



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER December 2019

## NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

Decorating our homes for Christmas is one of those traditions that helps make this a very special time of year. There is something about a sparkly Christmas tree, twinkly lights, a nativity set, or a string of Christmas cards that sets the scene for our Christmas celebrations. Unpacking the decorations can bring back memories of people, places and experiences as we are reminded of where things come from or the people who made them. Maybe you have a favourite decoration that takes pride of place in your home?

My nativity set is one of my favourite Christmas decorations. It was given to me as a thank you from friends following their trip to Bethlehem. Each figure is placed on the mantel piece above the fireplace to create a picture. The shepherds, the three wise men holding their gifts, the sheep, a cow, Mary, Joseph and centre stage a manger containing baby Jesus. It reminds me of what is at the heart of the Christmas celebrations, the birth of a baby, God's perfect gift to us. The gift of light, hope, peace, forgiveness and love. In the gift of Jesus, God shows us how much he loves us, a love that is unconditional. If you would like to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus, who is God with us, a warm welcome awaits you at any of our church services this Christmas. You can find details of our services elsewhere in this edition.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas

God Bless

*Revd Jennifer McKenzie - Vicar of the Churnside Benefice*

The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, GL7 5TP Tel: 01285 860221

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## PRESTON CHURCH KEY

Please call Scilla Chester-Master if you need to know where the key is stored. Tel: 653066.

**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 December are Swinford Close, Teal Way, The Close, The Common, The Glade. The prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church may be used for personal prayer requests, which will be relayed at Morning Prayer daily.

All Saints Church Preston

# CANDLE-LIT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday

22nd December

4.00pm

*Atmospheric service telling the  
Christmas Story  
in readings and carols*



### PIMMS AND HYMNS - IN AID OF ERITHOKA-UGANDA

A Christian based charity to help children with disabilities in SW Uganda. Please join us for a fun evening fundraiser at Kemble Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30 to 8.30pm. The idea is to drink some Pimms (or non-alcohol if you prefer) have some nibbles and chose your favourite hymns! The most popular of which will be sung by us all. Tickets at £10 are available from Anne Smith (Tel: 01285 658757 Mobile: 07931 398121.)

## CHURCH DIARY DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pr
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	11.15am	Holy Communion	Sidd
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
FRIDAY - SUNDAY		Christmas Tree Festival	Sidd
6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2019			
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
8 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
SUNDAY	6.00pm	Carol Service	Sidd
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2019			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
WEDNESDAY	2.15pm	Christingle Service	Sidd
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019			
FRIDAY	6.00pm	Carol Singing in Village Hall	Sidd
20 <sup>th</sup> December			
SUNDAY	4.00pm	Carol Service	Pr
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
TUESDAY	2.30pm	Crib Service	Sidd
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	9.00pm	First Communion of Christmas	Sidd
<b>Christmas Eve</b>			
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Holy Communion	Pr
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	10.00am	Christmas Worship with the distribution of Holy Communion	Sidd
<b>Christmas Day</b>			
SUNDAY	10.00am	United Benefice Service	SC
29 <sup>th</sup> December 2019			

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website*

[www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.churnsidechurches.org.uk)

### **THE NELSON TRUST - WARM WINTER CLOTHES URGENTLY NEEDED**

Brunswick House in Gloucester, is run by the Nelson Trust for women in trouble - just out of prison, just off the streets, in abusive situations etc. They constantly need warm clothes as winter closes in. If anyone has a coat or sweater or woolly hat or scarf to spare (OR warm children's clothes), please let Scilla know on 01285 653066. It is the most wonderful organisation and deserves all our support.



**All Saints Church Preston**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.15am**

**Holy Communion**

## PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### PLANNING

For all information about planning applications please go to Cotswold District Council's website:

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning/online-planning-register/>

### NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Update 28

*Amendments have been made to the new Landscape Assessment and we are currently checking that all is in order before beginning the consultation process with Regulation 14 early in the New Year.*

### DOG POO



Research has found that the darker nights bring dark dog owner behaviour, with increased incidents of dog fouling. Under the cover of darkness, dog owners are less likely to pick up their dog mess leading to increases in complaints about the issue.

**If you are aware of anyone not picking up after their dog, please contact the Parish Clerk**

### GENERAL ELECTION - 12 DECEMBER 2019

If you have not yet received your poll card and unsure if you can vote then contact CDC's Election Office by emailing [elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cotswold.gov.uk) or calling **01285 623002**.

