



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER December 2012

## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Letter from the Vicar

As we approach the season of Christmas the Holy Land is (as I write this letter) once again in the news for all the wrong reasons. The land in which the Prince of Peace was born is a place where there seems to be no lasting peace and where violence and conflict is never far away. A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to see for myself the wall, with its military checkpoints, that surrounds Bethlehem, turning the city of David into a virtual prison for its Palestinian inhabitants. Yet once again this Christmas time our attention will be drawn to this troubled land as we remember the birth of Jesus in humble and vulnerable circumstances. Even in the time of the New Testament it was a troubled place, ruled by a cruel regime that was part of the Roman Empire. Even the family of Jesus had to flee to exile in Egypt for a while for their own safety.

Even though we often tend to think of Christmas as a time when we forget our troubles there is something very significant in thinking of Jesus being born in a part of the world where there has been so much suffering. After all, one of the themes of the season which is echoed by the carols we sing, is that Jesus was born, not into a sanitized, problem-free and sinless world, but into the world as it is, with all its imperfection and troubles. From infancy to adulthood Jesus lived a fully human life with all the joys and sorrows involved in that. He came to save us from sin and evil and to give us new life and new hope.

It is my prayer that whatever your circumstances this Christmas, you may know the presence of Jesus, the Saviour and the Prince of Peace. Why not come along to church to one of our Christmas services and listen again to this amazing story. Come and join in the traditional carols, which also help to tell the story as well as helping us to express our praise to the King and Saviour who was born in a stable for us.

My family join me in wishing all of you a happy and joyful Christmas.

**David Bowers** Vicar of the Benefice of South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston  
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SATURDAY	2.00pm	Christmas Fayre - Village Hall	Sidd
1 <sup>st</sup> December			
SUNDAY	10.00am	United Benefice Service with Holy Communion	Pr
2nd December		(Bishop Michael)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	2.00pm	Advent Workshop	Ann Edwards School
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Holy Communion	SC
5 <sup>th</sup> December	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
6 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
9 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
	6.00pm	Evensong	SC
	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd
MONDAY	6.30pm	Army Carol Service	SC
10 <sup>th</sup> December			
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
13 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm	Boxbush Carol Service	SC
FRIDAY	6pm - 7pm	Christmas Tree Festival	SC
14 <sup>th</sup> December			
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC/SC
15 <sup>th</sup> December	10am - 5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
16th December	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Family Church	SC
	4.30pm	Carol Praise	SC
	6.00pm	Carol Service	Pr
	11am-4.30pm	Christmas Tree Festival	SC
MONDAY	7.00pm	Carols Round The Cross	SC
17 <sup>th</sup> December			
WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Ann Edwards School Carol Service	SC
19 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mulberry Crt
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC

20 <sup>th</sup> December	11.15am	Playgroup Carol Service	SC
FRIDAY	6.30pm	Carol Singing - Village Hall	Sidd
21 <sup>st</sup> December			
SATURDAY	4.30pm	Carol Service	CW
22 <sup>nd</sup> December			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	4.00pm	Carol Service	SC
of Advent	6.00pm	Carol Service	Sidd
MONDAY	2.30pm	Crib Service	Sidd
24 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Crib Service	SC
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas	SC
	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas	Sidd
TUESDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Holy Communion	Sidd
Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Service and Holy Communion	SC
	11.00am	Family Service and Holy Communion	C W
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
27 <sup>th</sup> December			
SUNDAY	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
30 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	6.00pm	Café Church - Elizabeth Way	Sidd
of Christmas			

**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 School Lane, Siddington Road, Silver Street, South Cerney Road, and Spring Lakes.

**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.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2012 THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the Operation Christmas Child this year, those of you who filled shoeboxes, those who donated money, all the knitters of hats, gloves and scarves, and all the people who helped in South Cerney Village Hall during what was a very busy week.

Over 1000 boxes packed into 116 cartons were sent off on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Evesham on the first part of a journey of well over 1000 miles to Eastern Europe. Your simple gifts will bring a

smile to the face of a child, a child who will probably have very little or maybe even nothing for Christmas. Nearly £2500 was also collected towards the transport costs.

Thank you once again to the committee of South Cerney Village Hall who kindly let us use the village hall for collecting in and checking all the boxes.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in October.

The final total was £744 which goes towards the transport costs.

As you open your presents on Christmas morning please remember the child who will be

opening your shoebox. There will be an Operation Christmas Child tree at the Christmas Tree

Festival in All Hallows Church 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December. *Joan Townsend for Operation Christmas Child*

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

All Saints Church

Preston

Sunday 16th December

6.00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion



### **CAROL SINGING**

#### **AROUND THE CROSS**

Monday 17th December at 7pm'

Come and join All Hallows Church Choir  
singing carols around the Old Cross.

Wrap up warm and bring a lantern.

A prize for the best decorated lantern.



### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

All Hallows Church South Cerney

14th December at 6pm Preview

Ticket £5

01285860710 or 01285861922

15th December 10am—5pm

16th December 11am—4.30pm (4.30pm Carol Praise)



### **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **NOISE FROM THE A419.417**

The problem of excessive noise from the A419/417 dual carriageway is one which has been an irritant for many residents in the area since it was built in 1998. Attempts have been made over the years to lobby the Government and Highways Agency to act to reduce the noise but so far those attempts have failed. A group of residents and councillors from parishes all along the dual carriageway have now formed an action group

as we believe the promises made about noise levels and road surfaces should be kept. I am chairing the group.

