



Peters Green Newsletter

December 2019 January February 2020

*Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat
Please put a penny in the old man's hat
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do
If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you!*

This popular nursery rhyme covers some themes of Christmas.

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat
We are going to feast

Please put a penny in the old man's hat

Take time to think of others who are not so well off. Charity giving peaks over the Christmas period, we know that we can't enjoy the feast if we know others are starving unless we do what we can to help.

If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do

Give what you can, some can give more some less but be as generous as you can be

If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you!

If you are the poor and in need, then we trust that God will bless you.

Without being a spoil sport I hope that we can do better than this rhyme.

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat

In these days we will think about our consumption, and do our best to avoid waste. We will consider where our food comes from and the cost to the world of what we consume.

Please put a penny in the old man's hat

Charity giving is good but at the same time we need to struggle for a world where charity is not needed, where the systems of this world share the resources fairly. We know that this struggle will not be complete until Jesus returns because He told us that we will always have the poor with us, but we will struggle to bring His Kingdom to earth in advance of His return. We will work to fulfil the prayer, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do

We will do whatever we can, some can do more, others not so much but we will bring what we have to the fight.

If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you!

We want to do better than that we want to be the source of the blessing for you. We don't want to be those James described. "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:14-17. For those in need in our communities we need to do more than say, "God bless you."

Happy Christmas.
Andrew

PERRY GREEN BAPTIST CHAPEL AT
PETERS GREEN

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SUNDAY SERVICES

December

“ 1st.	Mrs. Gill Short	6.00 pm.
“ 8th.	Mr. Len Fowler	6.00 pm.
“ 15th.	Mr. Roger Barton (c)	6.00 pm.
“ 22nd.	All Age Carol Service	3.30 pm.
	Miss Pam Greener	
“ 29th.	Miss Pam Greener	3.30 pm.

January

“ 5th.	Mr. Roland Ogberigbe (c)	3.30 pm.
“ 12th.	Mr. Ian Benjamin	3.30 pm.
“ 19th.	Mr. Adam May	3.30 pm.
“ 26th.	Tea and Hymns at Central	3.30 pm.

February

“ 2nd.	Rev. Andrew Gale	3.30 pm.
“ 9th.	Mr. Samson Akinola (c)	3.30 pm.
“ 16th.	Mr. Erwin Tadiar	3.30 pm.
“ 23rd.	Mr. Andy Morton	3.30 pm.

Contributions for the next newsletter
Please email your contributions to chapel@peteretteridge.com or hand
your contributions to Hazel Littleworth or Pam Greener by 31st January.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

We meet at 2.30 pm. On the first Tuesday of each month at Perry Green Baptist Chapel.

Please Join us.
You are Always Welcome.

The next sessions are as follows:

December	3rd.	Mrs. Liz Higgins
January		No Meeting
February	4th.	Fireside at Michaelmas (Weather Permitting)



Merry Christmas



*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
From all at the Chapel.*



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TRIBUTE TO ALAN REGINALD DUDLEY

9th October 1934 - 21st September 2019

A large number of family and friends gathered together on Monday 21st October 2019 at The Burial Chapel of the Vale Crematorium to share in a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alan. The chapel was full to capacity with others standing which was a real testimony of the love and friendship folk had for him.

The service was conducted by our minister, the Rev. Andrew Gale. The hymn 'What a Friend we have in Jesus' was one of Alan's favourites, and the congregation sang it so well. The organ was played by James Banville, and many of Alan's favourite pieces had been chosen. After Alan retired he had been an organist himself for 10 years at The Vale, so it was good to know that he had been remembered and appreciated.

Alan was always very musical and played the piano from an early age. He was a member of several choirs throughout his life and had a good bass voice. He also formed a Junior Choir and encouraged children of the church in the love of singing. He often chose very happy songs for them to sing - which they all enjoyed and remembered years after. Alan was a member of Union Baptist Church, and after the amalgamation continued to worship at Central Baptist Church with Jane on Sunday mornings. But he also had a loving association with our Branch Church - Perry Green Chapel and was encouraged by Mr. Stan Barton to play at Perry in the Primary Department of the Sunday School when he was only 14 years old.

