lady Chapel and North Transept

The creation of a more useful space in the South Transept

An architecturally balanced development of office, vestry and meeting space on two floors at the west end of the North and South Aisles. ❖

My first visit to Africa, let alone Uganda. I was visiting the new diocese of Masindi-Kitara, which is supported by the Berkhamsted Deanery. I was accompanied by **Roger Turner**, a former reader at Little Gaddesden and now the International Relations Officer of the new diocese. We had a three hour drive from the airport at Entebbe to reach Masindi. Most of the way was on the road to the north, then the last 40 miles on what was in effect a wide farm track, with plenty of bumps.

A great welcome awaited me.

The Masindi diocese is not yet two years old. **Bishop Stanley Ntagali** (who many of us locally have known for several years) is building up a team to lead the diocese. Like much of Uganda, the area is poor. Most of the parishes are in the country with subsistence farming and the families living in traditional huts. I went with the bishop to one village for a confirmation service. We were given an ecstatic welcome with the traditional greetings including dance and music. At

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The Revd John Kirkby
spends a month in Uganda

the service, I was invited to say a few words in response to the welcome I was given. These had to be translated into the local language of Runyoro.

The Church of Uganda is extremely well supported with people but because of the financial state of the country it needs financial support from outside. The Masindi diocese has the additional problem of being new. It does however have the structure both to lead and care for the 200 churches in the diocese and to be the means of practical support which is needed. During my stay, one village parish encountered problems that led to many having to leave their homes. The diocese was able to provide some much needed immediate

relief with food.

The land around Masindi is fertile and the climate, not too hot and a good supply of rain at the moment means that food can be grown. The church owns a lot of land which is being developed and more that could be the subject of development programmes. The population of Uganda is young which will mean an even more rapid growth in the next 30 years.

There are major problems in Uganda.



HIV/AIDS has decimated a whole generation. Many children are orphans being brought up by grandparents or other members of their family. Some children have been left to care for themselves. A lot of children die before they are five years old because of malaria and dysentery (caused by bad sanitation). The civil war in the north and conflict in the Sudan have created a refugee problem. The country is still recovering from the Amin/Obote era. For the last 20 years Uganda has been governed by President Museveni. He has attracted a lot of justifiable criticism, but he has got Uganda on the road to recovery.

Not far from Masindi is the Murchison Falls National Park. I spent a day there and went on a boat trip down the Victoria Nile. We saw plenty of hippos who chased us away, a family of elephants, crocodiles and plenty of birds. The lions and giraffes I think were asleep! As we travelled in the car through the forest we saw many baboons and chimps. This could become a magnet for tourism - and they have struck oil not far from Masindi, but probably only enough to meet Uganda's needs for ten

years.

My stay lasted a month. I learnt a lot very quickly. I took part in Sunday worship in the cathedral and some of the parishes, preaching, addressing the clergy at a seminar, and in one village baptising five babies. The Ugandans made me feel at home. They have a simple but profound faith. They are dedicated and their worship is alive with spontaneity. The Church of Uganda is in a significant position being both revivalist and having a strong structure to channel the enthusiasm. They have many resources of faith and people, but they will continue to need support financially from outside for several years to come. I would like to thank all those who supported me for this visit. It was very worthwhile.

John has written a longer report on his visit to Uganda. If you would like a copy, contact him on jvmkirkby@aol.com and he will e-mail it to you. ❖

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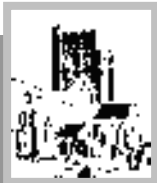


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Who is the Greatest?

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There is a very interesting programme on television called *Supernanny*. It has been the subject of some controversy recently, but *Supernanny's* task is to sort out toddlers or young children who have got completely out of hand. The

programme shows the stress on the parents and how the children have taken control of the household. The parents rant, shout and usually break down, but despite their best attempts the children still misbehave, are extremely rude to them, attack other children, go to bed when they dictate and generally rule the roost. *Supernanny* comes in and restores order, routine and loving discipline. Usually peace and harmony is restored and the parents are given a new framework for bringing up their offspring. Whilst, the programme deals with extremes of bad behaviour, there is still enough realism and humour to allow you to connect with the parents and even the children. The programme made me think about how Jesus behaved as a toddler and why in his teaching he used children as role models for being one of his followers. Especially, given the fact they can have a tendency to run riot and rule the roost.

The friends of Jesus in the Gospels often argued amongst themselves about who was the greatest. They may have argued, that *I was called first or I am a better speaker or I am better with people*, or even *I am the eldest*. Whatever, the context of their deliberations, the issue to be sorted out was *rank*. So Jesus takes a small child and says: *whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all*. The important thing for a disciple is to become more like

Jesus, who did not go lording it over people, but came among us as *one who serves and gives his life as a ransom for many*

I had an interesting conversation recently about why Jesus used the example of children and we were wondering what attributes Jesus saw in children that he wanted to bring out. We identified trust and openness to whatever is around them as important. Certainly trust is a vital attribute for a disciple. It is the antidote for fear and anxiety, and the most common command used by Jesus in the Gospels is *do not be afraid*.

