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**Welcome to the April 2008 issue of the
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During March, not only an earthquake but storms sweeping in from the Atlantic across the British Isles with torrential rain and wind speeds of 80 mph - first along the south coast and then across northern England. We were lucky in Berkhamsted with the most severe conditions to the south and then to the north. Despite the prophets of doom, severe weather conditions, let alone earthquakes, are uncommon in Britain, and when they come, we seem to revel in them. There is almost an air of ritual about the images - the waves pounding the genteel promenade at Sidmouth, the high tide lapping against doorsteps in Teignmouth, the toppled chimneys, the roofs askew, the gleaming BMW crushed beneath a fallen tree. Our reactions to storm and flood depend very much on how we are affected. Anxiety as the wind thrashes around our home; dismay as the slates clatter off the roof. But, unless our souls have died, a sense of awe as nature gains the upper hand and we can only watch; and if we are wise be thankful that our home is sturdy and our livelihood untouched by storm. The poor in this world don't have this luxury.

Christopher Green

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The Lord is risen:
He is risen indeed,
Alleluia.

The Revd John Pritchard writes on sharing our faith.

review leader

It was Maundy Thursday evening. I was about 11 years old and running home from church, having been to service. I burst into the house and found my mother at the kitchen sink preparing vegetables.

"It's true, it's true" I said. *"What is?"* she asked. *"Jesus! He died and then was alive again, it's true!"* *"That's nice dear"* was the reply as she continued to peel vegetables.

Amidst confusion, uncertainty and doubt, life appears (from my experience) to be punctuated with moments of conviction and certainty. **Donald Rumsfeld** said, *"As we know, there are known knowns. There are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns. That is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns, the ones we don't know we don't know."*

I think God fulfils the role of being a known unknown. This supports our understanding that it's in the nature of God to be revealed, though not necessarily fully understood. It is in the revelation of God in scripture, prayer and in our daily experience of each other where we can glimpse that *greater purpose* which is God. My experience at the age of eleven was one of those few moments in life where God made sense. For a moment in time I could say, *Yes! I believe*, or, *Now I know*. Having taken that experience with me, I suspect it wasn't long before I reverted to questions and doubts.

Hopefully we share in a faith which concerns itself with integrity and truth, a faith where we seek the very best for each other. This is the faith which allows us to share in those moments of conviction as well as those of doubt. That doubt however, shouldn't stop us sharing in a faith which can be our community's response to God.

Thomas famously questioned the risen Christ, so we are in good company.

St Peter's - or Pete's as it is known on Facebook - is the place where many people come together and share in the community's worship of God. We do this for a myriad of reasons: It's what we ought to do. It's where we meet with friends. Coming to church helps in the formal education of our children. And - This is where we seek the Risen Christ. Please add your own reasons if you can.

Whatever our motivation in sharing in this activity of our community, when we proclaim *The Lord is risen*, the response *That's nice dear* isn't sufficient. If you are anything like me, the Resurrection is something I acknowledge and believe in, but often struggle to understand. If I share in the faith of the community, I know I can trust that somewhere there is a conviction that I might not know myself, but can participate in. So the response, *He is Risen indeed, Alleluia* is not about me, but about our shared faith, experience and hope.

As Easter has taken place, the body of the church, that is you and I, the people of this town, have come together to meet with the *Head* member of our religious activity, and that is Jesus Christ. How we understand him, his death and Resurrection will no doubt raise as many questions as it will satisfy. This shouldn't stop us in believing in the great purpose of God which is to call us together as a community to give thanks and praise, irrespective of what we can do, or what we can believe. It is essential for those of us who inhabit this place to look to the visitor or stranger, and when they participate in our religious activity we do not say, *That's nice dear!* but when they proclaim *The Lord is Risen*, with confidence our shared hope and faith in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, we respond confidently saying *He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.* ❖

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In 78 countries across the world, Action and Outreach is the *coal-face* of The Mothers' Union. This is living out its mission, particularly to *promote and support married life, and help those whose family life has met with adversity.*

Reading the pages of the spring edition of our magazine *Home and Family*, reminded me of the wide variety of Mothers' Union project work and just how effective members are at *action and outreach*, and a few examples are given below.

