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**Welcome to the December 2007 issue of  
the Berkhamsted review**

Christmas, more than any other great festival of the Church, has about it still the semblance of the pagan festivals it superseded and absorbed. Notable among them was 25<sup>th</sup> December, the date in the Roman calendar of the winter solstice - *Natalis Solis Invicti* - *Birthday of the Unconquerable Sun*. This significant date was adopted in the fourth century as the date of Christ's Nativity and so remains today. How we mark Christmas in our homes owes more to the festival celebrated by Romans on 17th December - *Saturnalia*. This was enjoyed with feasting and exchange of gifts. At Christmas, the gifts and the feasting remain, especially the feasting. Listen to the words of the carols. *Fill the mead cup drain the barrel*. The turkey, the mince pies and the mulled wine are all there. - *The boar's head in hand bear I* - in place of the turkey, which wasn't introduced into Britain until the sixteenth century. *We all like figgy pudding, so bring some out here* - surely the mince pies; and *Our wassail cup is made of the rosemary tree* - undoubtedly the mulled wine. No other season has this profusion of comestibles with their suspiciously pagan antecedents.

**Christopher Green**

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## Meeting St Athanasius

**Father Michael  
Bowie surprised  
in Venice**

# review leader

In Venice recently I was struck by the numbers of famous Christian corpses one comes across there. And bodies are important at Christmas: Christmas is about bodies and God caring about us enough to become

embodied. St Mark's body, of course, is unavoidable – proudly displayed under the high altar of the Aladdin's cave that is San Marco.

But when we visited last Easter I also came upon the body of St Lucy in the church of St Jeremiah – Lucy who was martyred in 304 at Syracuse in Sicily and whose feast, because her name means *light*, is our Christian feast of lights (her feast is 13<sup>th</sup> December – the darkest time of the year). The Venetians, as good at trading in relics as in everything else, removed her from Syracuse for *safe keeping* several hundred years ago and Venetian children ask *her*, not Saint Nicholas (*Santa Claus*, Feast 6<sup>th</sup> December), for their presents.

During our October visit I happened into the Church of San Zaccaria, near San Marco. Zaccaria is Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist and husband of Elizabeth, the cousin of the Virgin Mary. And, to my immense surprise, there he is, behind glass in a splendid baroque tomb on the south side of the church. But, not content with this *coup*, the church of San Zaccaria has also managed to nab the body of St Athanasius of Alexandria, one of the greatest leaders of the early church – a Bishop, writer and preacher of great integrity, known for holding fast (*contra mundum* - *against the world* it was said by his contemporaries) to the faith in Christ as both divine and human. Perhaps to show that they are one up on San Marco, the parish of San Zaccaria placed Athanasius and Zechariah one above the other over an altar for pilgrims to venerate.

Such veneration is increasingly unpopular

nowadays. We modern, rational people are supposed to be embarrassed by our credulous and superstitious ancestors. If we do believe, we try to make as little supernatural fuss as possible. I think that is a loss.

Athanasius, whose remains I surprised myself by meeting, fought and suffered for our belief that Christ was not just a man, but also God. Which brings me back to why bodies are important at Christmas. Because without that connection between God and us Christmas doesn't really do anything for us. The most important thing about Christmas is that God was interested in us as bodies, as physical people; interested enough to share the experience, even to die. It reminds us that Christianity is not about some far-off spiritual realm, but about how we live, and are happy, and suffer, every day.

I wondered briefly if these two saints had been housed one above the other because together they represent both the human credentials of Jesus (Zechariah being Jesus' uncle by marriage) and faith in his divinity (for which Athanasius suffered so much). I suspect it is much more likely that they were the two best corpses that church could get hold of. Gruesome yes, but very honestly human as well, in a transparent and urgent desire to find some way of getting closer to the God who came so close to us that you couldn't see the join.

If God did that, we can be equally close to him. And all the popular Christmas stuff – the carols and the nativity plays and the cards and the presents and the food – that's all about the same sort of physical life and need for something more than ourselves as buying saintly remains or going on pilgrimage to venerate them.

I hope you really enjoy your Christmas – including all those good bits – and that you find time for God as well. And as you do that, because God cares about us as bodies, think about those whose bodies are not nourished or cared for and give something in support of homeless people here or hungry people in Africa. ❖

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## NOT ALL GRANNIES KNIT

I have a book called *Not All Grannies Knit*. Well, not all MU members are Grannies but I have come to the conclusion that many of them are pretty good knitters!

It was our turn in Berkhamsted, to lead the Deanery Autumn Worship this year.

It had been suggested that members in the diocese should knit blankets and jackets for premature babies in hospital, and so this seemed a good theme for our worship. Our theme was to be **Hands**.

Hands do so much of the work for God and for his church and in this case our hands could be producing something very worthwhile for these tiny little babies. Square blankets are needed for the babies to lie on whilst they are in incubators and incredibly small hooded and sleeveless jackets are needed to keep them warm.

We made sure that the other branches in our Deanery had a copy of the hospital-approved patterns for these and soon the click of needles could be heard throughout the deanery. We intended to make this the focus of our worship - all branches contributing.

