



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER January 2012

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Letter from the Vicar:

"I wish it could be Christmas every day" is the title of a Christmas song, often played as background music in shops during December - or even earlier! If I remember rightly it was a Christmas-time hit for Wizzard in the early 70s. This title may reflect the feelings of some people, but I suspect far more are happy to keep the intense celebration, shopping, eating and drinking to a few days a year. That is, of course, if we think of Christmas just in terms of the trimmings. What about the deeper message of love, peace and goodwill to all people, as well as the story of God entering into human life in the birth of Jesus?

In this sense, Christmas can and should last the whole year round. The message of love given to us in this story is far too important to be forgotten as we take the tree and the decorations down. In the birth of Jesus and in his life, death and resurrection, mankind is given hope and meaning. One of the Biblical titles for Jesus is "Emmanuel", which means "God is with us". It is good news for all people.

This is something positive to reflect on at the beginning of a new year which is predicted to see continuing economic uncertainty and instability in many parts of the world including our own nation. As always, we all begin a new year with a mixture of personal hopes and fears. The Christmas message, what is known in the Christian faith as the "Incarnation", shows us that God is not remote and distant, but present and close. Many people have known the peace and comfort that comes from taking all our cares and concerns to God in prayer.

Whatever our circumstances as we begin the new year, whatever the next twelve months brings for us, we can know the strength and peace of the God who "is with us", Emmanuel. In this sense, Christmas can indeed be for every day of the year.

My family join me in wishing you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

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CHURCH DIARY FOR JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
1st January	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
2nd Sunday of Christmas			
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Morning Prayer	SC
4 th January	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
5 th January	2.00pm	Under 5's Service	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
8th January	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
Baptism of Christ	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
(Trans) 1st Sunday of Epiphany	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
	6.00pm	Evensong	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
12 th January			
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
15 th January	10.00am	Family Church	SC
2nd Sunday of Epiphany	6.00pm	Holy Communion	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
19 th January	2.00pm	Under 5's Service	SC
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	SC
21 st January			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
22 nd January	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
3rd Sunday of Epiphany	10.00am	Family Service	Pr
	3.00pm	Service for Christian Unity	UC
Week of Christian Unity	6.00pm	Holy Communion with prayer ministry	Sidd
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
26 th January			
SUNDAY	10.00am	United Benefice Service	SC
29 th January	6.00pm	Café Church	
4th Sunday		Elizabeth Way, Community Room	Sidd

of Epiphany

Prayers: The streets and areas in the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during January are Upper Up, Willow Grove, Wildmoor Lane, Winchcombe Gardens and Windrush 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.

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

All Hallows Church South Cerney

Candlemas Celebration

Saturday 4th February 2.30—5pm

Sunday 5th February 2.30—5pm

Homemade teas in a warm candlelit church Church decorated with candles
Bring & Buy & Handmade cards for sale Sign up for Easter Flowers

Sunday at 5pm - **Christingle Service**



PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

REMINDER - Proposed Village Website - would any villagers who have good photos of the village or village events, please send copies to Chris Sutton (electronically preferably to chris.sutton88@talktalk.net) for possible inclusion on the website. Many thanks!

The next meeting of the **Parish Council** will be on **Thursday, 5 January 2012 at 7pm** in the Village Hall.

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

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

SUE BLACK - VILLAGE AGENT - 07810 630167

I am the Village Agent for Preston. The role of the Village Agent is to provide older people in the community with easier access to information and services.

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL

SOUP SATURDAYS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

For those who enjoy catching up with neighbours, here are the dates for the Soup Saturdays in 2012 -

28th January

10th March

21st April

19th 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

PRESTON VILLAGE RECIPE CARDS - REMINDER

Cards cost £1 each, or 3 for £2. All proceeds for the village hall

Order by calling or emailing Karen on 656913 karen.thornton@tiscali.co.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

Siddington & Preston WI

Thursday 19th January

A Make-up Demonstration

By Boots Beauty Department

A New Year and a New Look. A representative from Boots No 7 is coming to tell us about their range of beauty products and one lucky member will have a facial make-over. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, so come along and join in the fun. If your New Year resolution is to meet new friends, contact Marion on 01285 655230, or visit the Siddington website, to see what your local WI can offer. Meetings are held on the third Thursday at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Elizabeth Way, Siddington.



MOBILE LIBRARY

The next scheduled visit of the Mobile Library is **TUESDAY 24th JANUARY 2012** - 9.45 am to 10 am in **KINGSWAY**.

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

POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL MEETING

Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm at South Cerney Village Hall

This is a combined meeting for the villages of Preston, Somerford Keynes, Siddington, South Cerney, Kemble, Ewen, Sapperton & Coates

Is there something you would like the Police to work on in your village? Want to talk to your local Bobby? Please come and join us. ***Everyone Welcome***

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Details of duties for the next three months are given below.

Regine Freyne Tel: 01285 655370 regfreyne@btinternet.com

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 February 2012 **in handwriting or by e-mail** by Monday 16th January. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston; Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com. **NO FAX NUMBER**. Thank you.

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2012

February	<p>Mrs Canton No service LENT (no flowers) Mrs Sharp</p>	<p>5th 12th 19th 26th</p>
March	<p>Mrs Sharp Mrs Mortimore Mrs Freyne MOTHERING SUNDAY (Posies) Mrs Mortimore</p>	<p>4th 11th 18th 25th</p>
April	<p>Mrs Bainbridge Easter Decorations 10am ALL WELCOME EASTER SUNDAY Mrs Bainbridge</p>	<p>1st 7th 8th 15th</p>