Since 1992 Mothers' Union in Gloucester Diocese have run a Money Advice Service, and during those 15 years there has been a constant flow of clients. The problem of debt has not diminished. It can hit anyone at any time and has become a significant issue for university leavers and young couples. The clients are offered a listening ear, sound advice and absolute confidentiality, all of which demonstrate in a practical way the love of God to people whose lives have met with adversity. Derby Diocese Mothers' Union, with Churches Together in Derbyshire, held a non-commercial wedding fayre, displaying reasonably-priced examples of all the items and information needed for the Big Day. Many couples were surprised to discover it was possible to arrange a wedding without breaking the bank and yet have a very special and memorable day. A member from Sheffield diocese rode her bicycle 450km across the Sinai desert, raising £6,000 for the Mothers' Union *Away From It All* holiday scheme, enabling needy families to have a much-needed break.

There is Action and Outreach overseas and this recent item from Iraq tells of the commitment of members in that troubled country. The branch at St George's Church, Baghdad, on one of the most dangerous

AT THE COAL-FACE

Margaret Burbidge describes
MU Action and Outreach



streets in the city, distributes food to hundreds of people. Members work in children's homes and have plans to establish a medical clinic at the church. In January, I wrote of the project for Mothering Sunday, *Make a Mother's*

Day. This is action and outreach in two ways! Those buying gifts learn about and support The Mothers' Union and then help a mother in this country or overseas whose life is tough. In 2007 the campaign raised over £133,000. Perhaps it will be even more this year!

On Saturday 12th April there will be an opportunity to hear more about Action and Outreach at home and overseas at a meeting in the Civic Centre, Welwyn. The Family Life programme in Uganda will be featured. This aims to improve the quality of family life, particularly of the poorest people by giving them knowledge, skills and confidence to face the challenges of their daily life. A speaker from Christian Family Care in this diocese will tell of its work, which has been supported by the Mothers' Union since the Women's Refuge opened in Bedford in 1976. The meeting is open to everyone and tickets cost £5 including a packed lunch. If you would like to go, please contact the Mothers' Union office in St Albans on 01727 858979.

Everything done in the name of the Mothers' Union is undergirded by prayer, and the inspiration of our founder **Mary Sumner** comes to mind when thinking about Action and Outreach. Her personal prayer begins *All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;* What greater challenge is there for the Mothers' Union and indeed for us all. ❖

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I took part in a tour of Luton Airport recently, organised by the management team for representatives of the local community. In this fascinating visit I learnt that airports everywhere now earn more money from the shops they install in the

areas where people sit around waiting for their flight to be called than they do from their *landing fees* – the money paid by airline operators to land, take off and park their aircraft. Modern airports are shopping malls with a convenient runway attached, to see the shoppers speedily on their way when they have done the shopping business.

This year, according to statistics provided by the Government, 235 million people will fly through the airports in this country. That is about four *shopping trips* a year for each man, woman and infant in the country. After seven more years we are told that we will be making six trips a year each – by 2015 a total of 335 million passengers will pass through our airports every year. We are all familiar with the congestion on the roads when we try to get to the airport and the difficulty in finding somewhere to park, not very different really from earthbound shopping trips. But what we are not aware of, because the skies normally look so empty, is the traffic build-up which is taking place over our heads. A moving aeroplane takes up a lot of space – because they move so fast they have to be kept a very large distance away from one another. If we were to drive down the M1 at close to the speed of sound our cars would have to be kept at least 5 miles apart to avoid nasty shocks when we apply the brakes. Cars driving in the opposite direction would be inaudible and invisible until they hit us so it would be even more important to keep on the right side of the road.