Many like me hadn't knitted for years, but felt inspired to contribute.

To my horror the sizing of knitting needles had changed and I had given away all my old ones! Panic! Whatever was a metric size 8? Fortunately a friendly shop keeper

Jenny Wells takes up her needles



helped. I should have to buy 4mm needles (*now you know!*) Soon I was getting to be quite an enthusiastic knitter. These little garments took no time to make and by the time October 16<sup>th</sup> came I

had quite a pile of them.

The day for our Worship afternoon arrived and at All Saints' Church we were joined by members from Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Northchurch, and Tring and all added their garments to a display in the centre of our circle. Soon all we could see were piles of knitting in lovely pastel colours. It was quite a sight.

**The Revd Janet Ridgeway** received everything on behalf of the Diocesan MU Hospital Project and told us a little about the project. Then we joined in worship together and soon voices were raised to sing *Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of your love* in the hymn *Take my life*

Hymns, bible readings, quotations and prayers; all mentioned *hands*, and in a meditation we were encouraged to consider our own hands and all they had done since we had been born. Finally we listened to a reading from Isaiah 55 and enthusiastically joined in singing,

*And the trees of the field shall clap their hands and you'll go out with joy!*

Then we joined hands for the Grace and went out with joy for tea and cakes. ❖

## review registers

### Baptisms (St Peter's)

14 October Charles Jacob Bowyer, Terri Susan Tina Chandler, George James Hastings Doyle, Amelia Charlotte McMurray Montague, Charlotte Ruby Smith.

### Weddings (St Peter's)

6 October John Fraser & Christine Hunter

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This year preparations for the Christmas Lights were thrown into doubt because of new Health and Safety rules which threatened to cancel the traditional Christmas Tree and other decorations in Berkhamsted.

Health and Safety rules have recently become so risk averse that we are no longer able to live normal lives – or at least what we all thought were normal lives until somebody decided that they were far too dangerous. There have been several examples reported recently which seem totally absurd. For example, in Bedfordshire, firefighters were banned from using their ladders to take down the festive bunting from Ampthill's Gala Day because it was deemed a health and safety risk. In previous years, firefighters helped remove decorations in the centre of Ampthill after the Gala Day. The deputy chief fire officer in Bedfordshire said: *It sounds like the world has gone mad.* Firefighters will climb ladders to rescue people from burning buildings but not to remove bunting after a festival. A property maintenance job is covered by standard Health and Safety rules which the fire service has to abide by. That would have meant closing the road and using a platform to reach the bunting. Unfortunately, the fire service was concerned that if they did that people might ask why they are paying firefighters to use top level rescue equipment to remove a few flags, when a local contractor could do the job just as well.

In April, a school in Stockport banned pupils from wearing ties, because they could be too dangerous. Instead, children were required to go to school wearing a clip-on tie, or no tie at all. This provoked an online tie retailer to jokingly advise people that they should also beware of wearing a tie in strong winds or near closing lift doors, and should avoid complicated knots because of the risk of Repetitive Strain Injury.

## Ian Reay's &news &views

### Totally Absurd

**Ian Reay scans new  
Health & Safety Rules**

Last February it was reported that the noise levels (presumably caused by the cheers of enthusiastic supporters) experienced by football players at three football grounds (Fratton Park, Old Trafford and Anfield) were often above the

noise threshold of 90 decibels, which meant that players might have had to be given earmuffs to protect their hearing under Health and Safety at Work legislation. Presumably the spectators did not need to wear earmuffs because they weren't *at work*.

The Berkhamsted story is in a similar vein. It had two elements: the tree and the decorations. The tree was in danger because the Health and Safety rules (which seemed to come anonymously from nowhere) required that a barrier was needed around the tree at a distance of 2 metres so that no one could inadvertently (or *advertently*) touch the lights and, by a stroke of misfortune, thereby electrocute themselves. Because of the width of the pavement this would mean that the passageway would be completely blocked and passers-by would need to step into the road – arguably more dangerous still. A compromise was eventually agreed and we will have the Christmas Tree as usual after all.

The Health and Safety problem with the decorations was that the brackets that hold up the lights had to be tested to ensure that they could take the weight of the lights and cables. Each bracket might have had to be individually tested. Testing them all would have taken a long time and cost thousands of pounds. Fortunately, the Health and Safety gurus had decided that this was only necessary for permanent structures (not temporary ones - although why that should make a difference is not clear) and because the decorations were classified as temporary we were let off that particular hook. ❖

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... at the Battle of Trafalgar? For two hundred years the fact (or legend) has persisted that Benjamin Ludgate, who lived in Tring, was actually on board Lord Nelson's flagship *HMS Victory* during this momentous event in British history. So strong is this conviction, that in 1960 Tring UDC elected to name a road in a new development in his memory.

If the story is true, Berkhamsted has an equal claim to Benjamin as he was born in the town and baptised at St Peter's church in December 1770. The records also show that he married **Phillis Jones** at Berkhamsted in April 1799. Their first son, John, was baptised at St Peter's in March 1800, and after a gap of thirteen years a second son, Thomas, was born.

