



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER September 2015

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

FROM THE VICAR

For a number of years we have had a very active Local Ministry Team in South Cerney and, for the last few years, across the parishes of the Benefice. This autumn we are going to renew this area of our church life and re-launch teams in both South Cerney with Cerney Wick and in Siddington and Preston. Along with the re-launch there will be a new name and it will become the Ministry Development Team, a name that reflects more accurately what it is all about.

What will this team do? It will continue to identify and organise areas of church life in which people can use their gifts and talents in God's service, such as marriage and baptism preparation, bereavement visiting, children's work and many other opportunities. It is a reminder that each Christian is called to be involved in the ministry and work of the local church. We hope that this will be in place by late October/early November. If you would like any details about this please do get in touch with me.

I have just returned from leading once again the youth visit from the Gloucester Diocese to South India, spending time in Dornakal and Bangalore, as well as visiting Chennai for a couple of days. While I was there we had the opportunity to visit the Churnside Day Care Centre at Garidepalli and it was wonderful to meet the children and the very dedicated staff once again. It really does make a huge difference to the lives of the families of all faith backgrounds in the village and I am very grateful for all who have supported this link through our various fund-raising activities.

If you know of anyone who is interested in next year's youth trip there is an information evening on Thursday September 10th at 7.00pm at 4 College Green in Gloucester (opposite the main entrance to the Cathedral). The trip is open to young people aged 16-19 and takes place over three weeks of the summer holidays 2016.

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 Tel: 01285 860221 email: dbowers@btinternet.com)

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David Bowers and his wife will be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 13th September 2015. I am sure that you will all want to join the Parish Church Council in congratulating them both on this very happy occasion!

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 September 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 which will be included at daily Morning Prayer.

For Under Fives: those not yet at school - (0 - 5 and older in the school holiday)
Thursday, 3rd and 17th September at 2pm in All Hallows Church

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 Sunday 27th September

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 welcome

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

LOCAL BUS SERVICES

The County Council has recently undertaken consultation on possible changes to some subsidised services particularly where changes could impact on connecting services. GCC has confirmed that there will be no changes to service 854 including the link to and from Preston.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NEW APPLICATIONS

15/03018/FUL Land Parcel Off Witpit Lane Adjacent To the A417 404918 East 201036 West Preston Gloucestershire

Change of use to park two HGV's including trailers

RESPONSE DUE 28 AUGUST 2015

15/03052/FUL Stratton Place 42 Gloucester Road Stratton Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 2LA

Redevelopment to provide the erection of a 64 bed care home, 8 care suites, 36 assisted living units, ancillary accommodation and associated works

RESPONSE DUE 17 SEPTEMBER 2015

APPLICATIONS RESPONDED TO

14/05481/REM Siddington Park Farm, South Cerney, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6ET

Approval of Reserved Matters for Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline permission ref.11/05716/OUT (Continuing Care Retirement Community (Use Class C2), including a core building with care bedrooms, close care units, linked assisted units and ancillary facilities, detached assisted living units, landscaped grounds, internal highway layout and car parking) at Land At Siddington Park Farm South Cerney Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ET

PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE: Preston Parish Council objects to this application due to the lack of parking provision on the site. The 4 blocks of Assisted Living Units are likely to be occupied by a high proportion of residents with their own transport and will require parking. Together with staff and visitors there is insufficient provision and no provision whatsoever for emergency vehicles and health workers. Public transport to the site is very limited and Table 3 of the Transport Plan shows only 1 journey per week in each direction for the No 78 bus service and only 2 journeys per week in each direction for the No 854 bus service. There is no safe pedestrian route to access bus services in Siddington. Despite providing parking for cycles on the site, the route to Tesco requires crossing Siddington Road, which is particularly hazardous with traffic coming from South Cerney and Siddington round a blind bend.

The Parish Council has long lobbied Gloucestershire Highways for a safe pedestrian and cycle crossing here and across the A419. In fact, residents and representatives of the Parish Council met with Highways Officers only last week to see how crossing the very busy A419 might be made safer but Officers acknowledged that there is no funding to do so.

NOTE: It is of particular concern that as each planning application is considered in isolation, the cumulative impact of traffic levels created by successive developments in this area are not being recognised. When responding to application 14/04516/OUT Erection of up to 6 dwellings at Preston Mill Barn, the Parish Council drew attention to the lack of safe pedestrian and cycle routes but the problems are not being addressed.

For all planning applications and decisions see CDC's website: www.cotswold.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS

A419 Remodelling

Following residents' concerns, the Parish Council arranged a meeting with Highways Officers to discuss the removal of the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) between the Tesco roundabout and the junction with Kingshill Lane and also the dangerous pedestrian/cycle crossing on the A419. Gloucestershire Highways has confirmed that the VAS were removed as part of the road remodeling scheme but has agreed to appropriate signage for the pedestrian / cycle crossing.

Concern has also been raised regarding the way in which the Kingshill Lane junction with the A419 has been remodelled particularly with regard to buses and coaches. Gloucestershire Highways has taken these concerns on board and agreed to monitor the situation.

