



## **Peters Green Newsletter**

### **December 2023 January February 2024**

#### **Preparing and keeping in touch**

So how prepared are you for Christmas? One lady I know had bought all her family's Christmas gifts by the end of October. I think many others were enjoying a late summer break during our warm October. I have to admit to being a 'last minuter' in spite of the garden centre's early Christmas displays. But even for 'last minute me' my diary for December has filled up. For Christmas is the time for 'keeping in touch' with pre-Christmas meals or get togethers with various friends old and new.

I must admit that I still send Christmas cards. Modern technology has made it easier to keep in touch with friends near and far. As someone with family in Australia it is good to be in constant touch with their lives and to chat and laugh with them. But some of our elderly, housebound friends (closer to home) rely on phone calls, letters and cards for contact with friends.

We also use Christmas traditions to 'keep in touch'. Most families have 'things they always do' in the run up to Christmas. Not to say that these must change with the changing ages of family members. Something new is always fun and if it's good it may become a tradition.

And of course Donkey's Diary is a Peters Green tradition that helps us to 'keep in touch' with our friends and neighbours, but also with some who have moved away. Our figures Mary, Joseph and Donkey travel round each day of Advent.

Advent, as well as giving the children a daily treat as they count down to Christmas, is on the church calendar as our 'preparing time'. It is the time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Immanuel 'God with us'.

Most churches have an Advent Wreath, lighting a candle on each of the four Sundays of December. Different churches have differing emphasis for the weekly candle but it enables us to focus on the message of Christ's coming from the words of the prophets, or John the Baptist, or Mary. I do like the simple message of :- the candle of HOPE, the candle of PEACE, the candle of JOY and the candle of LOVE. Then the central white candle lit on Christmas Day remembering that Jesus the Saviour is come.

We pray that the hope, peace, joy and love of God the Father and of Jesus Christ our Saviour may be with each of us this Christmas time.

God bless you and your family,  
Pam

# PERRY GREEN BAPTIST CHAPEL AT PETERS GREEN

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Tel: 01582 604771

## SUNDAY SERVICES 4.00 pm.

### December

- “ 3rd. Miss Pam Greener (c)
- “ 10th. Mr. Roger Barton
- “ 17th. Carol Service - Mrs. Gill Short 3.00 pm.
- “ 24th. Coffee & Carols 3.00 pm.
- “ 31st. Miss Pam Greener

### January

- “ 7th. Mr. Ian Benjamin (c)
- “ 14th. Mrs. Gill Short
- “ 21st. Mr. Adam May
- “ 28th. Tea and Hymns at Central 3.30 pm

### February

- “ 4th. Mr. Roger Barton (c)
- “ 11th. Mr. Samson Akinola
- “ 18th. Mr. Roland Ogberigbe
- “ 25th. Mr. Erwin Tadiar

Contributions for the next newsletter  
Please email your contributions to [chapel@peteretteridge.com](mailto:chapel@peteretteridge.com) or hand  
your contributions to 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:

5th December.      Carols with Mrs. Liz Higgens

January.              No Meeting

6th February.      Miss Pam Greener (Weather permitting)

## All Are Welcome to Our Services

Enjoy a journey through the countryside to the village of Peters Green.

We are only a 10 minute drive from the centre of Luton.



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## Perry Chapel. - Donkey's Virtual Diary

Last year's Virtual Donkey's Diary was a huge success. We all were able to follow Donkey's adventures before and after 'our' day. And, of course, it enabled us all to share Donkey's visits with our friends overseas.

Daily Diary items should come in on email (or by phone or text) and Peter will send them out to all as we did last year. We have some spaces available so if you missed out last year and would like to join in just contact us.

Our All Age Carol Service is on Sunday 17th December at 3.00 pm. And it will be led by our good friend Gill Short.