In the interval between the births, Benjamin may have been at sea. If he was, he did return to the area to set up a barber's shop in Tring High Street. In *Pigot's Trade Directory* of 1823 and 1825, **Benjamin Ludgate** is listed as *Hairdresser*. Three years later, he was dead and his son Thomas took over the business.

That Benjamin plied his trade as a hairdresser is not exciting, but far more so is the fact that in various accounts, we are told he *dressed Lord Nelson's hair and wigs* and *was Lord Nelson's servant*. At the time of Benjamin's death in 1828, a note in Tring Vestry Minutes quotes - *Ludgate, the barber, died suddenly. He*

## BENJAMIN LUDGATE

Was he or wasn't he....  
**Wendy Austin** asks the question




**HMS Victory**

*was on board Victory at the battle of Trafalgar, being tonsor to Lord Nelson, and attending him in that capacity on the morning of the great battle. As he was often fond of telling customers 'after I had powdered his Lordship, I went and powdered the enemy'. This last implies that he was certainly aboard the Victory and assisted in firing the broadsides which demolished the French fleet.*

Two years ago, at the time of the celebrations to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, I decided to research this story and to establish definitely that it was true. The first source was obviously to consult the *Trafalgar Roll*, which lists every man on board every ship involved in the action. This drew a blank - no *Ludgate* was shown. Rather disappointed, I tried several other sources with no success. So the Anniversary passed without it being possible to claim that Tring and Berkhamsted had a tiny connection to the great event. If anyone in Berkhamsted can contribute anything further to the story, I should be grateful to know.

What can be verified by the *Trafalgar Roll* is that two men with links to Tring were at the battle. Henry Harding, a Royal Marine, was on board *Victory*. He survived and was awarded the Naval General Service Medal; and Captain William Stanhope Badcock, who later lived at *Drayton Lodge*, served as a midshipman on *HMS Neptune*. ❖



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The concert, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, attracted a full house at All Saints' Church and raised nearly £2,100 towards the school's recently completed £550,000 new building, which will be officially opened by the **Right Revd Christopher Herbert**, Lord Bishop of St Albans on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Internationally acclaimed classical singers Phillip and Kathryn were accompanied by pianist and composer **Shaun Lyon**, also from Berkhamsted, for the one-off programme of musical favourites, which included the "world premiere" of Shaun's *My Delight and Thy Delight* setting words by **Robert Bridges**.

The audience enjoyed a range of more than twenty songs, catering for every

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An Evening of Opera and Popular Song  
A school governor writes



musical taste. Some were light-hearted - the *Papageno*, *Papagena* duet from *The Magic Flute* and *Nous Avons Fait Un Beau Voyage* from Hahn's *Ciboulette*.

Others were hilarious – *The Saga of Jenny* from Weill's *Lady in the Dark* and *Show Me!* from *My Fair Lady* and still others movingly beautiful – *I Have Dreamed* from *The King and I*, *L'Heure Exquise* by Hahn and *Tonight* from *West Side Story*.

*We got so much pleasure from working together for such a worthwhile cause* said Kathryn. *We've had masses of fabulous feedback from people who came, we're delighted to have*

*topped two grand and we're truly indebted to parent Governor **Cathy Salmon** for the enormous amount of hard work she put into organising the event and making it such a success.*

**Anna Brown**, head teacher at Victoria, said: *We are so grateful and appreciative of the time and effort Kathryn and Phillip put in to provide such a wonderful, memorable evening's entertainment - £2,100 is a fantastic total.*

*The Governors have now exceeded their original fund-raising target of £42,500, which is great, but the building project has also exceeded its original budget and we're waiting for final costings before we know how much still needs to be raised. We hope it won't be too much!* ❖

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As I get older, I'm looking forward with less enthusiasm than I used to. It seems that everything is changing so rapidly

and we don't seem able to do anything about it. The last time I can remember a similar feeling was at the time of the *Cuban missile crisis* in the early 1960s, but at least at that time we had a lot of good things going on. The music was fantastic, the fashions different and even the economy was doing well. We had our own Town Council and we seemed to be in control.

What brought about this change? I think it was the sudden realisation that we have to go cap in hand to actually do anything. I was at a meeting in mid-October and the one thing that stood out was everyone applying to someone else for funding to do something in our town - Our Town!

There were representatives from various statutory bodies who are going round the country attending other meetings to find out how to obtain funding to pay for projects that our elected representatives wanted to do in Our Town.

This *system* has to be wasteful and undemocratic and I know it can cost thousands to make a case, as anyone who has been involved in trying to get lottery funding will testify. It appears that funding is available from so many *quangos* that the Borough Council even appointed a highly paid officer to fight his way through the funding maze and naturally, he was *good value for money*, but nobody seems to question why it has to be this way.