However, one aspect of this passage that I think leads to misunderstanding is the suggestion that what Jesus liked about children is that they should be disciplined and passive. The Victorians have a great deal to answer for! We will soon be singing Christmas Carols, such as, *Away in a Manger*, in which we sing, *little Lord Jesus no crying he makes*. Likewise, in *Once in Royal David's City: Christian children all must be, mild, obedient, good as he*. These carols reflect an era when children were seen and not heard, and were quiet, respectful and acknowledged the wisdom and authority of their elders.

However, anyone who has watched *Supernanny* or observed children at close quarters will know that children are not usually passive and docile; they are imaginative, resourceful, and very stubborn, allied with a fierce sense of right and wrong. The most common words heard around children are often *"that's not fair."* Also, to a greater or lesser extent they are competitive and don't like losing. (I didn't anyway!)

Possibly the Victorian image has taken control of the church and the example of

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children for adults has come to mean that they should be passive, uncomplaining and even be told what to think and do. Yet, in the Gospel, Jesus responds to the disciples' internal debate over who is the greatest with the words: "*whoever wants to be first must be last of all.*" Jesus recognises that the disciples have a desire for prestige, recognition and achievement. He does not condemn them and tell them that they are really selfish, or completely miss the point. Rather, if they want to be first they should strive to be first in the things that really matter. Jesus seems to be saying if you want to be first, that's okay, but it depends what you want to excel in. It is a good desire if used correctly.

So Jesus gives us all a new definition of greatness. Greatness is not defined by power, money or physical appearance. Greatness is defined by being a servant and by true discipleship. It is defined by the ability to forgive and think of others. It is defined by a desire to love and serve

others. It is defined by the ability to trust God. It is a long process and in the Gospels the disciples do not even come close, but what really matters is the desire to move forward and a heart that is willing to respond. I hope and pray that the celebrations of Christmas will give us all the encouragement to take another step along this path. ❖

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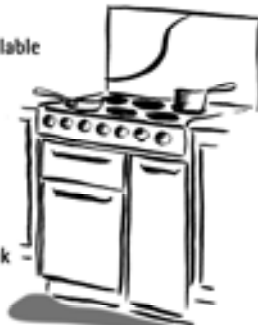
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Thu	HOME GROUP: 8:00pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays.	Contact Linda Bisset (862115)
Thu	TE'S (Youth club for yr 9+) 7-9pm	Jimmy Young (384929) <i>Court House</i>
Thu	BELLRINGING: 8:00pm Priscilla Watt (Captain of the Tower) (863804)	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	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>
	Contact: Adrian Davis (864722) or Jean Wild (866859)	
3 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers.	<i>Various local churches</i>

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Please see opposite and below for services at St Peter's and All Saints' churches.

December/January

December 2006

Fri	1	10:00am	Little Fishes Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	3	6:00pm	Advent Carol Service.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	4	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	5	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service: <i>Daniel and the Lions</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Sun	10	7:30pm	Berkhamsted Choral Society concert of Seasonal music and readings.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	12	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service: <i>Christmas Story</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Tue	12	8:00pm	Parochial Church Council meeting.....	<i>The Court House</i>
Wed	13	7:30pm	Berkhamsted Rotary Carol Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	15	9:15am	Thomas Bourne Eucharist	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	16	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	<i>St Michael's, Sunnyside</i>
Sat	16	7:30pm	Berkhamsted Music Society Exaudi concert of medieval songs, etc.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	17	9:30am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Nativity	<i>St Peter's</i>
		10:00am	Holy Communion & Children's Nativity – Methodist led	<i>All Saints'</i>
		6:30pm	Christmas Carol Service	<i>All Saints'</i>
Mon	18	7:15pm	Thomas Coram School Carol Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Wed	20	12noon	Thomas Coram School End of Term service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	23	7:30pm	Chiltern Chamber Choir The Messiah with Mozart orchestration.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
			<i>See below for details of Christmas services at St Peter's and All Saints'</i>	
Tue	31	11:50pm	Bellringing - to ring out the old year and ring in the new.....	<i>St Peter's</i>

January 2007

Fri	5	10:00am	Little Fishes Service	<i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	8	8:00pm	Eucharist with prayers for healing.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	9	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service: <i>Jairus' little girl</i>	<i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	10	8:00pm	St Peter's Area Committee	<i>The Court House</i>
Wed	17	8:00pm	All Saints' Area Committee	<i>tba</i>
Sun	14	6:00pm	Choral Evensong.....	<i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	20	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast	<i>King's Road Church</i>
Tue	23	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' service: <i>The friends who broke the roof</i> ...All Saints'	
Sun	24	8:00am	Eucharist	

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services..... *St Peter's*

24 th	9:30am	Sung Eucharist
	4:00pm	Children's Carols, Procession & Blessing of the Crib
	11:30pm	Procession to the Crib & Midnight Mass of Christmas
25 th	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:30am	Procession of Gifts to the Crib & Sung Eucharist

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services..... *All Saints'*

24 th	10:00am	Sung Eucharist – Anglican led
	4:00pm	Children's Carols & Blessing of the Crib
25 th	10:00am	All age Morning Worship with Communion – Methodist led

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