



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 2012

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Letter from the Vicar:

Many thanks to all who worked hard to make the Preston Fete a great success again this year. The stallholders worked in the rain during the morning and thankfully were rewarded by a dry afternoon with some sunshine - we had almost forgotten what it looked like! A special word of thanks to Scilla once again for the use of her lovely garden, a setting that makes the fete very special, a typical English rural scene.

Now the holiday season is here I hope everyone has the opportunity for some relaxation, whether you are going away or staying at home. I was reading recently some of the accounts of the work of Jesus in Mark's Gospel and it struck me that he had a good balance between busyness and rest, including times of prayer, what we call in the modern jargon the "work/life balance". All of us need time when we can step back from the busyness of life and remember what is really important in life.

When you read this, I will be in Bangalore in India with the youth team from the Gloucester Diocese. We shall be working for three weeks in a number of church-run projects, including two hostels for street children and a school for handicapped children. I will write more about it in the September newsletter when we return.

A happy summer to you all.

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CHURCH DIARY FOR AUGUST 2012			
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Morning Prayer	SC
1 st August	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
2 nd August	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC

AUGUST - CTD/			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
5 th August	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Ninth Sunday	10.00am	Morning Prayer	CW
after Trinity	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
	6.00pm	Taize Service	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
9 th August			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
12 th August	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Tenth Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
after Trinity	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd
WEDNESDAY	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mulberry
15 th August			Court
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
16 th August	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC/SC
18 th August			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
19 th August	10.00am	Family Church	SC
Eleventh Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
after Trinity	6.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Pr
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
23rd August	2.00pm	Teddy-bears Picnic	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
26 th August	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Twelfth Sunday	10.00am	Family Service	Pr
after Trinity	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Sidd
	6.00pm	Outdoor Service	SC/UC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
30 th August	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC

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 Jubilee Flats, Jubilee Gardens, Kingfisher Place and Lakeside.

Prayer Board: 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.

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

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Thursday 23rd August. Starts at 2pm in All Hallows Church

Don't forget your teddy!

Food and drinks provided



'If you go down to the woods today your sure of a big surprise'

WANTED LOTS OF TEDDIES and other soft toys

I know the summer is not over, well not really even started, but I am already beginning to think about **Operation Christmas Child** and filling lots of shoeboxes full of goodies for children, who have very little or nothing, to let them know someone cares about them.

Last year I had a wonderful response when I asked for soft toys to go into shoeboxes so this year I am asking you again - If you have any small teddies and soft toys which need a new home, please contact me. Joan Townsend (01285 860710)

PRESTON FETE

An especially big 'thank you' this year to all the stalwart people who set up and dismantled the fete in our garden in torrential rain - AND THEN organised tempting stalls, games and teas for the crowds who came. It was a very happy occasion after all. And the garden was left immaculately tidy too. *Scilla Chester-Master Tel: 653066*

It was a very successful day despite the fact that numbers were down because of the unpredictable weather. **A total of £2,800 was raised.** (The analysis by stall will be given next month.)

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Are you concerned about traffic speed in the Village?

If so, you may be interested in forming a team of volunteers to monitor traffic speeds and log details that can be passed to the Police for action. Gloucestershire Constabulary Road Policing Unit and the Local Policing Team will support volunteers and teams will have access to radar speed detection equipment, Community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets.

If you are interested in help with this please contact Cllr Rex Canton rexcantor312@btinternet.com or tel 654592.

A BIG VOTE OF THANKS!

At the July meeting, Councillors asked for their thanks to be recorded to John Lynn for his work in refurbishing the noticeboards. THANK YOU!!

KINGSMEADOW RECREATION AREA

Tuesday, 25 September at 2.00 pm

Martyn Conyers, Land Management Officer at Cirencester Town Council will give the Council and any interested residents a guided tour of the Recreation Area that forms part of a buffer zone between the new housing development and Preston Village and explain how it will be used and how it will mature.

If you would like to be included in this tour please could you contact the Parish Clerk so that we can gauge the level of interest and decide how to manage the visit ?