A good example was the *By-pass enhancement project* where Berkhamsted was one of six market towns that had highway project students given a free rein to do what they liked – and they did. All funded by the

## COMMUTER BELT?

**Norman Cutting** worries about our changing town

Department of Transport. Only, no funding was put in place either to finish the job or to correct the errors. In our case,

the highway lighting at the eastern end of the town was never finished and County have no money to complete it – amongst all the other silly defects such as the town centre pavements and *pedestrian crossings*.

The current town improvements are planned to include assorted additional housing which is self funding, improved parking facilities which somehow *need* a larger supermarket to fund them, a *Town Square* which evolved from a 1960s plan (I told you it was a good period) that got buried by our Town Council in a pile of faceless concrete, and an attempt to improve the town's biggest asset – the Grand Union Canal.

The Canal & Riverside Partnership (CARP) has been revived by our new Town Council, but the canal is seen as a place of leisure. I'm afraid I see it as a mixed-use facility with non-perishable freight being an ideal development. As even Sainsburys and Tesco are running pilot freight schemes, is it as far fetched as you think?

We have immigration at a high level, we have houses lying empty, but we build new ones, we have the imminent closure of the local hospital were I was born, without a suitable replacement being built, motor vehicles are *parked* everywhere, the police are generally invisible and the town has changed from a market town with a variety of employment opportunities to being part of the commuter belt. And young people still say the same as I did - there's nothing to do! I'm feeling a bit better now - something hasn't changed!





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Whilst preparing my response to the plans for the improvement of the High Street/ Water Lane/ Wilderness/ Greenefield Road area I was reminded of an

earlier attempt at improvement for very much the same part of the town. Had this earlier grand scheme come to fruition how very different would have been the scene today!

The First World War, the 'war to end all wars' had come to an end. The general desire in Berkhamsted was for some form of appropriate memorial to those who had sacrificed their lives and as a tribute to all those who had served their country. On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1919 a public meeting was held to consider this.

Already before the end of the War Mr. Edward Greene of the Hall had purchased the derelict brewery of Locke & Smith in Water Lane and some adjacent premises for about £4,000 and offered to give part of this property to the town and the remainder to Berkhamsted School as part of a Town Improvement Scheme, which he submitted to the Urban District Council.

A second public meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1919 produced the following recommendations.

1) The Moor should be extended to include the whole area between the canal, Mill Street, Lower King's Road and Greenefield Road, which at that time was in private ownership. The council offered to take this road over as part of the scheme and to extend it to Mill Street.

2) A war memorial was to be erected on the extended recreation ground, possibly taking the form of a bridge over the Bulbourne.

3) The old brewery, on the site now occupied by Costa Coffee, Waterstones and part of the car park, would be

## PLANS FROM THE PAST

**Jenny Sherwood** describes an opportunity missed

demolished and the site would be used for public buildings.

4) The slum area between the Wilderness and Water Lane would be demolished, leaving an

open space.

5) After the acquisition and demolition of the brewery stores, stables and Adelbert House, the sites would be added to the recreation ground. The wharf near the station should be preserved as an open space.

