

#### **Easter Weekend**

Remembrance, Rejoicing, and Fun

For many Easter Weekend is a time of Bank Holidays. For Christians around the world it is a time of remembrance on Good Friday, rejoicing on Easter Sunday, and in many places the fun of an Easter Egg Hunt.

On Good Friday we **Remember Jesus death.** On three occasions when Jesus was teaching his disciples he predicted his death. The first time He told them "that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed, and after three days rise again." *Mark* 8:31. The second time he said to them "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, after three days he will rise." *Mark* 9:31. The third time Jesus told them he would be handed over to the Gentiles "who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." *Mark* 10:34

Jesus gave up his spirit while on the cross with a loud cry. There was an earthquake, tombs broke open, and the curtain in the Temple was torn from top to bottom. The centurion on guard at the site of crucifixion declared, "Truly this was God's Son."

We raise a wooden cross at the chapel as a visible reminder of His sacrifice to redeem us and pay the price for our sins. As Peter wrote 'He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed' *1 Peter 2:24*.

On Easter Sunday we **Rejoice For He is Risen.** Very early on Sunday morning Mary found the tomb of Jesus empty. Just as He had told his disciples God had raised Jesus to life and he later appeared to his disciples on a number of occasions before ascending into heaven.

Paul wrote 'For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures' *I Corinthians* 15:3-4

On Easter Monday there is is the **Fun** of an Easter Egg Hunt around the village.

May God bless you at this Easter time.

# PERRY GREEN BAPTIST CHAPEL AT PETERS GREEN

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# SUNDAY SERVICES 6.00 pm.

| March |       |   |  |  |  |  |
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| "     | 3rd.  | Mr. Roger Barton (c)                    |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 10th. | Miss Pam Greener                        |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 17th. | Mrs. Gill Short                         |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 24th. | Tea and Hymns at Central 3.30 pm.       |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 29th  | Good Friday - Raising the Cross 9.00 an |  |  |  |  |
|       |       | Mr. Roland Ogberigbe                    |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 31st  | Easter Sunday - Miss Pam Greener (c)    |  |  |  |  |
| April |       |   |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 7th.  | Mr Adam May                             |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 14th. | Mr Ian Benjamin                         |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 21st  | Mr. Roger Barton                        |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 28th  | Mr. Erwin Tadiar (c)                    |  |  |  |  |
| May   |       | <b>、</b> /                              |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 5th.  | Mr Michael Adams                        |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 12th. | Mrs. Diane Maple                        |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 19th. | Mr Erwin Tadiar                         |  |  |  |  |
| "     | 26th. | Tea and Hymns at Central 3.30 pm.       |  |  |  |  |
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## **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:

March 5th. Mr. Ant Wilson

April 2nd. Mrs. Diane Maple

May 7th. Mr. Andy Morton





Download the newsletters from: www.peteretteridge.com/peters-green-newsletter



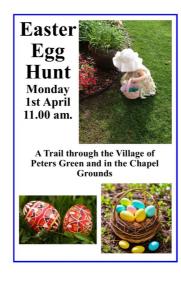


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**KIMPTON MAY FESTIVAL**, is a great destination for the 1st weekend in May. A variety of fundraising events for all ages run from Friday evening (3rd May to 5pm on Monday (May 6th).

More information can be found at <a href="www.kimptonmayfestival.co.uk">www.kimptonmayfestival.co.uk</a>, on Facebook <a href="www.facebook.com/KimptonMayFest">www.facebook.com/KimptonMayFest</a>, and on posters.



#### **Kimpton Art Show 2024**

www.kimptonartshow.co.uk

**Kimpton Art Show**, an exhibition and sale of artwork, forms a major feature of the **Kimpton May Festival** weekend.

**Kimpton Art Show** takes place in the **Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul**, a Grade I listed building situated on a hill overlooking the village with spectacular views across the Mimram Valley to the east of the village.

#### **DATES & TIMES 2024:**

Friday 3rd May to Monday 6th May

OPENING NIGHT: FRIDAY 3rd May 6 – 9pm ENTRY £6

SATURDAY 4th May: 10 – 5pm Weekend Entry £2, children free.

SUNDAY 5th May: 11 – 5pm MONDAY 6th May: 10 – 3pm

We would love to hear from anyone who could be a steward over the weekend.

Sue Burns, Chair 07765097500

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## WORDSEARCH

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# **EVENTS AND SERVICES**



Raising the Cross Good Friday 29th March 9.00 am





Easter Sunday Service Sunday 31st March 6.00 pm.





Easter Egg Hunt Monday 1st April 11.00 am.





Kimpton May Festival & Kimpton Art Show 3rd May to 6th May





Recordings of Services are available on the web



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# The Tradition of Easter Eggs & Easter Egg Hunts

In the medieval period eating eggs was forbidden during Lent, the 40 day period before Easter. On Easter Sunday the fast ended with feasting and merriment, and eggs were considered an important part of these celebrations. This was especially true for poorer people who couldn't afford meat. Eggs were also given to the church as Good Friday offerings, and villagers often gave eggs as gifts to the lord of the

manor at Easter. The egg was a symbol of new life and rebirth and the empty shell a symbol of Jesus' tomb.

Royals got involved with this tradition too – in 1290 Edward I purchased 450 eggs to be decorated with colours or gold leaf and then distributed to his household.

As a child the future Queen Victoria enjoyed egg hunts at Kensington Palace. These were put on by her



mother, the German-born Duchess of Kent. On Sunday 7 April 1833, the 14 year old Princess Victoria wrote in her diary: 'Mama did some pretty painted & ornamented eggs, & we looked for them'. 'During our breakfast & after, the Children hunted for Easter eggs, it being Maundy Thursday, & they were in the greatest delight.'

According to tradition, the men were supposed to hide the eggs all over the town and the women and children were supposed to find them. The history of this Easter tradition is inspired by the bible story, where the empty tomb of Jesus Christ was found by women.

Some suggest that the origin's of the Easter egg hunt dates back to the late 16th century, when the Protestant reformer Martin Luther organised egg hunts for his congregation. The men would hide the eggs for the women and children to find.

Easter eggs and the egg hunt became more popular in mainstream England in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.