Ian Reay's &news &views

More Flights - More Noise

Ian Reay looks at
Luton flightpaths

Flying into and out of our airports or crossing the skies above us every year are 2.4 million aeroplanes.

This number is also climbing as people fly more. The skies around London and the South East are as congested as the roads and the National

Air Traffic Services (NATS) have been forced to rethink the routes that aircraft fly in order to cope. This is bad news for the residents of Berkhamsted, Aldbury and Wigginton, whose tranquillity, in particular, is under threat.

Aircraft leaving Luton follow, for the first few miles of their flights (until they climb above 4000 feet), carefully designed tracks known as Noise Preferential Routes. The idea of such a route is to overfly as few people as possible thereby minimising the total noise nuisance – although of course loading it all on to some unfortunate ones. This attempt to give the least misery to the greatest number, as with all such attempts, results in injustice to the few. As part of NATS attempt to redesign its airspace, aircraft flying Noise Preferential Routes on departing Luton will now often fly either just to the north or just to the south of Tring. This will bring many of them much closer to Berkhamsted, Aldbury and Wigginton.

The whole area of the Chilterns would be badly affected by these changes. To avoid Wendover and Princes Risborough planes will now fly well inside the Chiltern Hills along the Ridgeway. And all this is before the mooted construction of a third runway at Heathrow. Surely it is time for a radical rethink on aviation policy. Why can't we go back to the old Maplin idea and put a brand new airport in the Thames Estuary?



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In late January, the decision was made public on the future of our health care.

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As expected, Watford will be the *local* A&E hospital with a local general hospital being developed in Hemel Hempstead. The decision regarding Watford was made some time ago, so it appears that although Emergency and acute hospital services for east and north Hertfordshire will be centralised at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage (considered marginally more accessible than Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City [QEII] as a result of its closer proximity to the A1M and the nature of the inter-connecting roads, while the QEII is further away and surrounded by a residential network).

There will be a local general hospital established in Hemel Hempstead which should provide:

- Adult and children's outpatients
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- Pharmacy
- Ante-natal and post-natal care
- Urgent care

Children's emergency and planned care will take place at Watford, with adult planned operations happening at St Albans City hospital.

A network of 8 urgent care centres will be set up, but 4 are already allocated (Lister, QEII, Watford and Hemel) to deal with over 60% of patients who do not need intensive or specialist care.

Access to the *new* facilities will be helped by the appointment of a senior director to have strategic responsibility for transport issues and a support officer will be appointed to work alongside the

Norman Cutting sums up

Project Manager of the Hertfordshire Integrated Transport Project. It appears that £2.75million will be committed by the organisation. It is

also planning to spend £60 million over the next 6 years to help local GPs, etc. throughout the County to provide local primary health care and community services including access to intermediate care beds (recovery after surgery, I assume) and home care support.


The board has considered the proposed increase in population requirements put forward by both government and the regional assembly and consider that the previous plans are still valid even though there were concerns even then. The board also took into account the fact that other health service providers will provide choice and Hertfordshire residents will continue to be able to take advantage of facilities outside the County.

When will it happen? I hear you ask.

Well, a senior level Programme Board will be established, a senior lead Programme Director will be appointed, so it will be all right. Locally, interim general hospital services will be established from late summer, A&E and acute services will transfer to Watford from the autumn and an urgent care centre network will be established by the autumn of 2010.

Those readers who know about these things will have spotted that contrary to DoH guidelines, a number of services have already moved to Watford even though their facilities have yet to be upgraded – even to the extent that emergency ambulances are *parked* up outside Watford A&E to ensure government targets are met ('seen within 4 hours' - if you don't arrive, then 4 hours hasn't started – what a surprise!)





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Shopping is followed by refreshments in the cafeteria and then the shoppers are driven home and helped in with their shopping. The Shoppers are contacted a week beforehand and also the day before to check their availability. It is a great opportunity to get out, go shopping and see other people to talk with.