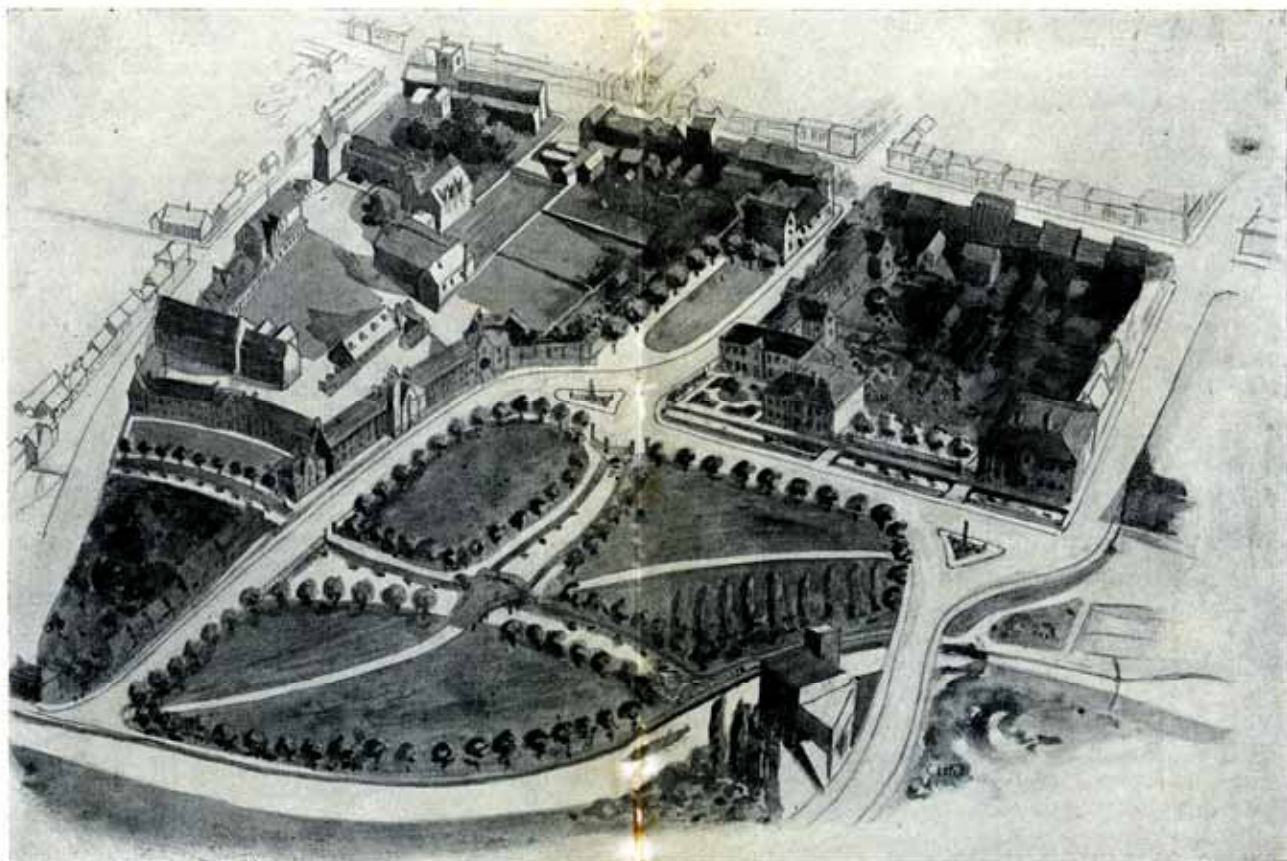
**Edward Greene's** offer to give the brewery site, two cottages and a shed in the Wilderness was added to by other benefactors. Earl Brownlow at Ashridge was ready to grant a 999 year lease of the meadow adjoining the Moor, and to sell the freehold of the brewery stores and Adelbert House. **Mr and Mrs Berlein**, of Cross Oak, offered to provide an infants' welfare centre in Water Lane in memory of their two sons killed in the War. Also in Water Lane, **Sir Richard Cooper**, of Ashlyns Hall, wished to build a technical school or some other memorial to his father. **Mr David Pike** offered to buy and present to the town the old Baptist burial ground, for it to be used as an open space in memory of his son killed in the war. Additionally, the Urban District Council promised support up to a penny rate to purchase and demolish slum property in the Wilderness, to convert the site into an open space and to take over and make up Greenefield Road.

In spite of these generous offers and the council's backing there was a shortfall of some £9,000 and the Committee appealed for help from the public, *to make this memorial one of the noblest in the country, and one which will permanently benefit the town and add to its beauty.* An appeal booklet was printed by Messrs G Loosley and Son,

➔ p19



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Now that the Hospice of St Francis is well established in its spacious, purpose-built premises at the far end of Shootersway, some of those who were involved in the foundation of the

Hospice back in the 1970s and 1980s were invited to join Pam McPherson in a reunion there. We had a tour of inspection and then a service in the chapel at which the names of co-founders of the Hospice who have since died were read out. It was a touching moment, particularly for those who were there from our parish, as such a large proportion of those who were involved in the early years of the Hospice were fondly remembered members of St Peter's and All Saints' congregations. This is the list:

**Sister Basil SSF, Helen Bayes, Joyce Blackley, Eileen Brown, Sheila Burnell, Father Campling, Enid de Chair, Sister Christopher Lawlor SSF, Ann Cook, Bill**

## HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS

### A Reunion

John Cook writes

**Down, Gladys Fenner, Eileen Fisher, Stuart Fisher, Bessie Gascoigne, Cyril Goodwin, Jeannette Griffith-Jones, Mavis Haile,**

**Bill Hawkins, Phil Hawkins, Bill Hill, May Kempster, The Revd Arthur Lander, Beryl Langley, Cyril Langley, Dr Jean Meyer, Joan Morwood, Geoffrey Pike, Gladys Pike, Grace Pike, Jim Pullen, Vera Pullen, Wyndham Roberts, Angela Russell-Smith, Harry Sheldon, Joan Sheldon, Joan Sutcliffe and Alan Wilson.**

Then the reader added: *Along with those whom we have remembered by name, we give, in equal measure most grateful thanks for everyone, living and departed, who in any way gave of time and substance to the founding of this place.*

It was a very moving experience. ❖

### ←P15 Plans from the Past

free of charge, showing the proposed plans. Water Lane was to be widened with public buildings on the west side; there was to be a tree-lined lawn in the Wilderness; new school buildings lining the east side of Mill Street; a fine boulevard from the top of Mill Street to Lower Kings Road; a large recreation ground with shady paths and a fine bridge in the middle.

Subscriptions could be paid to the Hon. Treasurers, G.E. Morrow, Esq., (London County Westminster and Parr's Bank Ltd.) High Street, Berkhamsted, and R.E. Webb, Esq., (The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited), High Street, Berkhamsted.

