



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2012

## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Letter from the Vicar:

It is impossible to over-emphasise how important Easter is in the Christian faith. It is absolutely foundational and marks the difference between understanding Christianity as a living and continuing relationship with Christ and seeing it as merely following the teachings of Jesus as a great spiritual leader (important as that would be).

In the Easter readings in the Gospels we see how the group of disillusioned and disappointed disciples were transformed from sadness and despair to joy as they realised that Jesus had risen from the dead. Their encounter with the risen Christ gave them a boldness to spread the Christian message, something we see in the amazing growth of the Christian Church from Jerusalem out into the Roman Empire in the first century. What drove the early Christians in their preaching was their conviction that Jesus was alive and continued to teach and guide them through the Holy Spirit.

Throughout history and in our own age many people have continued to believe in the risen Christ and to know his power and presence in their lives. The task of the Christian Church is to continue to make the transforming power of Jesus known to all people. The Easter event stands at the heart of this, something we celebrate this month, on April 8th.

The Christian Church is built upon this remarkable claim that Jesus is alive today and that it is possible to enjoy a fulfilling and transforming relationship with God through him. You are very welcome to come along to hear more about it and to celebrate with us at our Easter services.

May each one of us know the joy and peace that comes from knowing the risen Christ. A happy Easter to you all.

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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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    E-mail address: [administrator@churnside-parishes.org.uk](mailto:administrator@churnside-parishes.org.uk)    Answerphone otherwise.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Preston PCC will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 26th April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come and hear what has happened in the church during last year, and also the events planned for this year.

## CHURCH DIARY FOR APRIL 2012

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.45am	Procession followed by Eucharist	SC
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Compline	SC
MONDAY	7.30pm	Compline with Meditation	SC
2 <sup>nd</sup> April			
TUESDAY	7.30pm	Compline with Meditation	SC
3 <sup>rd</sup> April			
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Holy Communion	SC
4 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
	7.30pm	Compline with Meditation	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
5 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.30pm	Passover	SC
FRIDAY	10.00am	Family Service & Easter Workshop	SC
6 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm	Meditation	SC
<b>Good Friday</b>	3.00pm	Meditation	Sidd
SUNDAY	5.30am	Sunrise Service	SC
8 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
	11.00am	Holy Communion	CW
	6.00pm	Easter Praise	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
12 <sup>th</sup> April			
SUNDAY	10.00am	Family Church	SC
15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	6.00pm	Holy Communion	SC
<b>Of Easter</b>	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC
<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	10.00am	Family Service	Pr
<b>of Easter</b>	6.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer with prayer for healing	SC
	6.00pm	Holy Communion with prayer ministry	Sidd
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	10.00am	United Benefice Service	Pr
<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6.00pm	Café Church -Elizabeth Way	Sidd
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>			
<b>of Easter</b>			

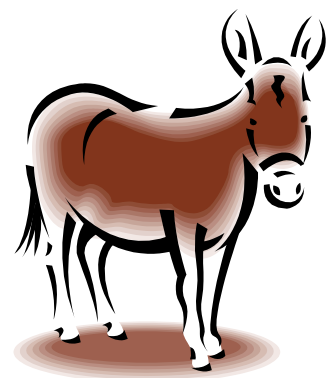
### STOP PRESS

**Prayers:** The streets and areas in the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during April are Cerney Wick, Cherry Tree Drive, Church Avenue, Church Lane and Church Close.

**Prayer Board:** There is a prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church for your personal prayer requests. Prayers are said for anything placed on the board at Morning Prayer each day.

### PALM SUNDAY

1st April - Procession led by a donkey  
Start outside The United Church South Cerney at 9.45 am



### Under 5's

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

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

6th April at 10am in All Hallows Church FAMILY CHURCH with activities

*Hot cross buns for everyone*

## **PRESTON FETE**

There will be a planning meeting to discuss the 2012 fete on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10am at Church Farm. You are all very welcome to come along and help us with ideas, old and new, for this year's fete! If you are new in the village, this is a good chance to meet neighbours and help in any small way with the village's annual event. Somehow, despite the weather or the financial climate, we always have a most enjoyable day, but it is the planning and organising beforehand that makes it such a success each year. Please let me know if you can't make it but want to help. *Scilla Chester-Master Tel: 653066*

## **2012 LENT LUNCH**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's lent lunch in the village hall on 25th February. A splendid £160 was raised for the charity Acts of Hope.