If you wish to join the scheme – the District Nurse will visit you in advance. We ask for a small donation of £2 per trip.

If you would like to go contact Louise on 01442 228930.

Donutz, the new St. Peter's youth group, enjoyed their first trip out when they went to Dunstable. It may not sound exciting, but it was to see a dynamic performance of the classic musical *Godspell*.

Based on Jesus's life and parables, *Godspell* is an energetic production that interprets the parables well, and then merges them into some modern day situations. Fawlty Towers, John Cleese and Gordon Brown's inability to deal with Northern Rock all received funny and inventive mentions.

There were just eight performers on stage and they took on a number of different roles. They only used one costume each, so let the audience use their imagination. The only constant character was Jesus.

To highlight this fact, the Son of God was dressed in a heavenly white, compared to the vibrant but random colours worn by others on stage. Up and coming actor **Tom Bradley** played Jesus like a very modern person. Jesus is often portrayed as having a full beard and long hair, however he was anything but in *Godspell*. This helped make the musical very appealing to a younger audience. A number of the girls in Donutz found the actor playing Jesus quite attractive. An adult was overheard to say "*You know religion is coming back into fashion when you can drool over Jesus!*" However, it would have been the same in the 70s when a young **David Essex** played Jesus. Combined with the witty jokes and political references, it's an excellent production for all ages.

All of those that went to *Godspell* had a great afternoon, with everyone having

DONUTZ AT GODSPELL

Sam Limbert writes



their own favourite moments. The older members particularly enjoyed some of the jokes. The pick of the bunch was *What do you get when you cross a laxative with Holy water? A spiritual movement!* Clever visual interpretations of parables made a real impact on some of the group. The Prodigal Son was chased by a shark when swimming back to his father and rocks described by using the Rolling Stones music were memorable moments.

One of the group found some of the songs quite cheesy. His view was

justified when he endured fellow Donutz members singing all the way back to St Peter's. Some of the younger ones found the first half quite long, but they soon forgot when one of the stars of the show came and had a chat during the interval. Overall, the feedback was extremely positive. The songs and sketches could be used during Donutz meetings in the near future as they made a really good impression on everyone.

The end of the musical saw Jesus at the Last Supper before he died. After the jolly mood of the performance, the Last Supper and Jesus' death were extremely moving and brought a tear to some eyes. The clever staging meant a cross wasn't needed as Jesus stood at the back with his arms outstretched to symbolise his death. There was no definite part showing the resurrection, however the actors hinted it by lifting Jesus in the air after he died. However I felt that the emotional ending was effective as the audience left the theatre feeling very moved by what they'd just witnessed. ❖

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Tom Poster performing Beethoven Piano Concerto No 4
at the bridgewater sinfonia concert on March 1st 2007. *photo: Rowena Pike*



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The photograph below shows the chancel as it was before 1872, but not long before. The arrangement of the nave, in

