



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER March 2012

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Letter from the Vicar:

During Lent we will be supporting the Acts of Hope charity in India once again with a series of lunches in Preston and Siddington. The charity runs a school just outside Bangalore and there will be an opportunity to hear more about their work when Peter Willetts, the Director, comes to preach at Preston on Sunday, March 11th at the 10am service.

We have another link with India, of course, through the Gloucester Diocese, which works closely with the Dornakal and Karnataka Central Dioceses, part of the Church of South India. As part of this link we have developed a special relationship with the village of Garidepalli in Andhra Pradesh, where we funded a church building for the Christian community last year. The second part of that project is the building of a child day-care centre in the village and Judith and I, along with two of the congregation from South Cerney, will visit for the dedication and opening in April.

Most of the villagers work as casual, daily paid agricultural labourers and until now they have had to leave even small children at home to look after themselves. The day-care centre will provide a safe place for working parents to leave their children during the day and in a part of the state with an inadequate number of schools, it will provide some basic education. If you would like any information about this project, please contact me.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their congratulations and kind words following my appointment as an honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral (which is purely an additional title and doesn't mean that I am moving from my present post!). My Installation is at the Cathedral at 3pm on May 20th and everyone is welcome to attend.

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*)
Tel: 01285 860221 email: dbowers@btinternet.com)

Prayers: The streets and areas in the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during March are Boxbush Road, Bowley Crescent, Bow Wow and Broadway Lane.

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.

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 Answerphone otherwise.

CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH 2012			
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
1 st March	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
	7.30pm	Lent Course	UC
FRIDAY	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Sidd
2 nd March			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
4 th March	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
2 nd Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Communion	CW
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Compline	SC
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Morning Prayer	SC
7 th March	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
8 th March	7.30pm	Lent Course	UC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
11 th March	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
3 rd Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
	6.00pm	Evensong	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
15 th March	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
	7.30pm	Lent Course	UC
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC
17 th March			
SUNDAY	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	SC
18 th March	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Sidd
4 th Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Pr
Mothering Sunday	6.00pm	Holy Communion	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
22 nd March	7.30pm	Lent Course	UC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
25 th March	10.00am	Family Service	Pr
5 th Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
	6.00pm	Alternative Service	SC

	6.00pm	Holy Communion with prayer ministry	Sidd
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
29 th March	11.15am	Playgroup Easter Service	SC
	7.30pm	Lent Course	UC
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC
31 st March			

Local Ministry Team

In the Churnside Benefice of South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston, there is a group called the Local Ministry Team. In short - the LMT. Eight members from the Benefice churches make up the team, so we are Local, we are learning to work as a Team and the Ministry is to encourage everyone to a deeper understanding of God's love, so that we may all grow in, and share, our Faith in Him. We are encouraging Lay participation in our services, and in church life. We are currently involved in Baptism and Marriage preparation and in developing our All-Age worship. Please pray that the Lord will bring about His purposes in our Benefice. *David Mole, St Peters, Siddington.*

2012 LENT LUNCH

In addition to all our soup Saturdays, please make a note of the **25th March**,

Another Saturday lunch date in the **Village Hall**, but this time the traditional Lent Lunch in aid of "Acts of Hope". This wonderful charity, which educates children in rural India, has been supported by Siddington and Preston for some years now. The co-ordinators of our fundraising efforts are Ana and Paul Gifford-Nash who this year, following a trip to India and a visit to the Acts of Hope school, will be at our lunch to tell us all about it.

So please, come along and support this excellent cause; why not encourage a few friends and neighbours to come along with you? On this occasion it would be helpful to have a specific start time, rather than the usual informal format for our soup Saturdays, so for the 25th March only please try to be there as close to **12.30pm** as you can. Cost is **£3 per head**, but bring some extra change as we are planning to have a raffle too. Please call Scilla (653066) Rosie (652667) or Karen (656913) to reserve your place(s). Thank you!

