



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER October 2012

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Letter from the Vicar:

We look forward to welcoming a special visitor from India to our benefice for three weeks during October. Rev Rueben Manohar is a priest who works in Bangalore in the Karnataka Central Diocese and he will be here as part of a three month placement in the Gloucester Diocese, during which he will also stay in the Forest of Dean, Gloucester and Cheltenham. The youth team (including three young people from South Cerney) which visited Bangalore during the summer spent quite a lot of time with Rueben and we look forward to helping him to make the most of his time in our part of the world. He will be mainly working with me and will experience the work of the church in our local communities.

One of the areas of church life we are keen to further develop is our work with children and young people and to see them as an important part of the life of the church. Recently, our Parochial Church Council decided to admit children to Holy Communion (after suitable preparation) before confirmation. This is a step which is being taken by many parishes within the Church of England and is strongly encouraged by Bishop Michael Perham on the grounds that full membership of the Church is through the sacrament of Baptism. There will be more information about this in the coming months, but if you have any questions or would like to know more about it please contact me or one of our children's leaders.

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CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2012			
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Morning Prayer	SC
3 rd October	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion (Bishop Michael)	SC
4 th October	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
7 th October	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Eighteenth Sunday	10.00am	Morning Prayer	CW
after Trinity	11.00am	Harvest Festival and Lunch	Sidd
	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Compline	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
11 th October	11.15am	Playgroup Harvest Festival	SC
SATURDAY	7.30pm	Harvest Quiz and Supper	SC/VH
13 th October			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
14 th October	10.00am	Harvest Festival	SC
Nineteenth Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
after Trinity	4.30pm	Harvest Festival	CW
	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd
WEDNESDAY	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mulberry Court
17 th October			
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
18 th October	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC/SC
20 th October			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
21 st October	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
Twentieth Sunday	10.00am	Family Church	SC
after Trinity	3.00pm	One World Week Service	SC UC
	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
25 th October			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
28 th October	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Twenty first	10.00am	Family Service	Pr
Sunday after	6.00pm	Holy Communion with prayer	Sidd
Trinity		Ministry	
	6.00pm	Alternative Service	SC
WEDNESDAY	6.00pm	All Hallows Eve Celebration	SC
31 st October			

Prayers: The streets and areas in the Churchside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during October are Northmoor Lane, Nursery View, Oak Way, Park Way and Post Office Square.

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 Prayers.

Come and celebrate ALL HALLOWS EVE

Wednesday 31st October in All Hallows Church at 6.00pm
Singing, crafts, fireworks and hotdogs. Wear really bright clothes, wrap up warm and bring a torch. We will be having lots of fun and doing exciting things

INVITATION to a SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS

in All Hallows Church on Saturday 3rd November at 3pm
A special time to remember family and friends who have died
Please join us for tea afterwards

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Plastic Recycling is coming to Preston!

You will all have received the plastic receptacle sack already. Please see village notice boards for further details and questions and answers.

The next meeting of the Preston Parish Council will be Thursday 1st November.

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

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 'Get it all wrapped up'


Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th October from 10am - 12 noon at
South Cerney United Church **Free entry**
For sale things to fill your shoe box, also cards, cakes and raffle
Come along and get your shoebox covered
All in aid of cost of transporting your shoebox to a child

The Drop off point for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will once again be the South Cerney Village Hall. The days and times are as follows:-

Monday 5th November 12.30pm - 2.30pm; Tuesday 6th November 1pm - 6pm;
Wednesday 7th November 10am - 3.30pm; Thursday 8th November 12.30pm - 7pm
Friday 9th November 11am - 6pm.

If you would like to know more about Operation Christmas Child please contact me Joan Townsend on 01285860710 or joan_townsend@hotmail.com

Leaflets are available from South Cerney Post Office and All Hallows Church or me.

Siddington with Preston WI	
Thursday 18th October	
Not so common on the Common - the rarer flowers of Gloucestershire Sue Smith and Sue Dodd	
<p>Cleeve, Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons are all examples of ancient, unimproved, calcareous grassland with a diverse mixture of plant species. Many butterflies and insects thrive and feed on these plants. Take a closer look, with Sue and Sue, at the wild flowers which can be found on our Cotswold Commons.</p> <p><u>Christmas Shoe-box Appeal</u> This year we are filling boxes for boys and girls aged 10-14 years, and will be collecting gifts at the October meeting.</p> <p>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 Marion on 01285 655230 or visit www.siddington.com to see what your local WI can offer.</p>	

MOBILE LIBRARY

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

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

Christine Welsh, Gloucestershire LiNK Development Coordinator,
Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC)

Tel: 01452 528491; Fax: 01452 528493

Email: christinew@gbcc.org.uk Website www.gloslink.org.uk

ODD JOBS

I am still raising 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 next few weeks, then please think of me.

Tom Smith 640142

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 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 - 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 Canton in the village (Tel: 01285 654592) 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).

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

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please will you let me have news for November 2012 **in handwriting or by e-mail** by Tuesday 23rd October. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston; Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com. **NO FAX NUMBER.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT I WILL NOT BE EDITTING THE NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY. SEE DETAILS OF CONTACTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

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

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

October	Mrs Freyne Mrs Jones Mrs Price/Mrs Tomblin	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th
November	Mrs Giles/Mrs Spivey Mrs Jones/Mrs Lacy Mrs Cooper	4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th
December	1st SUNDAY ADVENT -NO FLOWERS Mrs Freyne CAROL SERVICE/CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	2 nd 9 th 16 th TBA 22 nd 25 th 30 th