## **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **New Website for Preston (REMINDER)**

[www.prestonpc.org.uk](http://www.prestonpc.org.uk) is still in the development stage but it is hoped that everyone in the village will be keen to use it as well as the Parish Council for its public information. If you have anything that you would like to see included, such as information on past, present or future events, photographs or anything that might be of interest to people living in the village or outside, please contact Caroline: [clerk@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@prestonpc.org.uk) or call 01285 380040 or any Parish Councillor.

### **March Meeting**

- David Neudegg, CEO of Cotswold District Council and Members of the Parish Council discussed many issues relating to their areas of work including planning and the Water Parks. David is hoping for an invitation to the Village Fete later in the year.
- Councillors were very sorry to hear of Cllr Terry Hopegood resignation. He has lived in the village for 39 years. The Chairman was joined by Parish, District & County Councillors in thanking Terry for all his work for the Village. It is hoped that he will return for the Jubilee street party.
- There was concern about the possible impact to villagers from the changes to the bus service timetable. The Parish Council is seeking comments from the community - please contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk to enable us to put your views forward.
- Complaints have been received about dog fouling on the footways, pathways and verges used by pedestrians and it's thought that most offences occur under cover of darkness ! **PLEASE** remember to pick up your dogs' waste and dispose of it considerately. It is an offence liable to a fine of £75 and £1,000 for repeat offences, a danger to health with the possibility of toxocariasis leading to blindness particularly in young children, a problem for pedestrians and unpleasant for people mowing verges. If you see anyone not picking up after their dog. please contact any

Councillor, the Parish Clerk or report it directly to CDC: 01285 623000 or report it online [http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a\\_id=9350](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=9350)

### **Preston Toll Bar**

Gloucestershire Highways is proposing to close the Toll Bar and create a new roundabout near to the new development at Siddington Park Farm. The Parish Council has supported this move but if you would like more information please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012** Following requests from residents, the Parish Council has applied for closure of the Village street on Sunday, 3 June between 10 am and 5 pm to enable a street party to take place. This closure will only apply between the entrances to Village Farm. It is hoped that everyone will have an opportunity to join in and enjoy this momentous occasion. More details next month.

### **Mobile Police Station**

*PCSO Simon King* will be in the Village with the MPS on Monday, 30 April from 2 - 2.45 pm

The next meeting of the **Parish Council will be the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Thursday, 3 May 2012 at 7pm** in the Village Hall. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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

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

### **PRESTON VILLAGE HALL**

**QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 27th April , 7:30 pm.** Teams of 4-6

**CHARGE - £4 a head** to include Ploughman's Supper, Tea / Coffee. Pay on the night. Bring your own booze.

Prize for highest scoring team .The Preston Gnome will be awarded to the lowest scorers ! - To be displayed in the team's gardens in turn , until next year.

### **SOUP SATURDAYS IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Last one for this Spring - 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Saturday lunch, any time between 12noon and 2pm in the Village Hall. Soup, roll and a cup of tea or coffee, all for just £3.00. Come along and meet up for a chat.

**THE BIG LUNCH STREET PARTY -** The next event will be the " Big Lunch " Street Party on Sunday 3rd June to celebrate THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Thoughts received so far, are to bring A LUNCH DISH TO SHARE (as we did with last year's Royal Wedding tea party). We will try to get several large barbecues, so that people can cook if they want to. We have one promised so far - anyone else got one?

### **TIMMY MASON TRUST**

There will be a Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy in Preston Village Hall on Saturday, 21st April from 10.30 in aid of the Timmy Mason Trust. This will replace the planned Soup Saturday. Please do come and support this very local cause. Information from:  
Elizabeth Cooper - T 652676 Rosie Jones - T 652667 Scilla Chester-Master - T653066

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### **CAR WASH**

Does your car need a Spring clean?

Come to a CAR WASH in aid of the Timmy Mason Trust and  
Tom's Trip to Everest Base Camp  
Village Farm Cottage, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10am - 4pm

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**SNOWDROPS** - If anyone would like some snowdrop bulbs, please ring Mrs Chester Master T 653066.