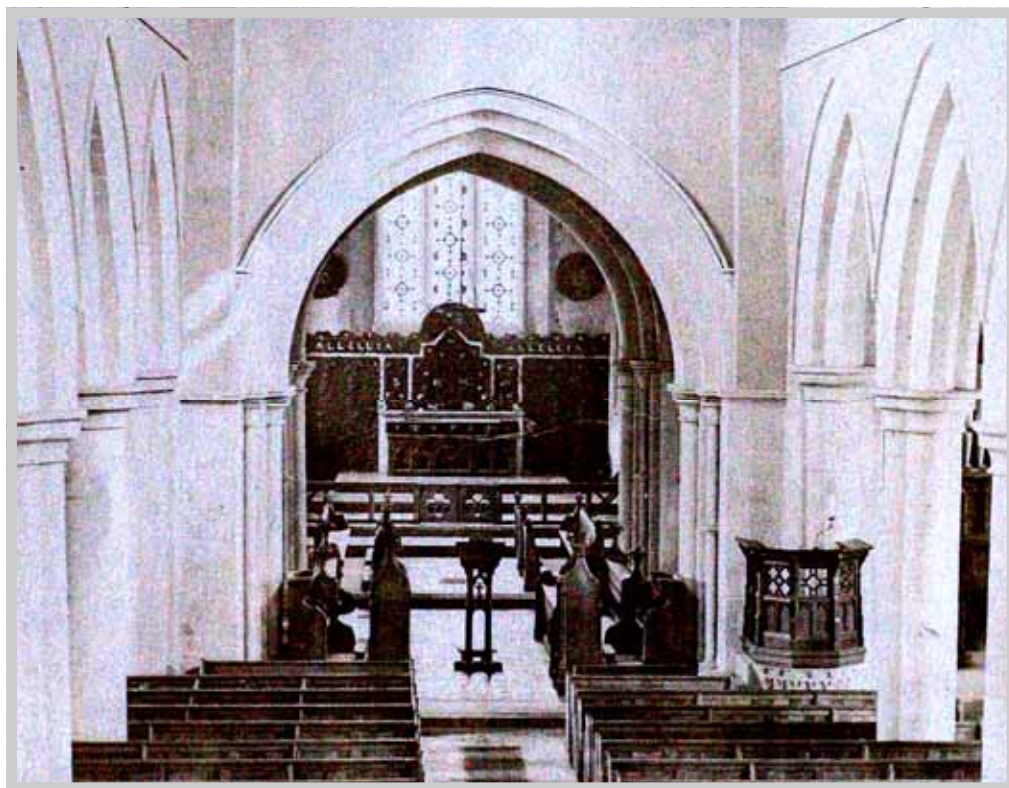
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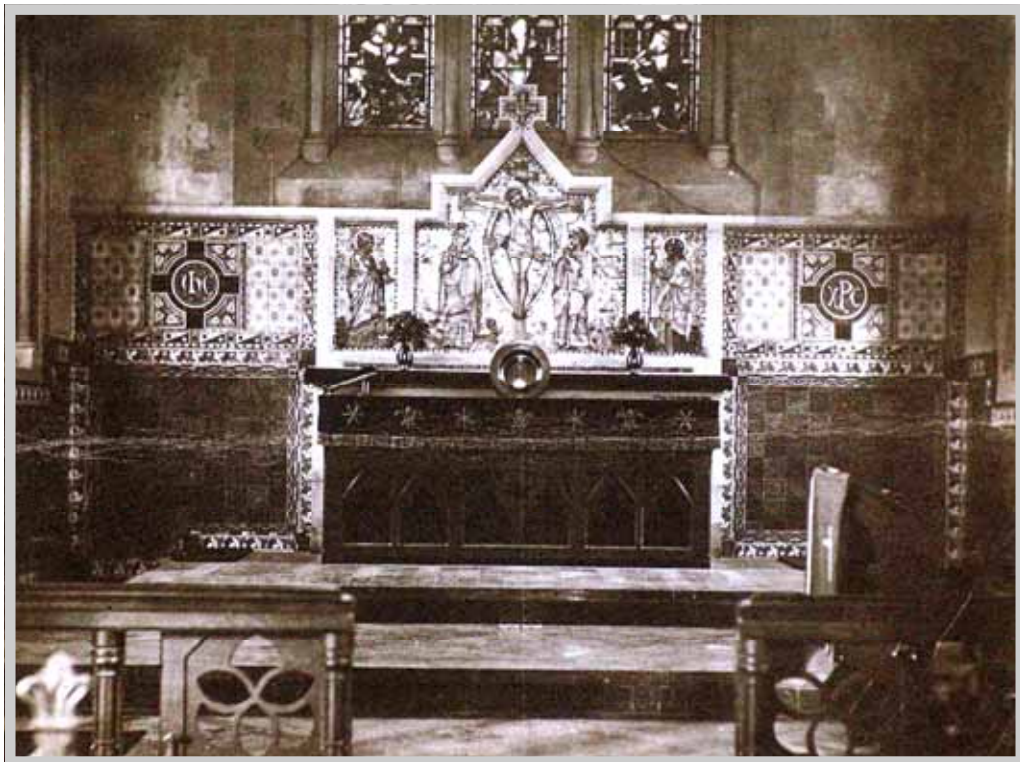
Christopher Green explores the old chancel at St Peter's

