



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER June 2011

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Letter from the Vicar:

One of the topics that people have been keen to raise with me over the last few weeks has been the Royal Wedding. The general consensus (with which I completely agree) is that it was a wonderful service and a great combination of the formal ceremony and some very personal touches. I particularly liked the very simple yet moving address by the Bishop of London. I felt it was a great affirmation of the values of marriage and I hope it proves to be an encouragement to all couples who are about to make this important step in their lives.

This year we have 14 weddings in our group of churches (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston), a slightly higher number than usual. Over the last 27 years of my ministry, I have always enjoyed helping couples to prepare for marriage and every wedding is a very special occasion, a celebration of love and commitment. As we offer our best wishes to the royal couple, we also wish all our local couples, whether they are getting married in one of our churches or elsewhere, every blessing for the future.

It was good to welcome our Indian guests, Bishop Devamani and his wife Christina, to our benefice a few weeks ago. They brought some photographs showing the progress of the church building in Garidepalli and reported on the plans for a day care centre in the village for the children of working parents.

Another international link we have from the benefice is with Nick and Kate Wooding and their family, who live and work in Kampala in Uganda in community health. Nick is a doctor and a former GP in Oxford. The Woodings will be spending some time back in England this summer and will be visiting us on July 7th, when they will give a presentation at Atkyns Manor, South Cerney at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and meet them.

David Bowers Vicar of the Benefice of South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston (The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 5TP
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CHURNSIDE PARISHES - BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR

There is a vacancy, from August 1st, for a part-time Administrator for the parishes of the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston). The post is for two morning sessions each week, based at the Church Office at the United Church in South Cerney. Applicants should have knowledge and experience of church life as well as good office, computer and personal skills. Further details and job description are available from the Church Office (01285 862632) or from the Vicarage (01285 860221 or dbowers@btinternet.com). The deadline for applications is Friday, June 24th.

Churchwardens - All Saints' Preston: Alister Painter (650624);
 St Peter's Siddington: Allen Howe (657933) Mike Painter (650624)
 CHURCH OFFICE: 01285 862632 Tuesday to Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm Answerphone otherwise.

CHURCH DIARY for JUNE 2011

WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Morning Prayer	SC
1st June	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
5th June	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
7th Sunday	10.00am	Morning Prayer	CW
of Easter	11.45pm	Drumhead Service	Sidd
	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Compline	SC

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
12th June	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
Pentecost	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
	6.00pm	Festival Songs of Praise	Sidd
	6.00pm	Evensong	SC

SUNDAY	10.00am	Benefice Family Eucharist	SC
19th June			
Trinity Sunday			

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
26th June	10.00am	Family Church	SC
1st Sunday	10.00am	Family Service	Pr
after Trinity	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Sidd
		with Prayer Ministry	

Prayers: The streets and areas in the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during June are Mill Close, Motteshead Road, North Hill Road and Northmoor Lane.

Prayer Board: There is a prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church for your personal prayer requests. Anything placed there is prayed for at Morning Prayer each day

Under 5's For those not yet at school 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays 2pm All Hallows Church

TURN ON THE TAP

In May 'treasure' was hidden on one of the pathways around South Cerney. The treasure is part of the Samaritans Purse campaign to provide clean water in Africa. We take it for granted that we can turn on a tap and clean water will come running out for our baths and showers, for drinking and cooking and for washing our clothes.

In this country we each use about 150 litres of water a day, in the developing world it is ten litres which is about as much as we use to flush a toilet.

Why not help and find the hidden treasure which in turn will TURN ON A TAP in Africa!

In June treasure sites all over the country will be made public on the website

www.turnonthetap.org.uk and if you make a donation you will have access to a treasure trail.

A couple more facts about water:-

- One in 8 people in the world do not have access to clean water
- The amount Europeans spend on ice-cream is the same amount that is needed to end water poverty.
- Why not donate the price of an ice-cream and try to find the treasure!

PRESTON FETE 2011

REMINDER We still need help with collecting items for the stalls, setting up on the day, and ideas for sideshows and amusements for the children. Contributions can be brought to the barn - please ring before coming (653066) and don't leave things outside!

Plants - a few days beforehand. Cakes and tea items - the day before. BUT if you are going to be away, anything suitable can go in my freezer.

White Elephant	Regine Freyne
Raffle	Scilla Chester-Master; Dot Warren
Tombola	Karen Thornton
Plants	Anne Mingins
Cakes	Jane Bainbridge; Sue Spivey
Books, films etc	Rex & Joy Canton
Toys	Ann Smith
Nearly New	Liz McKinnon; Ann Swain
Bowls	Nigel Beasley

We look forward to seeing you and bring along your friends! It is the perfect setting for a summer gathering for all the family!

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Preston Parish Council requires a new member to be co opted as a councillor. Meetings take place 6 times a year in the village hall, so it is not an enormous time commitment. We welcome any one who feels they can make a contribution to the village. If you are uncertain about the position, please come along to our **next meeting on Thursday 7th July** at 7pm and see the council at work.