### **A THANK YOU FROM JOY & REX CANTON & FAMILY.**

We wish to thank everyone who attended our Daughter Helen's funeral & for all the letters, cards and support given to us at this very sad time.  
Special thanks to The Reverend David Bowers for a beautiful Service, and for his continued support.

### **MOVING OUT/MOVING IN**

Terry and Jenny Hopegood are moving house on Thursday 29th March. We will be very sad to leave the Village after 39 years at The Barn but we will still be residing in Cirencester so will be back from time to time. Jacqueline and Martyn Ladds with son Noah who is 4 years old will be moving into The Barn on 30 March. We are sure you will make them as welcome as we were all those years ago. The Parish Council have kindly invited us back for the Jubilee Street party so we will see you all then and at the Fete. *Jenny and Terry*

### **GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE**

I have been Local Organiser in Preston for this annual event for 30 years and I am now stepping down. If anyone wishes to take on the job of Local Organiser, please contact Ailsa O'Connor 85 Victoria Road, Cirencester GL7 1ES Tel: 01285 643343  
I would like to thank everyone for all their support. This trust helps maintain our beautiful churches. May it continue to flourish for future generations.  
*Mary Painter Tel: 650624*

### **A419 ACTION GROUP**


Letter received from Jenny Pegler Cerney Wick resident - "Despite a fantastic response and support for the first action group meeting, nothing has since happened. I feel it would be a

great shame to lose any momentum we had. I have set up a Facebook page to allow a general discussion between supporters to see if we can work out the best way forward and form an action committee. The link is:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/198123016899180/> - or just type in A419 Action Group"

**SUE BLACK - VILLAGE AGENT - 07810 630167**

My name is Sue Black and I am the Village Agent for Preston as well as neighbouring villages. The role of the Village Agent is to support people aged 50+ living in rural areas of Gloucestershire, bridging the gap between the local community and the statutory or voluntary organisations able to offer help or support. My role is to provide older people in the community with easier access to information and services.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or concerns and I can arrange a home visit (in complete confidence). ***Sue Black Village Agent***

<b>Siddington with Preston WI</b>	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>A Journey through Syria and Lebanon Nicholas Clark</b>	
<p>Nicholas Clark and his wife travelled extensively in Syria and Lebanon before the current political unrest. Nicholas will give an illustrated talk on the people, culture and geography of these countries, which feature in the news at the moment. Please donate any unwanted foreign coins to Nicholas, who collects them for his local hospice.</p> <p>There will also be a Bring and Buy Table for books, CD's, etc for WI funds. Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings on the third Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Elizabeth Way, Siddington.</p> <p>For more information on WI activities please contact Marion on 01285 655230 or visit <a href="http://www.siddington.com">www.siddington.com</a></p>	

**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.

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 three months are given below.

**Note to helpers** - PLEASE NOTE that the Church office now only provides the service schedule 3 months in advance. Could you all please check the service dates in the Church Diary above to confirm if there is a service at Preston.

As always, there are gaps in the rota (a full list with dates for 2012 has been circulated to all helpers), so I would appreciate it if anyone could volunteer to fill these dates. Thank you.

*Regine Freyne Tel: 01285 655370 regfreyne@btinternet.com*

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

See the Village Noticeboards for dates and times of the next visits of the Mobile Library .

### **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Please will you let me have news for May 2012 **in handwriting or by e-mail** by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston; Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com. **NO FAX NUMBER.** Thank you.

### **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](mailto:andy.fogden@gloucestershire.police.uk)

### **PRESTON to CIRENCESTER BUS SERVICE 854**

**Mondays and Fridays only (excluding Public Holidays)      Service 854**

Leave Preston, opposite the Village Hall and Kingsway	11.55 am
Arrive Cirencester, Market Place, Parish Church	12.05pm

Leave Cirencester Market Place, Parish Church	13.15pm
Arrive Preston - Kingsway and Village Hall	13.25pm

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



**Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2012**

April	<p>Mrs Cooper Easter Decorations <b>10am ALL WELCOME</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Mrs Mortimore Mrs Bainbridge</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup>  7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>      29<sup>th</sup></p>
May	<p>Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton Mrs Jones</p>	<p>6<sup>th</sup>    13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>   27<sup>th</sup></p>
June	<p>Mrs Price/Mrs Tomblin Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay xxxxxxxxxxxxx</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup>    10<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>   24<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup></p>