WEBSITE www.prestonpc.org.uk

The site is currently being developed and now includes Council Minutes and Village Newsletters from 2011 to date together with Parish Council budgetary and financial reports. We need photographs of Village events and any articles of local interest. If you have anything to contribute or any ideas about content please could you contact Caroline?

The next meeting of the **Parish Council will be on Thursday, 6 September 2012 at 7pm** in the Village Hall. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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Parish Councillors are Chris Sutton (Chairman), Scilla Chester-Master (Vice Chairman), Regine Freyne, Rex Canton, Nick Price, Julie Tomblin, Sue Cameron

CLOSURE OF VEHICULAR ACCESS - PRESTON TOLL BAR

To everyone concerned about having a safe crossing point for pedestrians and cyclists - please contact Cotswold District Council Planning Department with your comments - by letter or email - the more the better. **Cotswold District Council** - cdc@cotswold.gov.uk Trinity Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1PX Telephone: 01285 623 000

Make sure they actively encourage walking and cycling to work and school - rather than paying lip service to it!

SWIMMING AT CHURCH FARM

Preston children are welcome to come and swim at Church Farm, Mon-Saturday from 5-6 o'clock. They **MUST** be accompanied by an adult **WHO CAN SWIM**, and I cannot be held responsible for accidents! Let's hope the holiday weather is warm at last. *Scilla C-M*

CHRISTIAN AID

The collection for Christian Aid totalled £259.75. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously.

ODD JOBS

I am still trying to raise money for Timmy's Trust and my trip to Nepal. If there are any odd jobs that you would like me to do over the summer holidays such as mowing the lawn, washing the car, watering the plants (ha, ha) then please think of me. *Tom Smith 640142*

PRESTON to CIRENCESTER BUS SERVICE 854

Mondays and Fridays only (excluding Public Holidays) Service 854

Leave Preston, opposite the Village Hall and Kingsway	11.45 am
Arrive Cirencester, Market Place, Parish Church	11.55 am

Leave Cirencester Market Place, Parish Church	13.20pm
Arrive Preston - Kingsway and Village Hall	13.25pm

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

STOP PRESS - NEW BUS NO 53 TO SWINDON OUTLET

It's recently been noted that Stagecoach runs a bus service from Cirencester to Swindon which goes along the A417 and stops at Preston Toll Bar.

STAGECOACH BUS SERVICE No. 53 - examples of journeys -

CIRENCESTER - SWINDON - Stopping at Preston Toll Bar approx 20 mins past each hour
SWINDON - CIRENCESTER- Stopping at Preston Toll Bar. Bar - approx 25-30 mins past each hour

Timetables available from the TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE, Cirencester Museum.

DO PLEASE USE THIS SERVICE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN - TO PREVENT IT BEING TAKEN AWAY! The Cantons have copies of the timetable (Tel: 01285 654592)

MOBILE LIBRARY

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

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

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).

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please will you let me have news for September 2012 **in handwriting or by e-mail by 21st August**. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston; Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com. **NO FAX NUMBER**. Thank you.

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, so I would appreciate it if anyone could volunteer to fill these dates. Thank you. *Regine Freyne* Tel: 01285 655370 regfreyne@btinternet.com

SUE BLACK - VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT - 07810 630167

I am the Village & Community Agent for Preston and neighbouring villages.

Our role is specifically designed to support older people in the community to access help, information and services. There are so many organisations/services out there to help, but it is often difficult to know who to contact when a problem arises.

We have all struggled to get help sometimes and that is where the Village & Community Agent comes in - so please do not hesitate to contact Sue and a home visit can be arranged (in complete confidence).

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2012

*** = No service

August	Mrs Warren/Mrs Cameron Mrs Stone	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th
September	Mrs Sutton xxxxxxxxxxxxxx HARVEST DECORATIONS 10am ALL WELCOME Harvest Festival xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	2 nd 9 th 16 th 21 st 23 rd 30 th
October	Mrs Freyne Mrs Jones Mrs Price/Mrs Tomblin	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th

Siddington with Preston WI

No meeting in August



For more information on WI activities please contact Marion on 01285 655230
or visit www.siddington.com