



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 2012

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Letter from the Vicar:

As I write, a small group of us from South Cerney (myself, plus Judith, our daughter Ruth, Raymond Fenton and Roger Edgar) have just returned from a visit to Dornakal in South India, where we have a particular link with a small community in Garidepalli, Andhra Pradesh. The community there is what is called a "Scheduled Caste Colony", and is made up of mainly agricultural labourers who earn about 12,000 rupees (about £160) per year.

We were there mainly to dedicate a children's day care centre which has been funded by the people in our group of parishes in the Churnside Benefice, and it will be known as the Churnside Day Care Centre. It was good to see how the church and centre, which also includes a very basic home for the local pastor and his family, have brought the whole community together. The centre will particularly help the children of working parents, who have no child-care provision at present.

We also were able to visit the school for deaf children in Dornakal and the Polio Home in Khammam, as well as renewing friendships with many people there. Bishop Devamani, who retires in May, sends his love to everyone in our parishes and the family are grateful for our concern and prayers for Christina, who continues to face treatment for leukaemia.

It was the beginning of summer in South India, with temperatures up into the mid 40s. We came back to heavy rain and much lower temperatures at London! Many thanks to all for your continuing interest in this Indian partnership, one of a number of valuable international links from the communities of our benefice.

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Preston Church Silver

For the last 20 years a pair of silver tankards and a silver dish, given to our church in 1689, have been in the Bank for safe keeping. They are now on loan to the Corinium Museum and on display for everyone to enjoy. Amanda Hart, the Curator, says they look marvellous! Do go and see them!

CHURCH DIARY MAY 2012			
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Morning Prayer	SC
2 nd May	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
3 rd May	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
6 th May	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Fifth Sunday	10.00am	Morning Prayer	CW
Of Easter	10.00am	Family Service with Baptism	Sidd
	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Compline	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
10 th May			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
13 th May	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Sixth Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
Of Easter	6.00pm	Christian Aid Service	UC/SC
Christian Aid Week	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
THURSDAY	6.30am	Singing from Tower	SC
17 th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
Ascension Day	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC
19 th May			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
20 th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
Seventh Sunday	10.00am	Family Church/Baptism	SC
of Easter	3.00pm	Evensong/Installation	Cathedral
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
24 th May			
SUNDAY	10.00am	Family Service	Pr

27th May	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Pentecost	6.00pm	Alternative Service	SC
(Whit Sunday)	6.00pm	Holy Communion with prayer ministry	Sidd
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
31 st May	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC

Prayers: The streets and areas in the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during May are Cirencester Road, Clarks Hay, Dryleaze, and Elizabeth Way.

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.

Under 5's

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

PRESTON FETE

There will be a planning meeting to discuss the 2012 fete on Wednesday 9th 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*

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Join the Street Party on Sunday, 3 June from 2 - 5 pm. Please Note that the road will be closed between the entrances to Village Farm.

The Parish Council intends to give all children aged 12 or under on 31 December 2012 a commemorative mug but we need to know how many that applies to. If you have children in this age range, please could you contact Chris Sutton on 652364 or email chris.sutton@prestonpc.org.uk

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 Council Meeting follows at 7.30 pm

Parish Councillors are Chris Sutton (Chairman), Scilla Chester-Master (Vice Chairman), Regine Freyne, 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

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL

SOUP SATURDAYS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Last one for this Spring - 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.

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.

TIMMY MASON TRUST

Many thanks to all who came and supported the Coffee Morning held in aid of the Timmy Mason Trust. It was very well attended, and money is still coming in. The exact sum raised will be in next month's Newsletter. *Scilla Chester-Master*

A BIG THANKYOU!

Thank you so much to those who allowed Harry and me to wash their cars and who donated so generously to the Timmy Trust and our Everest trek. We raised just over £200 in total.


Hope to see you during the summer when I will be washing cars for Timmy again.

Tom Smith and Harry Hall

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*

Siddington with Preston WI	
Thursday 17th May	
Cirencester Town Hall Restoration Project Ailsa O'Connor	
<p>Now that the cladding and scaffolding has been removed from the front of St John The Baptist Church, we can admire the wonderful stonework and carvings. Ailsa, a member of the restoration team, will tell us about the highly skilled work carried out, and the discoveries made, during the restoration.</p>	

More than just a monthly meeting; the newly formed Book Club meets monthly, and members are taking up the challenge to walk or swim a total of 209 miles for a National Competition. 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.

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

HAVE A CUP OF TEA AND CELEBRATE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

This summer Marie Curie Cancer Care is calling on all tea lovers again in Gloucestershire to put the kettle on in support of local Marie Curie Nurses.

Are you celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year with a street party, garden party or just with a group of friends? Why not join in with people across the country celebrating this milestone and raise funds at the same time for Marie Curie?

This year alone Marie Curie's local nurses will look to provide free care and support to 150 terminally ill patients and their families in Gloucestershire - yet there are more and more who need this support.

By getting together with friends, family or neighbours and holding a tea party of your own you can ensure this care can continue in Gloucestershire.

Please register today online at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 08700 340 040 for your free Tea Party fundraising pack.

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.

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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

MOBILE LIBRARY

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

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

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please will you let me have news for June 2012 **in handwriting or by e-mail** by Wednesday 16th May. 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>		
May	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton Mrs Jones	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th
June	Mrs Price/Mrs Tomblin Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th
July	Mrs Anne Smith Mrs Cooper xxxxxxxxxxxx	1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th