Elections staff can also advise you on postal and proxy votes together with the critical deadlines.

**HOMESHARING** brings together older people who have spare rooms, with people who need affordable accommodation and who are happy to chat and lend a hand. Homesharing can be a great option for someone who misses having other people in their home and would welcome some low-level practical support around the house. In return, the Householder is able to offer someone not just a place to live, but a real home. Together, Householders and Homesharers share home life, time, skills and experience.

Age UK Gloucestershire's Homesharing project carefully matches people, oversees the arrangements and provides professional on-going support. If you want to find out more, please call us on 01452 422660 or email: [homeshare@ageukgloucestershire.org.uk](mailto:homeshare@ageukgloucestershire.org.uk).

### BT CONSULTATION ON THE REMOVAL OF PAYPHONES

You have the opportunity to comment until 12 noon on 23 December. Go to:

[https://www.ofcom.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0035/47879/removing\\_callboxes.pdf](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0035/47879/removing_callboxes.pdf)

## **Essential information on flooding**

This week has seen significant flooding in the county, but do you know what to do if your property floods?

A new tool is available to make it easier to let the county council know when flooding happens. Just go to [SWIM](#) and follow the simple steps. There is also a wealth of useful information to help you find out if you are at risk and how to prepare, such as our [essential flood guide](#). This information helps Gloucestershire County Council and partners to build up a picture of areas at risk and how we can concentrate our resources where they are most needed. Visit our web pages [here](#) to find out more.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/your-community/emergencies-and-your-safety/flooding-and-drainage/> and <https://swim.geowessex.com/glos>

### **CDC PLANNING NOTICES**

As part of the Cotswold District Council's commitment to addressing the climate change emergency and associated environmental concerns, they have now ceased the use of plastic bags to display Planning site notices and will be using heavier grade biodegradable paper that has been tested for outdoor suitability over the necessary timescales.

CDC has received feedback that the previously used plastic notices rapidly became an eyesore once their use had passed and the biodegradable paper will help to deal with this issue.

### **DEFIBRILLATOR - HOW TO USE IT**

We have been asked if and how anyone (even those who haven't received training) can use the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk.

**The answer is simple - 'YES'.**

**In an emergency you need to call 999. If it's appropriate the operator will be able to tell you where the nearest defibrillator is located and talk you through how to use it.**

### **VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

If you receive the Newsletter by email, please can you ensure that [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk) is white listed in your email set up so that it doesn't end up in your Junk folder.

If you are aware of any resident who doesn't receive the Newsletter, please ask them to email: [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk)

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 5 December 2019  
at 7 pm in the Village Hall**

**CLERK TO THE COUNCIL** : Caroline Braidwood, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Glos  
GL7 1BJ Tel: 01285 380040 / 07870 170823 Email: [clerk@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@prestonpc.org.uk)  
<http://www.prestonpc.org.uk>

## VILLAGE HALL

### DIARY

**Art Group** has now finished until the New Year.

**Yoga** continues on Wednesday evenings. Mark runs two classes for beginners and those with more experience. Contact him at [mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk) if you are interested in joining.

Mark is also running Yoga Workshops on Saturday 7th December between 9-1pm. Please contact him if you would like to join in with these workshops.

**GENERAL ELECTION** - Thursday 12th December. The Village Hall will again be in use for voting.

**VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Friday 20th December

Everyone is invited to come along, meet your neighbours and friends and enjoy a mince pie, mulled wine and kick off the festive season. **See notice for details**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH IS COFFEE, BICCIES AND BOOKS**, 10:30-12 noon  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Please come along and join your neighbours and friends for a friendly coffee morning. Feel free to bring a book to exchange if you wish. £1 donation is requested to cover costs. Please let me know if you need any help in coming to the Hall. (Dot Warren 656105) **SEE POSTER BELOW**

**QUIZ NIGHT** A huge THANK YOU is due to our brilliant Quizmaster - Cathy Lynn - and to all the Village Hall Committee for putting on an excellent evening of fun. Your hard work was well rewarded by the obvious 'good time had by all' - see photo!



*Quiz Night at the Village Hall - November 2019*



## SOUP SATURDAYS 2020

Yes, it's the New Year Soup Saturdays in the village hall again - doesn't the time fly by!?

Usual format, noon till 2.00pm, just turn up for a lovely bowl of homemade soup and lots of time to catch up with neighbours and friends.

This season's dates are:

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

If you are new to the village do come along and get to know people - we are a very friendly bunch!

**SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party**



A members' evening of fun, songs, games and mingling.  
There will be tea, biscuits and a raffle.

**We will be meeting this month at Elizabeth Way Meeting Room, Siddington at 7.30pm.**  
Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Village Hall Christmas Party 6-8pm.**



MULLED WINE, SOFT DRINKS AND MINCE PIES

ALL WELCOME

RAFFLE PRIZES AND DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED ON THE NIGHT

**CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE - MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER**

Meet at the Village Hall at 6pm to join us spreading Christmas cheer singing carols around the village. Please find details on the flyer below. I hope that as many will come as possible. Let me know if you would like your house to be included when we plan our route! A collection will be made in Aid of The Erithoka-Uganda Children's charity.

**A MESSAGE FROM DEL'S MOTORCYLCES**

We would like to wish all of the Village a very Merry Christmas and good tidings for the New Year. A very heart felt thank you for everyone who has supported us over the past year.

AND our Macmillan Certificate has still yet to come through but we can confirm that the complete total for the event was a whopping.....

**£1597.53!!**

An absolutely fantastic amount for only a few hours work from us.

**Kelly and Del**

# Carol Evening

If you love a bit of 'Silent Night', 'Good King Wenceslas' or 'Deck the Halls', join us for an evening of carolling around the village, (carol sheets provided), followed by mince pies and a hot drink.

**Bring the kids, wrap up warm and don't forget your torch!**

Meet at 6pm, Monday 23rd December at the Village Hall



Let Dot Warren know by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December if you are going to be there!

Email: [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk) or text to 07980 897268

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS FROM OUR COORDINATOR - JULIE TOMBLIN

If you are aware of any suspicious activity in the village, or a scam caller is repeatedly bothering you, please let us know Julie 01285 641111 or [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk).

**The police emergency 999 or non-emergency 101**

Village coordinators who are available to help you are.....

Michael Dyson, Rex Canton, Alex Beadle, Reg Freyne, Andrew Mckechnie and Dot Warren

**DANNIELLE DUNN EVENTING EVENING** On Saturday 23 November the Danielle Dunn Eventing Gala took place at Cirencester Town Football Club. Over 90 people attended. The event was organised as a 'thank you' to Danni's sponsors, who she says she could not manage without. All of her sponsors were there and many of them erecting publicity stands. They also kindly contributed wonderful prizes. The money raised will go towards Danni's funds and also to a well deserving charity called Hannah's Willbery the Wonder Pony.

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## **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

**TAKE NOTE - The next Newsletter will be a double issue covering January and February 2020. Please be sure to let me have your news by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the hope that we will be distributing this issue before Christmas.**

Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105; [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk)

**CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2019**

The 2020 church flower and cleaning rota will be issued some time in the New Year. Please contact [regfreyne@gmail.com](mailto:regfreyne@gmail.com) if you can spare an hour once or twice a year to help keep our church beautiful. *Regine Freyne Tel: 655370*

• <b><u>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota for December</u></b>		
December	<b>ADVENT -NO FLOWERS</b>	
	Mrs Freyne, Mrs Thornton, Mrs Mings	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>
	Mrs Warren	15 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>Decorate church (all welcome) 10am</b>	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>
	Mrs Freyne, Mrs Thornton, Mrs Mings	22 <sup>nd</sup>
	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>
	No service at Preston	29 <sup>th</sup>



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## Festive Forest School and Wreath Making

For pre-schoolers aged 2+ and their parents/guardians. This event is for families interested in joining our Nursery or Reception class in 2020.

Join current parent and owner of The Secret Garden Company, Rachel Payne and our Forest School Leaders to create a beautiful festive wreath decoration in the surroundings of our on-site Forest School. You will also meet the Head of Juniors, Mr Gavin Roberts and our Head of EYFS and Nursery Manager, Mrs Kim Hardie.

Book now: [admissions@rendcombcollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@rendcombcollege.org.uk) • 01285 832306  
 Rendcomb College, Rendcomb, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 7HA

We offer the Government's 30 hours scheme



Make a beautiful wreath with your child



Event held in partnership with:



Explore our beautiful setting



# Cotswold-Yoga

**New term starts**  
**04.09.19**  
**Preston Village Hall**  
**5.30 - 6.45pm**  
**7.00 - 8.15pm**

**For more details, please contact Mark:**  
**T: 07771 644469**  
**E: [Mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:Mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk)**

W: [www.cotswold-yoga.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-yoga.co.uk)

**All Abilities Welcome**

