



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 2015

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

NEWS FROM ANGIE AUSTIN - CURATE

As I write this, our Vicar, David, and his wife, Judith, are away in South Africa, and after an initial email to say that they had arrived in the country, they took a smaller flight to a remote area, where further communication was not possible. They left on Easter Monday and will reappear on 21st April. The absence of a leader has an effect on us individually and corporately. There is the saying that, while the cat is away the mice will play. Teachers will be familiar with the reality of this. When leaving the classroom how good to return to a classroom of studious pupils getting on with their work, rather than at best to find them gazing out of the window with a blank page or at worst to a noisy riot.

Of course David has left behind a group of people who are mature and committed and ready to stand in the gap until his return. Well we would certainly hope so!

Sometimes however, we experience a more childlike response to absence of significant people. We find it hard to settle. We experience a restlessness, a longing for their return, life is on hold. We may lose heart. At its extreme this is the harrowing experience of bereavement. In David's absence our readings in Church have been about the post resurrection appearances of Jesus. We read that he came to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." His resurrection is the reason that Christians celebrate with great joy and hope for the future. When David returns will he find that we have been getting on with our work? Yes, of course! When Jesus returns will he find us getting on with his work, the work of sharing his forgiveness, his peace and joy in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection?

Angie Austin Curate

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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 May are Mill Close, Motteshead Road, Nightingale Way, 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. Any requests are included at Morning Prayer each day.

The complete Benefice Church Diary and News is published on the Benefice website <http://www.churnside-parishes.org.uk/link/link.pdf> and also available in the church porch, but only services at All Saints, Preston, St Peters, Siddington and Hunters Care are included in this Newsletter, together with the Church Cleaning and Flower Rota.

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

VILLAGE HALL



Soup Saturdays

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported, in any way, the 3 Soup Saturdays since Christmas. The last one, on April 11th, was a fundraiser for a children's day care centre in rural India. We raised the magnificent sum of £250! The other 2 combined have also raised almost £200 for village hall funds, so thank you to everyone who supports us, and do keep an eye on this newsletter for the dates for next winter.

COLOUR 2015

Local artists - including members of Preston art group - will be exhibiting their paintings and drawings in the Brewery Arts pop-up gallery. The colourful show - the first of its kind - runs from Monday 1st - Sunday 7th June and entry is free.

The exhibitors represent all levels of ability, belong to different art groups and classes and work in lots of different media, so there's something to interest everyone.

There will be the opportunity to join one of the groups, to buy many of the works on display, and win a raffle prize.

Come along and see what's possible!

PRESTON FETE

We look forward to seeing you at the 2015 fete meeting to discuss plans for this year. It will be held at Church Farm at 10.30am on **Monday 11th May**. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer any help, please call 01285 653066. Many thanks! *Scilla Chester-Master*

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 15/00987/LBC Buttress Cottage 90 Preston Cirencester Glos GL7 5PR
Re-point front facing wall

- 15/00661/FUL Preston Croft Preston Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5PR
Erection of single storey front and rear extensions and formation of vehicular access

A full list of planning applications can be viewed on CDC's website: www.cotswold.gov.uk

FREE TRAINING FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY VOLUNTEERS

Gloucestershire Highways is organising a **FREE** training day on **Friday 29th May** to enable volunteers to work safely, and give them the knowledge and support they need to enjoy the time they donate to this service and their community.

If you are interested please contact : Michael.Barton@amey.co.uk

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The small working group has now completed the task of identifying key features around our village and the wider Preston Parish. What we would like to do is to put some of these features into context - how have they come to be used/located/look like they do now? We are asking for your help.

If anyone has any old photos/maps/memorabilia/stories they are able to share with us we would love to hear from you - as an example, you may have inherited a photograph of the village hall when it was still a school, or the old railway track when it still had trains on it. Any help you can offer will be gratefully received, and artefacts very well cared for and returned. If you can help in any way please get in touch with Alan Stone, Chris Sutton, Sue Cameron or Karen Thornton. Thank you.

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2015 AT 7.00 PM

VILLAGE HALL

Come and hear about our Projects for the coming year and
let us hear what YOU have to say

COME AND JOIN US !!!

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow

PLANTLIFE POLL

As part of celebrations for its 25th anniversary, Plantlife has launched a poll to find the nations' favourite wild flower (also the favourites in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland). Will it be the common poppy, cowslip, more elusive ragged robin or that woodland favourite, the

bluebell? Voters have until 5 June to vote online for their favourite and the results will be announced soon after. **GO TO** www.plantlife.org.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday, 14 May 2015 at 7.30 pm in the VILLAGE HALL. The first item on the Agenda will be the election of Chairman. COME AND JOIN US!

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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).

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 21st May - Westonbirt Arboretum



For our May meeting we will be having a talk on Westonbirt Arboretum. A local volunteer will be coming, showing us slides and telling us of their plans for the future. It looks like it is going to be a good evening.

Visitors and new members are welcome. As usual, we will be meeting at 7.30 pm in the Elizabeth Way Community. Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

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. Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer for South Cotswolds - Andy Fogden andy.fogden@gloucestershire.police.uk

VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT INFORMATION - LYNN SAUNDERS

I am 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

MONTHLY WALK IN THE PARK

The next walk will take place on **Thursday 28th May 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

STEP FORWARD AND HELP YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE

Cotswold Care Hospice will be holding its 3rd annual Solstice Walk this year, on Friday 19th June at 6pm, 6.30pm and 7pm, depending on the distance you want to walk
For further information jan.ryder@cotswoldcare.org.uk Tel. 01453 886868

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>. If you would prefer your news directly online, please let me know. OR - there is a distribution list for those who would prefer to receive their personal copy by e-mail.

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 **June 2015 in handwriting or by e-mail by Tuesday 19th May**.: Greystones, Preston 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER There is a charge according to the size and type of ad and special discounts for Preston residents. Apply to Dot Warren (dotwarren@btinternet.com) for further information.

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*

<i>CHURCH DIARY MAY 2015</i>				<i>VOLUNTEER</i>
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton
3 rd May	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd	
5th Sunday of Easter				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton
10 th May	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd	
6th Sunday of Easter				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
17 th May	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr	Mrs Jones
7th Sunday of Easter				
SUNDAY	9.30am	Coffee and	Pr	Mrs Jones
24 th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
Pentecost				
SUNDAY	10.00am	United Benefice Service	Pr	<i>Any volunteers?</i>
31 st May	6.00pm	Café Church	Elizabeth Way	
Trinity Sunday				

VOLUNTEERS FOR FORTHCOMING MONTHS

June	Mrs Price Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay	7 th 21 st	14 th 28 th
July	Mrs Anne Smith Mrs Bainbridge	5 th 19 th	12 th 26 th
August	Mrs Warren/Mrs Cameron Mrs Stone Mrs Sutton	2 nd 16 th 30 th	9 th 23 rd



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