



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 2015

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Thoughts for Preston News

Weathering the weather.

As I write it is raining. Allotment holders will be pleased unless of course they are hoping for sunshine for an outdoor event. Since being the proud wearer of a dog collar, I have often been asked to pray for good weather. It seems that clergy carry some responsibility if events are a bit of a washout! It is daunting to take on such responsibility. I usually plead divided loyalties: farmers and gardeners who are praying for rain, hosts needing prayer for sunshine for their BBQs.

You can't please all of the people all of the time! But what do we make of weather prayers anyway. What right do we have to pray for the weather we want? Power to bring about such miracles would be awesome. We would move from BBQs to praying for rain for crops in Africa, for rain to stop before flooding in India, sunshine for charity events and for the holiday of a lifetime for a family in need.

The writer of the book of James in the Bible encourages us to pray expectantly:

"Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit." James 5:17

St Augustine wrote:

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you".

So we should pray for weather conditions at the same time as having a plan B for our events, at the same time as monitoring and reducing our carbon footprint.

Prayer and work for a better world are not just clergy activities. Of course they are not. Imagine if we all prayed and worked together as communities for the good of others. It happens often in many places. It needs to happen more. It will surely change the world and it will surely change us. Have you seen the little booklet, "Try Praying"? Available on-line www.christianity.org, or contact me for one. It is simple and a good place to start.

Whatever the weather, I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer.
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For Under Fives: those not yet at school - (0 - 5 and older in the school holiday)
1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays at 2pm in All Hallows Church

Prayers: The streets and areas in the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during August are School Lane, Siddington Road, Silver Street, South Cerney Road and Spring Lakes. 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.

Notice of services at All Saints, Preston, St Peters, Siddington and Hunters Care are included in this Newsletter, together with the Church Cleaning and Flower Rota, and is also shown on the Church board.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Come and celebrate the bounty of the season at this year's harvest festival:
3pm on Sunday 27th September
All Saints Church, Preston
followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall
Everyone is very welcom

PRESTON FETE

Once again we had a lovely day for Preston fete. As usual so many people worked so hard to make it such a success. It is impossible to thank everyone individually, but Team Preston really pulled it off - from sorting the Elephant and Clothes mountains beforehand to a lot of heavy lifting on the day, resulting in a very happy and successful afternoon. As ever, my personal thanks go to everyone Church Farm garden immaculate. Scilla

Here is a summary of the income from the Fête.

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| Archery | £58.00 | Books | £185.00 |
| Skittles | £66.50 | Cakes | £240.23 |
| Donations | £40.00 | Gate | £229.50 |
| Clothes | £383.50 | Milk the cow | £21.49 |
| Plants | £129.07 | Raffle | £678.75 |
| Teas | £196.30 | Tombola | £269.65 |
| Toys | £67.97 | White elephant | £639.77 |
| Painting | £10.35 | Boat Race | £19.05 |

Grand Total **£3,235.13**

There are a few outstanding things (Ice Cream, and Salvation Army) but the figures above are pretty close.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Send a message to Bill Mortimore (email address: bill@margaretmortimore.co.uk) if you want to receive Neighbourhood Watch information by email.

Team members:- Rex Canton, Margaret Mortimore, Anne Smith, Dot Warren, Michael Dyson, Andrew Mckechnie and Reg Freyne. Please telephone 999 for Crime and 101 for any other matter.

NGW Police Meeting **18 August 2015 at 7:30 pm**

Venue Village Hall South Cerney

Come and Join us and have the chance to meet our local police.

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/01923/FUL Land Parcel East Of Witpit Lane Preston Gloucestershire - SOLAR FARM

The Parish Council has made the following response

Preston Parish Council supports the development of solar renewable energy and welcomes the opportunity to work with Belectric to increase supply to the national grid.

However, Preston Parish Council objects to this proposal on the grounds of size. The proposed 94-acre site will dominate the small community of Preston and destroy the open view from the bridleway and the Witpit Lane Bridge. The proposal is alien and urbanising; it does not fit well in the rural landscape and does not conserve or enhance it. This rural view is a valuable asset to local residents, visitors and walkers and the loss of this amenity is a significant material consideration.

The Parish Council wishes to see a reduction in the overall size of the application by removing the area parallel to the bridleway, equating to half of the first field. This amendment together with significant planting would result in the proposal being less visible from the Witpit Lane Bridge and the bridleway.

In addition, there is considerable local concern regarding the cumulative impact created by an existing solar farm in close proximity in the adjoining Parish of Ampney Crucis together with plans for another 2 such farms within a 5-mile radius.

However, if CDC is minded to approve the application, Preston Parish Council requests that the following issues be conditional on any planning approval and to be agreed with the Parish Council

□ A transport plan to cover the building phase and include - a mobile wheel washer to be on site for vehicles leaving the site; A417 London Road to be kept clean throughout the working day; all road and verge damage (especially on Witpit Lane and A417 London Road) to be repaired at the expense of the developer; no heavy vehicles to use the road through the Village; working hours to be restricted to a reasonable time and enforced.