We have now met twice and we comprise 16 people. We are motivated to push harder on this issue but want to understand how wide the problem is in reality.

As your parish is near or relatively near to the dual carriageway, would you mind letting me know the following please:

- Does your parish suffer from noise from the dual carriageway?
- Do residents raise the issue or have they raised it?
- Is this an issue you are concerned about as a parish?
- Would you be interested in learning more about our group and/or sending a representative from your parish to our group meetings.

**Many thanks** - if you want to chat further my number is 07785 263759.

Paul Cllr Paul Hodgkinson (CDC, Churn Valley Ward)

Keep up to date with Churn Valley issues at: <http://paulhodgkinson.mycouncillor.org.uk/>

Follow me on twitter @paulchurn

**If you are interested in representing the Village on this Group please contact the Clerk or any Councillor**

### **BUDGET 2013 - 2014**

At the November meeting, the Council prepared a draft budget to be finalised at the next meeting in January.

Town Council to try to reduce the speed limit at the Toll Bar and on the Cirencester inner ring road. More information to follow.

The next meeting of the **Parish Council** will be on **Thursday, 3 January 2013 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.

### **PRESTON VILLAGE HALL - PRESTON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The village Christmas party will be in the in the Village Hall on Friday 21st December from 6 to 8 pm. There will be mulled wine, punches, mince pies and so on. No charge, but contributions to the hall will be welcome.

There will also be a raffle. If you would like to donate a prize, please give it to Barbara King, or bring it with you.



Do come and start the celebrations with your neighbours.

### **MONTHLY NEWS FROM SIDDINGTON**

Preston villagers may be interested to know that there is an equivalent monthly newsletter for Siddington village. This is available on their website - [www.siddington.com](http://www.siddington.com)

**Sue Black – Village & Community Agent – 07810 630167**

As you know, I am the Village Agent for Preston. Please do contact me with any queries or concerns and I can arrange a home visit, in complete confidence.

**Bus Pass Renewal**

If your Bus Pass is due to expire by 31 March 2013, **you don't need to do anything yet**. A renewal letter will arrive in the post between now and December 2012.

**Please wait for your letter and respond when it arrives.**

**Renewing is quick and easy** and will ensure you can continue to enjoy free travel on local buses. If you require any assistance when your letter arrives, please do give me a call.

Meanwhile, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas. Sue Black, Village and Community Agent - **07810 630167**

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE LINK PUBLIC EVENTS**


Gloucestershire Local Involvement Network (LINK) is a network of local people, groups and community organisations working together to help influence, improve or change the way health and social care services are planned and delivered across the county.

For further information please contact

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Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC)

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<b>Siddington with Preston WI</b>	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>Christmas Party Festive Fun and Food</b>	
<p>At the end of another busy and very successful year, members can relax and enjoy their traditional Christmas Party. Please could members bring a small plate of finger food to share.</p> <p>Join in the fun of Santa's Sack with a gift to cost no more than £3.</p> <p>In 2013 we look forward to a varied and interesting range of speakers, and to celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in March. On January 17<sup>th</sup> Tim Bird will show us some Simple Exercises for Everyone. Visitors will be made very welcome at our meetings which are held 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 Ann Craddock on 01285 641649 or visit <a href="http://www.siddington.com">www.siddington.com</a> to see what your local WI can offer.</p>	

**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)

### Art Classes - Preston Village Hall

Next term the dates 2013 are; Mon 7th January - Mon 18th March.

Half term is w/c 11th Feb.

We have a qualified professional art teacher.

Classes are Monday 1-3, or Thursday 10-12, or Thursday 12.30 -2.30.

Cost is usually around £60 for 10 lessons - (very good value compared with other local courses!) but it all depends on the numbers who sign up. We just divide the costs equally.

*Also it's very flexible - if you sign up for say, Monday but can't make it one week, you are welcome to make it up on a Thursday.*

To sign up or for more information call Cathy Lynn 01285 655325 [candjlynn@btinternet.com](mailto:candjlynn@btinternet.com)



The MOBILE LIBRARY is no longer visiting the Village.

### 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**

### BUS NO 53 TO SWINDON OUTLET

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. to SWINDON OUTLET CENTRE.

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

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Please check timetables at the Bus Stop or the TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE. Cirencester Museum,

*Please use this service as much as you can - to prevent it being taken away!*

### 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, so I would appreciate it if anyone could volunteer to fill these dates. Thank you. Regine Freyne Tel: 655370 [regfreyne@btinternet.com](mailto:regfreyne@btinternet.com)



### Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2013

\*\*\* = No service

January	Mrs Chester Master/Mrs Ash	Whole month
February	Mrs Canton No service <b>LENT - NO FLOWERS</b> Mrs Sharp	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup>  24 <sup>th</sup>
March	Mrs Sharp <b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b> (Mrs Freyne Posies)-10 <sup>th</sup> March Mrs Sutton <b>CHURCH SPRING CLEAN</b>  Easter Decorations 10am ALL WELCOME EASTER SUNDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>  17 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup>  30 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>

#### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please will you send news for January to mid-February 2013 in handwriting or by e-mail by 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 to Sue Cameron ([rwcmd@aol.com](mailto:rwcmd@aol.com)) Address: Pine Corner, Preston, Cirencester, GL7 5PR Phone: 01285 659616. **NO FAX NUMBER. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER WILL COVER FROM JANUARY TO MID-FEBRUARY.**



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