particular the pews and the tiling of the floor, are features resulting from the restoration of the church by **William Butterfield** that began

in 1871. The glass of the east window, visible in the photograph, is now in the window at the east end of the north aisle above the tomb of John Sayer. In the photo we see the pulpit on the south side of the nave supported on a stone plinth and if your eyes are sharp, a glimpse of the organ in the south transept.

Our second photograph, opposite, shows the reredos as it appeared when it was first put in place. At a later date, the mosaic panels bearing the Twelve Commandments were added above the new reredos on either side of the east window. In 1884 the walls of the chancel





were decorated with mural paintings representing scenes from the life of St Peter. This was done in memory of the **Revd John Wolstenholme Cobb**, Rector from 1871 to 1883, by his parishioners and friends.

No photographs of these murals are preserved in the parish archives, but there is a painting of about 1890 by **SG Watson** in which part of this decorative scheme is visible - a subject for illustration in the *review* at a future date. The chancel was altered again in 1895 when the lower parts of the sanctuary walls were panelled in marble as a memorial to **Sir Edwin Pearson** and his wife Alicia Anne. Two years later, in 1897, the workmen were in the chancel again. As **Richard Norris** puts it in his book *Berkhamsted St Peter*, the reredos was *altered and embellished*. It was probably at this time that the whole reredos, and the Ten Commandments,

were raised to their present position and the tiling on either side of the reredos was replaced with the marble arcading that survives to the present day. A regrettable consequence of this alteration is that **William Cowper** and his hares in the east window are entirely lost to view. Now of course it is more than **William Cowper** that is, for most of the time, lost to view. When the church was re-ordered in 1960, the present reredos isolated the chancel from the rest of the church but the chancel remained as a chapel and a place of worship. Then, when the church was re-ordered again in 1984 the chancel was converted to its present use as vestries for choir and clergy. When reflecting on this history of little more than 100 years, one can only be astonished at the present-day desire in certain quarters to preserve our churches as veritable museums, unchanging and unchanged. ❖



Palm Sunday at St Peter's

Wind and rain washed out the Palm Sunday procession at St Peter's but the congregation raised their crosses in celebration as usual.

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Some readers of the *review* will remember *Parish Personalities* - a feature that began in the *review* in December 1985 with a pen and ink portrait of the Rector, **Roger**

Davis, by **Harry Sheldon**. Over the next ten years there were 98 *Parish Personalities*. All but two were portraits by **Harry Sheldon**. The last two, in January and February 1996 were photographs, taken I think by the Production Editor at that time, **Chris Smalley**. This month we begin a new

PERSONALITIES PAST AND PRESENT

A new challenge for our readers

feature in the *review*. Once again the focus is Parish Personalities but this time we will publish each month a photograph not of the personality as he or she is today but in the bloom of youth. For the

reader, the challenge is to work out who it is. In the following month we will bring readers up to date and you will be able to discover whether you guessed correctly. Month by month you will be able to compare past and present and see perhaps how wisdom and the years sit lightly on the smooth brow of youth. ❖

Personalities in St Peter's?