A highlight for many of us in more recent years was Alan leading the Perry and Caddington joint choir in wonderful Christmas and Easter music. But older folk from Peters Green will remember Alan as part of the team running the Youth Club in the Village Hall. His love for the Perry Green Chapel continued all through his life, and he was in his place 'on the back row' regularly until he died.

Alan had a good sense of humour, and was always joking and teasing folk. He did his National Service in the Army and on his dismissal papers it said he 'had a polite manner and cheerful disposition'. After the Army he took up a position in the Luton Council's Parks Department at Wardown and stayed there until his retirement. He was a very good table tennis player and enjoyed this sport, also Ice Skating, and of course FOOTBALL!! When he was young he was chosen as a 'Ball Boy' and often recounted the time he went on a coach trip to an opposing team. He came down the steps from the coach and was mistaken for one of Luton's team, and was delighted when one small fan asked for his autograph - he obliged, of course, and gaily continued into the match! He was a big fan of Luton Town and was always at 'the match' on Saturdays until his health prevented him from going, but he listened to the radio and watched matches on the T.V. as best as he could, until the last.

Alan married Jane on the 21st September 1957 and they lived in Luton. They had wonderful neighbours, Jan and Derrick, for 62 years. Alan loved his car and was sorry when he had to give it up, as he enjoyed driving so much. Alan and Jane had so many lovely holidays over the years with family and friends. After Jane died it was wonderful that Christine was here to look after him. She was a real blessing to Alan over so many years.

After the Thanksgiving Service, the congregation was invited to share in a short burial service at the graveside, where Andrew Gale took the final Committal Service.

The Bible Passage read out at Alan's funeral was John 14, verses 1-6. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you: I am going to prepare a place for you'.

Alan has gone to a place God has prepared for him, after a long and happy life, serving Him faithfully. 'Well done, good and faithful servant - enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

Pam Greener and Rita Gibbs



Saturday 7th December 2019

At Perry Green Chapel

Fun Starts at: 11.00 a.m.

£1 Per Family

(which includes Crafts & Refreshments)

Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Some crafts maybe unsuitable for under 3's.

For further information contact:
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PERRY GREEN CHAPEL



Join us for
our
All Age
Christmas
Carol
Service

Sunday December 22nd. 3.30 pm.
At Peters Green

Dickens Characters

WORDSEARCH

A	D	A	M	S	B	U	N	I	B
B	O	S	K	C	N	A	P	E	T
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R	E	I	N	D	O	S	I	C	H
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- Adams
- Barkis
- Belle
- Betsy
- Bitzer
- Bumble
- Creakle
- Fagin
- Krook
- Magwitch
- Nancy
- Pancks
- Perch
- Pott
- Scrooge
- Smike
- Toots
- Zamuel

The words can be found on the grid, backwards, forwards, upwards, downwards, or diagonally.

EVENTS AND SERVICES



1st December. Mary, Joseph, and Donkey begin their journey around the village. Send greetings through Donkey's diary



Merry Christmas
Sat Dec 7th 11.00 am.



Join Us To Help Decorate
the Christmas Tree
At the Chapel
Sat Dec 14th 11.00 am.



All Age Christmas Carol
Service
Sun Dec 22nd 3.30 pm.



Midnight Services
Tuesday Dec 24th
Parish Church, Kimpton
and
Central Baptist Church, Luton



Christmas Day Communion
Wed Dec 25th 9.45 am.



January

Chapel Services 3.30 pm.

February



Donkey's Diary

It is the 10th year of Donkey's Diary in the village.
If you contributed in earlier years, please do include
some memories of Christmas past for us all to enjoy.

Mary, Joseph and Donkey
(our wooden figures for anyone new to this)
will need a place to stay for each day in
December.

If we haven't spoken to you and you would like to be
included please

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