God bless you.  
Pam

As usual our Christmas offerings will be for



**Merry  
Christmas**



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

# **PERRY GREEN CHAPEL**

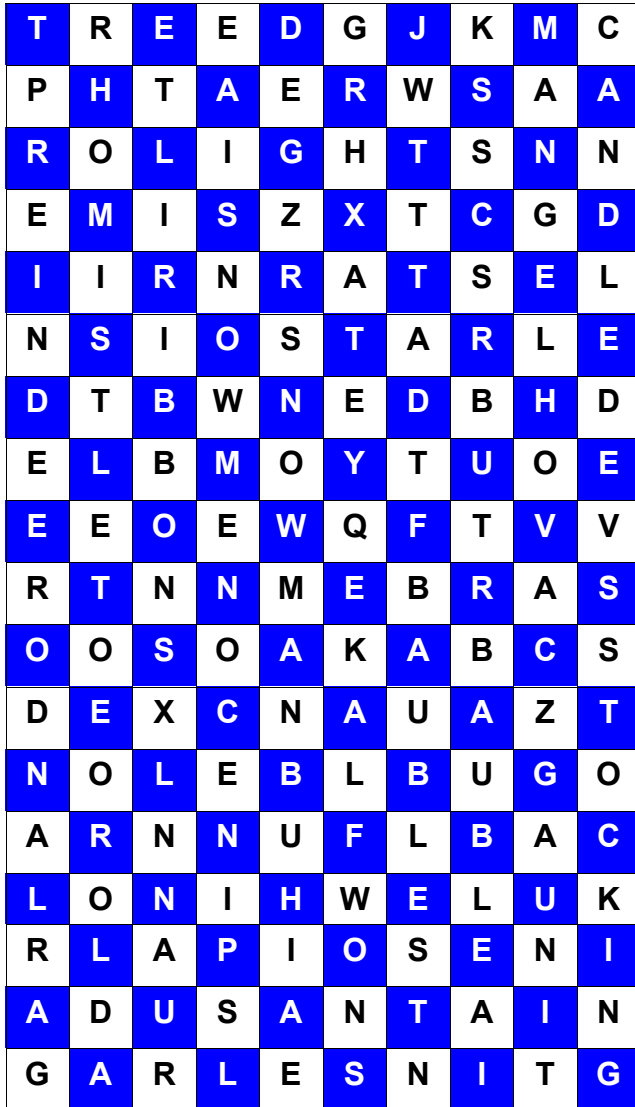


**Join us for  
our  
All Age  
Christmas  
Carol  
Service**

**Sunday December 17th. 3.00 pm.  
At Peters Green**

# WORDSEARCH

## Christmas



- Tree
- Wreath
- Stocking
- Reindeer
- Garland
- Poinsettas
- Candle
- Mistletoe
- Tinsel
- Snowflake
- Lights
- Angel
- Ribbon
- Pinecone
- Santa
- Star
- Baubles
- Snowman

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.



All Age Carol Service  
Sunday 17th December  
3.00 pm.



Coffee & Carols  
24th December  
3.00 pm.



## Festival of Angels

Kimpton Church will be decorated with the Heavenly Host from Sunday 17th December to 6th January.

## St Peter & St Paul Kimpton

December

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| Sunday 3rd  | 9.30 am. Christingle Service   |
| Sunday 17th | 6.30pm. Carol Service  |
| Sunday 24th | 3.00 pm. Crib Service and Nativity Play<br>11.30 pm. Midnight Holy Communion |
| Monday 25th | 10.00 am. Christmas Worship  |

## Ayot St Lawrence Church

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| Sunday 17th | 4.00 pm. Carol Service |
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Recordings of Services  
are available on the web



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[www.kimptonchurch.co.uk](http://www.kimptonchurch.co.uk)

# Virtual Donkey's Diary

Visits by Mary, Joseph, & Donkey

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

phone me (01582 604771)

or

email: [chapel@peteretteridge.com](mailto:chapel@peteretteridge.com)

Pam

**Wishing you a happy Christmas**

FROM ALL AT

**Perry Green Chapel**

Track the progress of Mary, Joseph and Donkey, visit  
[peteretteridge.com/virtual-donkeys-diary](http://peteretteridge.com/virtual-donkeys-diary)

VIRTUAL  
**Donkey's Diary...**

1st December  
through to  
Christmas Day



**All are welcome  
to our Christmas Services.**

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