Answer next month

March's What & Where



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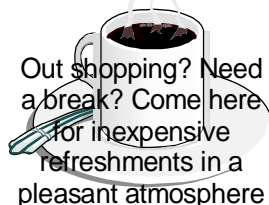
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**Religious
Tensions -
from Tudor
England to the
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**The Revd
Jonathan
Gordon writes**

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There seems to be no escaping Tudor England at the moment. I was at the Empire Cinema in Hemel Hempstead the other week and they were advertising the film *The Other Boleyn Girl*, based on the book by **Philippa Gregory**. It does not seem that long since the BBC were showing *The Tudors* and at a recent A level

open evening I discovered that part of the syllabus for the History course will involve investigating the issues around Henry VIII's matrimonial troubles. It is a rich period of history and in recent months I have discovered the novels of **CJ Sansom** that through the main narrator, a lawyer named Shardlake, explore the political and religious tensions of the 1530s and 1540s.

The predominant religious tension is between reformers and conservatives. Those who want to restore the church in accord with their vision of the New Testament against those who argue the case for tradition and the authority of the church. Being caught on the wrong side of an argument was highly dangerous and in a time when the identity of the national church was evolving there was often a fine line between a religious opinion and treason. It goes without saying that being accused of treason in Henry's England was highly detrimental to your health. The struggle to establish the character of the national church inevitably involved political compromises, at times intimidation and force, and possibly a weariness of religious and social upheaval.

As the origins of the Church of England were so contentious, perhaps it is not surprising that it has its own struggles today between differing factions. The Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops will be

meeting later in the year and the build-up is being hampered by arguments over human sexuality and the authority of Scripture. Despite this there has been some progress over the last five hundred years. No one is going to be arrested for having divergent opinions. In a world so sadly divided by conflict, now would be a good time for the church to have the creative imagination to show that it is possible to work through differences and remain in relationship with all, not just those we happen to agree with. Arguably one of the main reasons for conflict is fear; the refusal to listen to and acknowledge the other parties point of view. One of the tasks of the church, on whatever side of opinion, is to overcome fear and restore relationships. The Lambeth Conference provides an excellent opportunity to show how it can be done.



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DISASTER RELIEF

Monday 12th May at 7:30 pm in the Royal Festival Hall - Berkhamsted and Chorleywood Choral Societies are joining forces to present the world premiere of a new composition by British composer Chris Williams. Entitled *Tsunami*, the concert is part of a national choral festival *Chorus!*

Songs of the Coromandel Coast, a sequel to Williams' earlier *Tsunami Requiem* which was premiered by the two choirs to great acclaim in December 2005 is also included in the programme. Mozart's Horn Concerto No 3 and Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings complete the programme.

The concert features two of the UK's leading soloists, **James Gilchrist** *tenor*, and **Richard Watkins** *horn*, and is in aid of the leading international children's charity, **Plan UK**. The proceeds will be used to help fund educational support for Sri Lankan children whose schools were destroyed by the tsunami of 2004.

The choirs will be performing as **The English Philharmonia and Chorus** under the baton of their joint music director **Graham Wili**. They will be joined by the **English Brass Ensemble** and a 30-strong boys choir, **The Choir of Eltham College, London**.

The choirs were delighted to be selected from dozens of applicants to perform, alongside such luminaries as the Bach Choir, The Sixteen and the City of London Choir, in the week-long *Chorus!* Festival which is being organised by the South Bank Centre in May. They have performed there twice before, in 2003 and 2005, raising large sums of money for charity on both occasions.

Both works by Chris Williams are extremely accessible, depicting the events and individual stories associated with the

tsunami in an evocative and moving way and we are joined by some amazing soloists said music director **Graham Wili**. *Staging a world premiere at the Royal Festival Hall is a hugely ambitious project. Tsunami represents the culmination of more than two years work for Berkhamsted and Chorleywood Choral Societies.*

Composer Chris Williams will give a talk about his compositions in the Royal Festival Hall auditorium before the concert. Concerts in high-profile venues are very costly to mount and the two choirs have spent much of the last year raising funds to cover their upfront costs in order to ensure a good profit for **Plan UK**.