The Committee attempted to impress on the people of Berkhamsted the importance of this opportunity for the town. *Berkhamsted is not a rich community, and its opportunities in the past for dealing with its slum problems have not been great. These problems are not the problem of yesterday - they come down to us from the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> century. The area of marsh and desolation, which at present is between Mill Street and the Lower King's Road, is not only provocative of illness and*

*disease, but ....must directly affect the health and welfare of the inhabitants.*

The appeal booklet continues with the following statement, which could equally be applied to this same area today. *...this area is the very heart of the town, the first spot gazed at by the casual visitor. The very worst impressions are gathered therefrom. Everybody wants to make Berkhamsted a better place to live in, a more attractive spot for resident or visitor.*

In spite of this exhortation to the people of Berkhamsted they did not respond sufficiently to raise the required sum. The scheme lost its impetus and no action was taken. The sole outcome of this grandiose scheme was the War Memorial erected on the High Street in close proximity to Water Lane. Thus what could have been of permanent value to the town was lost together with the chance to ease the post-war unemployment problem.

In the very different climate of today, when so many decisions are outside the control of the Town Council and the people of Berkhamsted one wonders what will be the outcome of these new proposals. ❖



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### **Gifts and Surprises**

**The Revd Jonathan Gordon writes**

## *review* Northchurch & Wigginton

On the Amazon website you can make a wish-list of books and other items that you would like to receive as a present. Then you can e-mail this list to your family and friends so they can send you a gift you know you will

want. As a system it has the advantage of making sure that you receive what you want, but it takes away any possibility of surprise and evades the philosophical question of whether what you think you want is what you really need.

At Christmas we will be celebrating a great gift. In the words of the prophet Isaiah: *unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given*. The Bible story tells us that many people looked forward to the day when the Messiah would be born and had clear ideas of what this person would be like. Some hoped that they would be given a new king or military ruler in the model of King David, who would set in place a popular revolution that would remove the Romans from the land. There would have been others who believed that they would be given a religious leader who would stay out of politics and provide inspiration and renewal from within. With the birth of Jesus both these groups did not receive the gift they wanted. What they were given was a king, but someone who was completely different from other worldly rulers. They received someone who was powerful, yet whose understanding of power was intimately bound up with humility and being the servant of others. The gift they received was not what they wanted or expected. However, it was the gift that they really did need.

This is one of the reasons I would not use the wish-list idea on websites. Partly because the surprise factor in a gift makes it more enjoyable, yet alongside this is awareness that the unexpected gift can be more helpful and beneficial. Sometimes what you think you really want can turn out not to be the case.

There are many skills which are required to be a faithful Christian and one is the ability to be surprised by the gifts God gives us. Sometimes we experience challenges and difficulties that we certainly don't wish for. I would be last person to speak of such difficulties as *gifts*, and yet, by the grace of God even some of our worst difficulties can be transformed and seen as gifts. I have heard people speak of cancer as a gift. It was certainly not something they wanted, but through the grace of God, even something so difficult as this, drew their family closer together, brought out the best within them and drew them closer to God.

At Christmas we receive God's greatest gift, the gift of the Christ child. To receive a gift at Christmas is integral to the celebration, yet it is far better if this gift can take us by surprise. That's what happened to us at Bethlehem in the gift of the Christ child. We got our hearts' desire, but not in the form in which we expected, or even wanted it. We got a baby. In a world that worships power, success, prestige, and raw force - we got a baby - vulnerable, gentle, meek and mild. And when that baby grew up, he became for many even less of what they wanted or expected. He spoke biting, challenging words to the religious establishment. He welcomed outcasts. He overturned many of the conventional notions about who God is and what God wants. He calls us forth from our smug securities toward a life of high adventure. ❖

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## CONFERENCE ON CHURCH GROWTH

Vivien Dottridge reports

13th October by St Michael and All Angels' Church, Sunnyside - with delicious refreshments! It started with coffee and a welcome, followed by prayer and worship songs - which set a relaxed, receptive atmosphere. Then the four speakers were introduced:-

**Jeffrey John**, the Dean of St Albans; **Jeremy Martineau**, expert on rural church communities; **David Bracewell**, evangelical minister and **Steve Croft**, promoter of *Fresh Expressions*

We were fascinated by their talks and I summarise a few key points below.

Jeffrey John spoke chiefly about the importance of the main Sunday Communion service. This should be consistently good, inspiring worship, mystery and transcendence, yet horizontal - encouraging inclusiveness and togetherness. Jeremy Martineau spoke about how rural communities can be encouraged to get more involved with their church. David Bracewell emphasised the importance of passionate personal belief and commitment to Jesus as Lord and warm sincerity in communicating this to others. Steve Croft gave ideas for the existing worshipping church to meet people where they are eg in sports

activities, coffee bars and pubs. We then had group discussions about the talks.

Lunch was followed by another short worship session, then Open Question time in which each speaker joined in answering questions from the floor. The Conference finished with prayer and we departed, uplifted by the fellowship and with lots of food for thought.