□ Landscaping of the site including screening to protect the view from Witpit Lane Bridge and the bridleway.

□ Details of Security, Lighting and Fencing.

□ Details of any battery storage to be used in the future

□ Decommissioning Method and Funding

Furthermore, the Parish Council requests that CDC gives a view on the scale of solar development across the District that it considers would be detrimental to the landscape as there are currently no guidelines but an increasing number of solar farm planning applications.

PLANNING DECISIONS

14/04516/OUT Land At Preston Mill Barn, Swindon Road, Preston, CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire, GL7 6ET

Erection of up to 6 dwellings together with associated ancillary development

Permitted 7 July 2015

All planning applications and decisions can be viewed on CDC's website: www.cotswold.gov.uk

SUMMER OFF THE STREETS

A wide range of activities for children, young people and families that are taking place over the summer holidays. From arts and crafts, bushcraft and sport, to Family Fun Day and 'Scratch and Skate' festivals, there is something for everyone. Many sessions in Cirencester and South Cerney beginning on 22 July. Find out more at

www.worldjungle.org.uk Email: info@worldjungle.org.uk

Tel: 01453 548880 / 07878 865297.

Contact World Jungle:

T: 01453 548 880 | M: 07878 865 29

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Thursday, 3 September 2015 in the Village Hall

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SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI



There will be no meeting in August. Happy Holidays! Telephone Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT INFORMATION - LYNN SAUNDERS

I have taking over from Sue Black as your Village and Community Agent. If you want to find a service that you need, or to contact an agency for help and advice or assistance with accessing DWP for advice, you can reach me on 07776 245 754 or email me -

lynns@villageagent.grcc.org.uk I am looking forward to meeting you and would welcome an invitation to your club or group to answer any questions you may have on my role.

LYNN SAUNDERS Tel: 07776 245 754

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. Contact Janet Gibbs (01285 851227).

MONTHLY WALK IN THE PARK

The August walk will take place on **Thursday 27th August 2015 at 10.00am**. You are welcome to join us walking round Cirencester Park with a coffee and chat en route. Further details from - Dot Warren Tel: 656105 Email dotwarren@btinternet.com

PRESTON NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON PRESTON WEBSITE

A copy of this Newsletter is available on the village website -

<http://www.prestonpc.org.uk/index.php?id=the-village-newsletter>.

To stop delivery of a copy to your home OR to receive a personal e-mail copy - please refer to me Dot Warren (dotwarren@btinternet.com)

PRESTON to CIRENCESTER BUS SERVICE 854

Mondays and Fridays only (excluding Public Holidays) Service 854

Leave Preston, opposite the Village Hall and Kingsway

Arrive Cirencester, Market Place, Parish Church

Service operated by PULHAM'S COACHES. Tel: 01451 820369 for latest timetable

BUS NO 53 TO SWINDON OUTLET

The Stagecoach Number 53 Bus no longer serves Preston Toll Bar.

New Bus Timetables are available from the Tourist Information Centre.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please send me -Dot Warren - news for **September 2015 in handwriting or by e-mail by Thursday 20th August**. Greystones, Preston 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2015

If you feel that you could help us to keep our church neat and/or you enjoy flower arranging, please consider joining our 2015 group. There are spaces available and even the smallest amount

of help would be so much appreciated. *Regine Freyne Tel: 655370*

| CHURCH DIARY AUGUST 2015 | | | | VOLUNTEERS |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| SUNDAY | 8.00am | Holy Communion | Pr | Mrs Cameron/Mrs Warren |
| 2 nd August | 10.00am | Family Service | Sidd | |
| 9 th Sunday after Trinity | | | | |
| 5 th August | 3.00pm | Holy Communion | Hunter's | |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Pr | Mrs Cameron/Mrs Warren |
| 9 th August | 6.00pm | Songs of Praise | Sidd | |
| 10 th Sunday after Trinity | | | | |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Sidd | |
| 16 th August | 6.00pm | Celtic Evening Prayer | Pr | Mrs Stone |
| 11 th Sunday after Trinity | | | | |
| SUNDAY | 9.30am | Coffee and Church | Pr | Mrs Stone |
| 23 rd August | 10.00am | Morning Praise | Sidd | |
| 12 th Sunday after Trinity | | | | |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | United Benefice Service | Sidd | |
| 30 th August | | No service | Pr | Mrs Sutton |
| 13 th Sunday After Trinity | 6.00pm | Café Church | Eliz Way | |



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CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA -VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS

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| September | Mrs Mortimore HARVEST FESTIVAL - TBA XXXXXXXXXXXXX | 6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th |
| October | Mrs Jones Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton Mrs Jones | 4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th |
| November | Mrs Giles/Mrs Spivey Mrs Freyne | 1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th |