PRESTON FETE

Advanced note for your diary - before you make your holiday plans. We have a date for the fete! **Saturday, 14th July**. Do keep it free as this will be a very special Diamond Jubilee Year!

A THANK YOU FROM EDNA GODWIN'S FAMILY

Thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts and sympathy since my mother Edna Godwin died at the end of January. Many thanks Marilyn Clarke & family

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

New Website for Preston (REMINDER)

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 or call 01285 380040 or any Parish Councillor.

Kingshill Bridge

Work is continuing on the bridge paintwork, lighting installation and works to both concrete approach ramps. Further parts of the Cricklade Road zebra crossing will also be installed - using 2 way traffic lights at night to avoid delays to traffic and ensure the safety of pedestrians/workforce. It is anticipated that the bridge will be opened in March.

Mobile Police Station

For the first time, the Mobile Police Station will be visiting Preston on **Wednesday, 22 March from 2.00 - 2.45 pm**. **PCSO Simon King** will be on hand to answer any questions or hear about any concerns you may have. The Council has asked for the van to be parked somewhere near to the Village Hall so that it's fairly central but this will depend on safety and where it will cause minimal disruption to traffic.

The next meeting of the **Parish Council will be on Thursday, 1 March 2012 at 7pm** in the Village Hall - With David Neudegg, Chief Executive Officer of Cotswold District Council.

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 www.prestonpc.org.uk

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**

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

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL

Jumble Sale

A most successful Jumble Sale was held in aid of the Village Hall on 18th February, organised by Carol Bartlett and Barbara King. £312 was raised, which will be a great help with the fund to improve the heating in the hall. This was the most successful fund raising event since the renovation of the hall. Many thanks to all the people who donated goods, to all the helpers and especially to Barbara and Carol.

Soup Saturdays in the Village Hall

For those who enjoy catching up with neighbours, the remaining dates in 2012 are -

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.

Pub Night

The Pub Nights in the Village Hall in October and November were enjoyed by those who attended, so there will be another on Saturday 3 March (Doors open 7pm).

To remind you, the idea is to meet and chat and have a drink with friends and neighbours, just as in a pub. We don't have a licence to sell alcohol, so bring your own alcoholic drinks; we will provide soft and fizzy drinks, crisps, nuts etc, and darts. No minimum age. No need to book.

Come and go when you like. Contributions to overheads welcome, say £2 a head, cash on the day.

If you have not been to one, why not give it a try? You might enjoy it.

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 our monthly newsletter to confirm if there is a service at Preston.

Dates for Harvest Festival, Remembrance Service and Carol Service are yet to be confirmed.

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

Regine Freyne Tel: 01285 655370 regfreyne@btinternet.com

Siddington with Preston WI	
Thursday 16th March	
Flowers in my Garden Stephen Harley-Sloman	
<p>There is a change to the printed programme this month. Enjoy a photographic tour of Stephen's favourite flowers through the year, with a special emphasis on more unusual plants to give all-year-round colour. We will also be celebrating our 89th birthday.</p> <p>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 www.siddington.com</p>	

WHO WOULD LIKE A GREENHOUSE - SURFEIT TO REQUIREMENTS!

Chris Sutton has an 8ft X 6ft greenhouse that is now excess to requirements. It is complete with all the bits. The frame is still assembled but the glass has been removed. Would anyone in the village like it?? Please apply to Chris Sutton (E-mail: chris.sutton88@talktalk.net Tel: 01285 652364)

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

POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL MEETING

Wednesday 8th March 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***

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 April 2012 in **handwriting or by e-mail** by Tuesday 20th March. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston; Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com. **NO FAX NUMBER.** Thank you.

<u>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2012</u>		
March	Mrs Sharp Mrs Mortimore Mrs Freyne MOTHERING SUNDAY (Posies) Mrs Mortimore	4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th
April	Mrs Cooper Easter Decorations 10am ALL WELCOME EASTER SUNDAY Mrs Mortimore Mrs Bainbridge	1 st 7 th 8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th
May	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton Mrs Jones	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th