Considering the speakers came from such different traditions, there was a wonderful cohesion about the conference, summed up in the words *If God says "You can" we must not say "You can't"!* I felt that all Christians were being encouraged to grow, by developing a living relationship with our Lord and being involved in trying to spread His Kingdom. House groups, Bible studies, with good commentaries or notes all help. Leaders should encourage and support each person, not just the more able, to develop their gifts - both practical and devotional - in worship and mission. Regular family services are also important, with opportunities to involve young people in all aspects of worship - Maybe in Berkhamsted, we could have more united youth activities. Keywords which I found helpful were - **transcendent, vision, relationship, commitment, adaptable, together in mission.**

Many thanks to all concerned for this conference! ❖

## review notes&notices

### COWPER SOCIETY

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 7:30pm in the Court House - *Behind the Scenes at the Museum* - a talk by **Dr Lucilla Burns**, Keeper of Antiquities at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. Retiring collection in aid of the St Peter's Organ Appeal.

### BERKHAMSTED MUSIC SOCIETY

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# *review* notes&notices

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## TUESDAY CLUB

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At our meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, **Doreen Hedges** gave us a talk on Basic First Aid, and what a good teacher she proved to be. Her instructions were clear and concise, our interest and attention held by amusing on-the-spot illustrations and best of all even the most reluctant of us were cajoled into having a go at bandaging, stemming blood flow and dealing with unconscious bodies! The evening was an excellent demonstration of putting into practice the well known theory of education: *I hear, I forget; I see, I remember; I do, I understand.*

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## DACORUM LIVE

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Thursday 6th December at 8:00pm at the Civic Centre - **Eliza Carthy** - Winner of seven BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards plays with her three-piece band. Tickets £13/£11 from box office 228091, Civic Centre, or at the door.

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## BERKHAMSTED LOCAL HISTORY AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

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Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8:00pm in the Civic Centre a talk on *British Involvement in the American Civil War* by **Andrew Houseman** (until recently manager of *Bookthrift*). Visitors £2.50 at the door.

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## ALDBURY SINGERS

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Sunday December 9th, 2007 at 7:30pm Christmas Concert in the village church of St John the Baptist, Aldbury. Carols traditional and new, with the chance for the audience to join in some old favourites. There will also be festive music by the South Heath Wind Quintet. All welcome - retiring collection for charity.

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# review notes&notices

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## HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS EVENTS

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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 4:30pm at the Hospice - *Light up a Life* - Annual ceremony to remember loved ones. To dedicate a light, take a form from St Peter's

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 8:00pm

Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted. All welcome.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Swimathon - Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre. Proceeds to St Francis and Iain Rennie Hospices. Details from Adrienne Reed (07855 295 554)

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## FRIENDS OF ASHRIDGE

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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 10:00am at the Ashridge Monument Visitor Centre - Craft Fair - Christmas shopping and seasonal music. All welcome. No charge.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December** at 10:00am from the Ashridge Monument Visitor Centre - Ramble - A chance to walk off that Christmas excess and at the end some wine and mince pies. Booking essential (851227) Members £3 their children £1.50 Visitors £4 their children £2.

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Discounts available for school and youth group bookings. Call **Amy Lazzarini** on 01923 257464.

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## DACORUM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 3:30pm in the Centenary Hall, Berkhamsted Collegiate School Kings Campus - Tchaikovsky Nutcracker Suite, Haydn Toy Symphony and other seasonal music. Conductor **Thomas Loten**. Tickets £10/£7 U16s free from Berkhamsted Arts & Crafts, Ticket Secretary 863830 and at the door.

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## BERKHAMSTED & DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 7:45pm at Newcroft, Berkhamsted Collegiate School, Mill Street - *Looknig at local Roman Villas* - a talk by **Dr David Neal**. All welcome. £1.50 at the door.

## December

SUN	<i>St Peter's</i>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evensong
	<i>All Saints' 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	8:00am Holy Communion - Methodist led 10:00am Morning Worship - Methodist led
	9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Sung Eucharist - Anglican led
	16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am Holy Communion - Methodist led
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am Morning Worship with children's nativity - Methodist led
	24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm Crib Service - Methodist led 11:30pm Midnight Communion - Methodist led
	25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am All Age Worship followed by Holy Communion - Methodist led
	30 <sup>th</sup>	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 7:30am	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 6:00pm
TUE	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 9:30am <i>All Saints'</i>
WED	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 8:00am
THU		EP 5:00pm Eucharist 11:00am ( <i>Fr Michael's day off</i> )
FRI	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm <i>both churches</i> Eucharist 9:15am
SAT	MP 9:30am <i>St Peter's</i> MP 8:45am <i>All Saints'</i>	EP 5:00pm Eucharist 10:00am

3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT VISITORS GROUP 7:45pm	<i>Court House</i>
	Contact June Haile (873087), Angela Morris (866992) 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 (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	TUESDAY CLUB 7:45pm <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 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	MOTHERS' UNION: meets in members' houses at 8:00pm.	
	<i>Non-members always welcome.</i>	Contact: Kathie Lally (863526)
4 <sup>rd</sup> 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 57 Meadow Rd
	<i>All are very welcome at 11:30am as arranged</i>	or at Ruth's 1 Montague Rd
	Contact: Jenny Wells (870981) or Ruth Treves Brown (863268)	
Wed	PATHFINDERS GAMES CLUB 7-8:30pm . (yrs 5-8)	Jimmy Young (384929) <i>All Saints' Hall</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT Lunch at 12:30pm for those who have been bereaved.	
	Contact Sylvia Banks (871195)	
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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 (875674) or Jean Wild (866859)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers.	<i>Various local churches</i>