Village Road Signs

Gloucestershire Highways has agreed to replace the existing Village signs on either side of the road and at both entrances to the Village (Kingshill Lane and Witpit Lane). It is hoped that the new signs will draw to drivers' attention that they are entering the Village and likely to encounter pedestrians, cyclists, animals, children etc. and to reduce traffic speed.

Gloucestershire Highways and the Parish Council will share the cost of the signs. It is also hoped that installation of the bench at the Kingshill Lane junction and regular maintenance of the verges will further emphasise the Village boundaries.

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: Caroline Braidwood, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Glos GL7 1BJ Tel: 01285 380040 Email: clerk@prestonpc.org.uk www.prestonpc.org.uk

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

ULTRA FAST BROADBAND - COMING SOON!

Fastershire and Gigaclear held a briefing session on 19th August which I attended. Fastershire are responsible for the roll out of fibre broadband to Herefordshire and Gloucestershire. They award contracts for the work and subsidies to the companies doing the work.

The contract for Area 5 i.e. the Cotswold area, has been awarded to Gigaclear.

Previously, some areas have been connected through contracts with BT. They (BT) have provided fibre to local village cabinets, which has then been distributed through the existing copper wires to customers near that cabinet - the maximum cable run is 1.2 Km after which the speed drops off. (ie those near the cabinet get the best speeds.) Anyone with a line capacity of 15mb or higher speed through this system will stay the same. Any house or business with a line capacity lower than this will have the Gigaclear system available.

Gigaclear is an underground fibre network direct to each customer. It will therefore be very fast. (Minimum 40mb/sec), with no drop off. Every house or business will have a connecting point to the system directly outside their boundary, so can be easily connected at any time.

Because it is underground, there will be a lot of digging and mess involved. However, Gigaclear's policy is to dig, lay and fill their trenches in one day.

The whole project is due to be completed by the end of 2017. They aim to start in the west of the region and work eastwards. However, areas where customers register the greatest interest in connecting to the service will be served first.

The roll out plan will be announced by the end of September and every property will receive an information pack. Previous to this a list will be published of all 6,500 properties that will be

covered. See info@fastershire.com . If your house is not on that list, you need to contact Fastershire to find out why. There will also be community sales teams and demonstrations. Apologies for any technical mistakes! I have further information, if you want it.
Councillor Chris Sutton - PPC (email: chris.sutton88@talktalk.net)

VILLAGE HALL

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL PUB NIGHT Friday 18th September from 7pm

There will be a Village Hall pub night on Friday 18th September.

The idea is to use the hall like a pub. Come and go when you like. Enjoy a drink with friends and neighbours. We are not allowed to sell alcoholic liquor, so bring your own. Everything else provided.

Opens 7 pm, closes when you have all gone home. Children welcome.

No fee, but contributions to the hall will be welcome.

SPANIEL IN THE WORKS is returning on **Friday 16th October 2015** to perform **A NEAR RUN THING** - a play about the Battle of Waterloo. There will be a French theme - red wine, French bread and cheese!

Before advertising it generally, we'd like to offer first refusal to the Village, so could you please e-mail me ASAP to let me know if you think that you might come. I haven't priced it up yet, but tickets will be in the region of £10-12 each. *Jennie Beadle (E-mail - jenniebeadle@gmail.com)*

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.

VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT INFORMATION - LYNN SAUNDERS

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 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

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI



Thursday 17th September- Reflexology

This month **Alison Davis** is giving a talk and demonstration on **Reflexology**. We can look forward to a good relaxing evening.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings. **We will be meeting in the Elizabeth Way Community Room 7.30pm.** Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

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 September walk will take place on **Thursday 24th September 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 **October 2015** in handwriting or by e-mail by

Thursday 24th September. 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 a few spaces available and even the smallest amount of help would be so much appreciated. *Regine Freyne Tel: 655370*

| CHURCH DIARY SEPTEMBER 2015 | | | | VOLUNTEERS |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|------|---------------|
| SUNDAY | 8.00am | Holy Communion | Pr | Mrs Mortimore |
| 6 th September | 10.00am | Family Service | Sidd | |
| 14th Sunday | | | | |
| after Trinity | | | | |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Pr | Mrs Mortimore |
| 13 th September | 6.00pm | Evensong | Sidd | |
| 15th Sunday | | | | |
| after Trinity | | | | |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Sidd | |
| 20 th September | 6.00pm | Evening Service | Pr | xxxxxxxx |
| 16th Sunday | | | | |
| after Trinity | | | | |
| SATURDAY 26 th | 10.00am | DECORATE CHURCH | Pr | ALL WELCOME |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Sidd | |
| 27 th September | 3.00pm | Harvest Festival and Tea | Pr | |
| 17th Sunday | | | | |
| after Trinity | | | | |



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CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA -VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS

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| 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 |
| December | ADVENT-NO FLOWERS TBA TBA TBA CHRISTMAS DAY TBA | 6 th 13 th 20 th 25 th 27 th |