Conductor **Graham Wili** is leading the fundraising efforts from the front by running the Flora London Marathon in aid of **Plan UK** on Sunday, April 13th. He has an ambitious sponsorship target of £3,000. To support **Graham Wili's** marathon fund raising: <http://justgiving.com/grahamwili>

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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE WI



Our Joint President **Joy Lovell** welcomed members and two visitors to our March meeting and opened it by reading two poems. Together with Secretary **Janet Mitchell** they took us through the business matters of the Institute and reported on an enjoyable time spent at the Spring Homecraft Day.

Our speaker this month was **James Cumming** - his title *NAAFI and Nissen Huts*. He recalled his experiences when he was enlisted for National Service in 1963 and after basic training served for two years in the RAF. This was a highly amusing talk which left the audience in fits of laughter. A vote of thanks was given by **Ali Saunders**. During teatime the raffle was drawn and the competition judged which was for a wartime item. Our next meeting will be on **Friday 4th April** at The Court House at 2:00pm. Our speaker will be **Beryl Hulbert** speaking on *Sunny South Africa*. New members and visitors are most welcome to join us.

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THU	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 11:00am (Fr Michael's day off)
FRI	MP 7:30am	EP 5:00pm both churches	Eucharist 9:15am
SAT	MP 9:30am St Peter's	EP 5:00pm	Eucharist 10:00am
	MP 8:45am All Saints'		
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Tue	CHUCKLES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:: 10:00-11:30am All Saints' Church Hall		
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Fri	LITTLE FISHES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: 9:30-11:30am		Court House
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3 rd Sat	ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST: 8:00am for breakfast & prayers. Various local churches		

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April / May

MARCH

Sun 30 7:30pm The Cowper Society presents:
Edward Beckett *flute*, Martin Jones *piano*
in aid of the organ fund *Lady Chapel, St Peter's*

APRIL

Sun 6 11:00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting *The Court House*
6:00pm Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration
for departed family & friends *St Peter's*

Sun 13 6:00pm Choral Evensong *St Peter's*

Tue 15 10:15am Chuckles Toddlers' service
Breakfast by the Lake *All Saints'*

Sat 19 8:00am Association of Berkhamsted Churches
Prayer Breakfast *Sacred Heart*

7:30pm The Cowper Society presents:
Alexander Ardaikov *piano recital* *St Peters'*

Tue 29 10:15am Chuckles Toddlers' service
Our Hidden Friend *All Saints'*

Tue 29 8:00pm Parochial Church Council *The Court House*

MAY

Thu 1 6:15am Madrigals sung by Chiltern Chamber Choir
from the tower *St Peters'*
followed by breakfast in *The Court House*

8:00pm Eucharist for Ascension Day *St Peter's*

Fri 2 10:00am Little Fishes Service *St Peter's*

Fri 2 to Mon 5 (inclusive) – Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sun 11 am The Children's Society Berkhamsted Walk
commences from *The Court House*

6:00pm Choral Evensong *St Peters'*

Tue 13 10:15am Chuckles Toddlers' service *Secret Power* *All Saints'*

Sat 17 8:00am Association of Berkhamsted Churches
Prayer Breakfast *Court House & St Peter's*

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Victoria School's "Palm Sunday" service on Wednesday 12th March 2008. They processed from the school with the figure of Jesus held by the **Revd John Pritchard**

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A number of paintings that have been donated to the Petertide Fair Committee will be sold by Silent Auction over the weekend of **12th-13th April 2008**. Income from the auction will go towards the causes supported this year by the Petertide Fair, Coram Family and the Tujering Link, described in last month's *review*. There will also be displays illustrating the work of these organisations.

The pictures which include works by well-known local artists, **Olive Walker**, **Dorothea Patterson** and the late **Harry Sheldon**, will be on view in the Court House on **Saturday April 12th** 9:30am -5:00pm and **Sunday 13th April** 10:30am - 4:00pm, when the auctioneers will be on hand to receive your bids.



Harry Sheldon

If you would like to donate a work of art to add to those being sold in the auction, the auctioneers will be delighted to hear from you. Contact

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