May I extend our thanks to Bob Mortimer for all his hard work whilst being a member of the Parish Council.

Please contact Chris Sutton - Chair Preston Parish Council - 01285 652364

NOTICE RECEIVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

Road Noise - A419

We are seeking to determine whether there is currently an existing or a general interest in forming a lobbying group, to yet again highlight the substantial increase in the A419 road noise due to the concrete road that was promised to be resurfaced in 2006. We intend to keep the pressure on the authorities/government to highlight the noise abuse being suffered by so many and to promote immediate action required with regard to resurfacing the A419 concrete section.

At this stage we would rather not highlight our own village to the media, due to the detrimental effect the road noise has on many properties currently on the market and the decrease in property values caused by the noise.

We are eager to hear from local residents that have to suffer from this constant background noise (and more increasingly foreground noise) along this stretch of road.

If you have any information (present or historic regarding your parish) or would like to comment on the A419 road noise, please contact us through our hotmail account.

a419actiongroup@hotmail.co.uk

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

If you know of anyone who might be interested in the above post, please contact the Chairman (Chris Sutton Tel: 01285 652364) who will send out a copy of the advertisement when it is available.

Your current Parish Councillors are Chris Sutton (Chairman), Scilla Chester-Master (Vice Chairman), Regine Freyne, Terry Hopegood, Rex Canton and Nick Price.

Mrs Wendy Jennings, Parish Clerk, Wingfield, Hampton Hill, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8NS Tel: 01453 832881 Email: prestonpc@corinium.plus.com

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Wine Tasting Competition on 17 June

If you enjoy wine, please come to our wine tasting event. The idea is for everyone to bring a bottle. The bottles will be disguised, and your task will be to guess what country each one comes from. The prize for the most accurate answers will be a bottle of really good wine. After the judging, the names will be revealed so you can find out what it was you liked or hated.

Please bring a drinkable wine from a reasonably well known source. No one will guess right if the answer is Fiji or Mongolia.

Event starts at 7.30 pm on Friday 17th June, and finishes when you have had enough. Cost £2.50 per head. It could be a merry evening.

SOUP SATURDAYS A big thank you to Karen and her various helpers for the excellent lunches which we have all enjoyed throughout the Spring. It has been a super opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends - and with the gossip, of course! **From an appreciative villager**

Reminder - Village hall fundraiser:

Don't leave it too long before sending me your favourite recipe! See last month's issue for details, or e-mail me for further information.

I can be contacted on karen.thornton@tiscali.co.uk or pop a note in our red post box at Rose Cottage. Thank you.

SUE BLACK - VILLAGE AGENT - 07810 630167

My name is Sue Black and I am the Village Agent for Preston. The role of the Village Agent is to provide older people in the community with easier access to information and services.

SIDDINGTON WITH PRESTON WI

Thursday 16th June - Summer Garden Party



This month, members can enjoy an evening relaxing in the garden of Brian and Marion Carruthers. (In the Community Room if wet).

Please could members bring a small plate of food to share. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of Celiac UK.

June 7th Cirencester South WI Group Summer Meeting, a talk on the Parks and Public Gardens of Cheltenham. 7.30pm at the Parish Centre, Gosditch Street, Cirencester.

June 25th We are having a Cake and Preserves Stall at Siddington School Fete. Donations of cakes, jam, etc, will be gratefully received.

June 30th County Quiz 2nd Round, 7.30pm at Chedworth Village Hall.

For more information on WI activities, please ring Marion on 01285 655230

WOMEN'S SECTION ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - AMPNEY & DISTRICT

It is not necessary to have been a member of the Services to join The Royal British Legion.

Meetings are held roughly every other month and some are on a Thursday and some on a Tuesday. There is no meeting in June; an evening meeting on Tuesday 19th JULY; A CREAM TEA here at The Hope, Ampney St. Peter on Thursday 18th August. Watch out for more information next month.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the work of The British Legion, please do get in touch with Janet Gibbs (01285 851227).

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Details of duties for the next 3 months are given below.

Regine Freyne Tel: 01285 655370 regfreyne@btinternet.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

The library visits the village once per month and arrives at Kingsway Preston at 9.45am and leaves at 10.00am. See the Village notice boards for dates.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Team Members are:- Michael Dyson, Rex Canton, Margaret Mortimore, Anne Smith, Dot Warren, Andrew McKechnie and Reg Freyne Our Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer for the South Cotswold's is Andy Fogden. andy.fogden@gloucestershire.police.uk

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please will you let me have news for July 2011 in handwriting or by e-mail by Friday 18th June 2011. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston; Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com. **NO FAX NUMBER.** Thank you.

<u>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2011</u>			
June	Mrs Price/Mrs Tomblin Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay	5 th 19 th	12 th 26 th
July	Mrs Anne Smith Mrs Cooper No Service	3 rd 17 th 31 st	10 th 24 th
August	Mrs Warren Mrs Hopegood/Mrs Stone	7 th 21 st	14 th 28 th