# review diary

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

## December/January

### DECEMBER

Sat	1	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents – Gaudeamus choral concert..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	2	6:00pm	Advent Carol Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	3	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents - Dr Lucilla Burn, Keeper of Antiquities at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge - <i>Talk on life at the museum</i> †..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	7	10:00am	Little Fishes Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	8	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents – Andrew Arthur Organ recital † ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sun	9	7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents – Berkhamsted Choral Society <i>Christmas concert</i> .... <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	11	10:15am	Chuckles Toddlers' Service <i>Christmas Story</i> ..... <i>All Saints'</i>
		8:00pm	Parochial Church Council..... <i>The Court House</i>
Wed	12	7:30pm	Rotary Carol Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Fri	14	9:15am	Victoria School <i>Thomas Bourne</i> Eucharist ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Sat	15	8:00am	Association of Berkhamsted Churches Prayer Breakfast..... <i>Sunnyside</i>
Sun	16	9:30am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Nativity ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
		6:00pm	Choral Evensong..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	17	2:00pm	Swing Gate School Christmas Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
		7:15pm	Thomas Coram School Carol Service..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	18	10:00am	Chuckles Christmas party ..... <i>All Saints'</i>
Wed	19	12 noon	Thomas Coram School End of Term service ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
		2:15pm	Victoria School Service of Nine Lessons & Carols ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
		7:30pm	The Cowper Society presents - Chiltern Chamber Choir JS Bach Christmas Oratorio ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	24	4:00pm	Children's Carols, Procession & Blessing of the Crib <i>St Peter's</i>
		11:30pm	Procession to the Crib & Midnight Mass of Christmas ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Tue	25	8:00am	Eucharist ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
		9:30am	Procession of Gifts to the Crib & Sung Eucharist ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
Mon	31	11:50pm	Bellringing – to ring out the old and ring in the new year ..... <i>St Peter's</i>

### JANUARY

Sun	6	9:30am	Sung Eucharist for the Epiphany ..... <i>St Peter's</i>
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† in aid of the organ appeal

Registers are on page 5

## review factfile

### 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 Carolina Bowie (864194) 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

TEs for Year 9 up meets each Thursday at 7pm to 9pm in the Court House Contact Jimmy Young (384929)

Pathfinders games club meets 7:00-8:30pm each Wednesday in All Saints' Hall. Contact Jimmy Young (384929)

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## General

**The Revd Dr Michael Bowie**, (Team Rector), The Rectory, Rectory Lane (864194)  
(day off Thursday)  
**The Revd John Pritchard** (Curate), 6 Severns Close (870016) (day off Tuesday)  
**The Revd Prof. Luke Geoghegan** (NSM), 16 Gravel Path, (866361)  
**The Revd Canon Basil Jones** (Hon.Asst.Priest), 17 Lochnell Road (864485)  
**Canon Anthony Lathe** (Hon Asst Priest), 15a Kingsdale Road (863115)  
**Christina Billington** (Diocesan Lay Minister), 13 Ashridge Rise (385566)  
**Marjorie Bowden** (Reader Emeritus), 16 Broadwater (871283)  
**Joan Cook** (Reader), The Gardeners Arms, Castle Street (866278)  
**John Malcolm** (Reader), Landswood, Shootersway (874993)  
**Jenny Wells** (Reader), 57 Meadow Road (870981)  
 Parish Administration: **Jean Green**, The Parish Office, the Court House (878227)  
 Stewardship Recorder: **Miles Nicholas**, 46 Fieldway (871598)  
 Churchwardens: **Chris Hunt**, 11 The Firs, Wigginton (822607)  
**Philippa Seldon**, 1 Fieldway (871534)  
 Deputy Churchwardens: **Peter Bryant**, 36 North Road (871680)  
**Tracy Robinson**, 36 Trevelyan Way, (863559)  
 Parochial Church Secretary: **Pat Hunt**, 11 The Firs, Wigginton (822607)  
 Council: Treasurer: **Michael Robinson**, 36 Trevelyan Way (863559)

## St Peter's

Director of Music: **Adrian Davis** (875674) <http://stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk>  
 Asst. Director of Music: **Jean Wild** (866859)  
 Organist: **Jonathan Lee** (0794 1113232)  
 Weddings and Funerals,  
 Banns of Marriage and  
 Baptisms: **Fr Michael Bowie** (864194)  
 Bellringers (St Peter's): **Priscilla Watt**, 11 Cavalier Court, Chesham Road (863804)

## All Saints'

Choirmaster: **Peter McMunn** (874894) <http://allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk>  
 All Saints' is an Anglican / Methodist Local  
 Ecumenical Partnership.  
 Methodist minister: **The Revd Paul Timmis** (866324)

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