



Peters Green Newsletter

September October November 2021

Small beginnings and Harvest time

After a lifetime in education I still regard September as the beginning of the (school) year. We often get a couple of warm weeks before we look to the lovely colours of Autumn; but with those shorter evenings. For our young people it is often the time for renewed resolution for the vital year ahead.

For us at Perry chapel we are beginning to share together with Sunday services inside chapel. We managed a chilly Good Friday service to Raise the Cross and to have our Summer Picnic and Hymns before a shower of rain. Thanks to Peter's hard work it has been a joy to have our weekly 'mini-worship' by email or post. We are grateful to all our faithful Perry preachers for providing their thoughts and prayers. The 'lockdown news-letters' have been greatly appreciated by many beyond our small Perry congregation.

For me, personally, it is a thrill to be back driving regularly to Peters Green. I am enjoying the views of the harvested fields, but I have tried to avoid sharing the road with large tractors or combines. We do give thanks for our harvest and for the beauty of our land. Most of us have enjoyed a 'staycation' this year; perhaps more so as we have seen on our TV screens this summer's terrible wild fires and devastating floods.

A hymn that many of us have turned to during this last year is 'Great is thy faithfulness'. We often sing this at harvest time as it reminds us that 'summer and winter and springtime and harvest....witness thy faithfulness, mercy and love'.

The hymn writer takes his theme from a Bible verse in Lamentations. A book where Jeremiah and the people are facing a time of great disaster and distress.

But here they realise that:-

Because of the Lord's great love
we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness. (Lam. 3 : 22 - 23)

An encouragement for us this harvest time and for the new beginnings of the months ahead.

God Bless You, Pam

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SUNDAY SERVICES
6.00 pm.

September

“ 5th. Mrs. Gill Short
“ 12th. Mr. Len Fowler
“ 19th. Mr. Roger Barton - Perry Harvest
“ 26th. Mr. Andy Morton

October

“ 3rd. Harvest Tea & Hymns at Central
“ 10th. Rev. Andrew Gale
“ 17th. Mr Adam May
“ 24th. Mr Ian Benjamin
“ 31st. Mr Erwin Tadiar

November

“ 7th. Mr John Evans
“ 14th. Mr Samson Akinola
“ 21st. Mr Adam May
“ 28th. Mr Roger Barton

Contributions for the next newsletter.

Please email your contributions to chapel@peteretteridge.com or hand
your contributions to Pam Greener by 31st October.

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:

September 7th Mrs. Diane Maple

October 5th Mrs. Gill Short

November 2nd. Rev. Linda Williams

Remembrance Sunday 14th November

*The Memorial Plaque on the chapel wall reminds
us of the sacrifice five men made.*

Roll of Honour



Cyril Almond
Hubert William Field
Richard John Hatton
James Mumford
Frank Smith



Lest We Forget

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www.peteretteridge.com/peters-green-newsletter



As well as being the Vicar of Kimpton the Reverend Linda Williams also cares for the church of St Lawrence at Ayot St Lawrence. As with many country churches options are being considered to preserve the future of the building.

Plans include St Lawrence becoming the first Festival Church in the Diocese of St Albans. Services would still be held along with Art Shows, and concerts.

If more help is not forthcoming from the community and all the options being considered are not successful, then ultimately the building could close and be lost as a village facility. However that scenario is a long way off at present. It will be the very last resort for this unique church which receives many visitors each year and is included in Simon Jenkins bestselling book 'England's Thousand Best Churches'.

After Ayot House became the house of Sir Lionel Lyde he decided to demolish the old church at the centre of the village because it spoilt his view, and to build a new church.

The remains of the old St Lawrence church which we see today are a result of intervention by the Bishop of Lincoln when Sir Lyonel Lyde started its demolition. The nave of the old church probably dates to the twelfth century. In the thirteenth century a north aisle was added, rebuilding of the nave and chancel took place in the early fourteenth century, a north chapel was added, and the tower was

built in the fifteenth century. The new church of St Lawrence was built in 1778 and a delightful walk across fields from the centre of the village provides marvellous views of this 'Greek Temple' with its white portico which rises between two pavilions.

Designed by Nicholas Revett it was built in Grecian style, with its portico at the front, and the two pavilions connected by colonnades which contain the remains of Sir Lyonel and his wife.

Sir Lyonel held the view that as the church had joined them in marriage it should make amends by separating them in death. Therefore Sir Lyonel's remains rest in one of the pavilions and those of his wife in the other. Both pavilions have commemorative urns.

The entrance to St Lawrence is reached from its churchyard up three steps where a font bearing the inscription 'Erected in memory of Inez Pringle by her daughter Inez Cavan 1913' stands near the doorway.

Monuments erected in the church include those to Lt Col Gerard Vivian Ames, 1ST Royal Dragoons, Lord of the Manor, who died at Paris in 1899 at the age of 46, Lt Col Monier Williams, of the Honorable East India's Company's Service, for many years Surveyor General of Bombay, who died at Naples in 1823 at the age of 45, his youngest son Alfred Williams Ensign in the 2nd Grenadier Regiment Bombay Infantry who fell in 1840, at the age of 19, with three other officers, gallantly leading the storm of the pass at Nufoosk in the attempt to relieve the Fort of Kahun in Scinde, and Major Eustace Crawley who was killed in Flanders in 1914 whose monument was erected by his sister Inez Cavan and his lifelong friend Rudolph, 10th Earl of Cavan.

A plaque commemorates Gerald Lenanton and his wife Carola Oman. Carola wrote a prize-winning biography of Nelson and has been described as the 'greatest of the Nelson biographers'.

The orientation of the church is the opposite of the norm, with the altar being at the west end. The interior is more Roman than Greek, and the nave has a coffered ceiling.

More information on proposals for St Lawrence can be found in the Kimpton Parish Magazine where Rev'd Linda Williams has written: 'I hope you will join with me in not wanting the Palladian Church, your church, to close'.



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EVENTS AND SERVICES

Art Show

Ayot St Lawrence Art Show
Sat 18th & Sun 19th Sep
in St Lawrence Church

Art Show



Decorate Chapel for Harvest
Drop off Produce
Saturday Afternoon 18th Sep
11.15 am. - 12.15pm.



Harvest Festival



Perry Harvest Festival
Sunday 19th Sep
Led by Mr. Roger Barton

Kimpton Church Harvest Festival
Sunday 26th Sep 09.30am

Harvest Festival
(with Holy Communion)
At Ayot St Lawrence Church
Sunday 17th Oct 11.30 am.



Recordings of Services
are available on the web



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www.kimptonchurch.co.uk

Unmentioned in Dispatches Poem by Peter Wyton

Some of them never come home to fanfares,
they dump their kit-bags down at the door,
kiss their wives and let their children
wrestle them down to the kitchen floor,
switch the telly on, pour out a whiskey,
search for the local football score.

Some of them skip the quayside welcome,
dodge the bunting and cannonade,
make their landfall in silent harbours,
nod to the coastguard, but evade
the searchlight of public scrutiny
like those engaged in the smuggling trade.

Some of them land at lonely airfields
far removed from the celebration,
hang their flying gear in a locker,
cadge a lift to the railway station,
make for home and take for granted
the short-lived thanks of a grateful nation.

Some of them miss the royal salute,
the victory parade along the Mall,
the fly-past, the ships in formation passing
the cheering crowds on the harbour wall.
Remembered only by friends and relatives,
some of them never come home at all.



NOVEMBER 14th
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY