



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER September 2012

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Letter from the Vicar:

For me, September always feels more like the beginning of a new year than the beginning of January. It is a time when regular activities re-start after the summer break, as well, of course, as marking the beginning of the academic year. However you spent the summer, I hope you had some time to relax.

I spent three weeks during July and August as a leader on our Diocesan youth visit to Bangalore in South India, along with three young people from South Cerney. Although I had been to India three times it was my first visit to the city and the experience was very different to that of our other link Diocese of Dornakal in Andhra Pradesh.

Bangalore is a rapidly growing city with all the usual problems of traffic congestion and pollution and is a place of extreme contrasts between the very rich and those who live in slums or even on the streets. Most of our time was spent in two church projects for children rescued from the streets and our young people quickly formed a strong bond with them as they organised activities and games. We played the boy's hostel twice at cricket and I'm afraid we were thrashed on both occasions! For me it was inspiring to see the devotion that the staff at the hostels have for the children they work with.

In between the time at the hostels and other projects we spent a few days at the hill station of Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu and visited Mysore and the Bannerghatta National Park. We visited a number of the local churches in Bangalore, including St Mark's Cathedral where I preached.

All our team enjoyed the time there and we left feeling that we had made many new friends and been privileged to share in the work of the local churches in reaching out with God's love to some of the most vulnerable people in the city.

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CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
2 nd September	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Thirteenth	10.00am	Morning Prayer	CW
Sunday after	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
Trinity	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Compline	SC
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Morning Prayer	SC
5 th September	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
6 th September	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
9 th September	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Fourteenth	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
Sunday			
after Trinity	6.00pm	Evensong	SC
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
13 th September			
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC/SC
15 th September			
SUNDAY	10.00am	Family Church	SC
16 th September	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
Fifteenth	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr
Sunday			
after Trinity	6.00pm	Holy Communion	SC
WEDNESDAY	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mulberry
19th September			Court
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
20 th September	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
23 rd September	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
Sixteenth Sunday	6.00pm	Alternative Service	SC
after Trinity	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Pr
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
27 th September			
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffeepot	UC/SC
29 th September	4.30pm	Readers Licensing (Liz Pearse)	Gloucester Cathedral
SUNDAY	10.00am	United Benefice Service followed	SC
30 th September		by shared lunch	
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm	Café Church, Elizabeth Way	Sidd

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 September are Laurel Cottages, Meadow Way, Mill Close, Motteshead Road, and North Hill Road.

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.



All Saints Church,
Preston
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday
23rd September
6pm



*Come and thank God for His goodness to us.
Remember people all over the world who struggle
to achieve a good harvest and enough to eat.*

CELEBRATE HARVEST - SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2012

Following the last 3 years' successful harvest suppers we will be repeating it again this year. Come and celebrate harvest with your neighbours in our lovely village hall. Hopefully you all have the date in your diaries already. As an added bonus we are hoping that the art groups who use our hall will have an art display that weekend too - so the hall will be looking really fabulous.

The evening will start with Harvest Festival in the church at 6pm. Celebrations in the hall will begin at 7pm with a simple sit down meal.

Entry to the supper is only possible with a ticket bought in advance. £5 per head, food provided, bring your own drinks (the hall now has plenty of glasses). Please note that ticket numbers are, as always, strictly limited; so don't leave it too late to get yours.

Contact Karen Thornton, Rose Cottage, 656913

UNDER 5'S For those not yet at school 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays at 2pm in All Hallows Church South Cerney. Come along - it's fun!

PRESTON FETE

We were lucky with the weather, it poured down during the set up, dried off for a few hours during the event before the rain came back at the end.

The total is £200 better than last year, so we did very well thanks to the great support we had. Ioan Jones

Lucky Dip	£65.16
Raffle	£766.90
Tombola	£226.10
White Elephant	£461.77
Teas	£174.84
Cakes	£178.25
Toys	£104.59
Good as New	£240.50
Books	£80.50
Donations	£80.00
Skittles	£68.81
Gate	£118.10
Plants	£138.28
Ice Cream	£20.00
Milk the Cow	£33.00
Archery	£35.80
Donuts	£11.61
Grand Total	£2,804.21

QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF ALL HALLOWS CHURCH

Saturday 13th October at South Cerney Village Hall, with light supper. Bring your own drinks. Raffle. 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets: £7.50 per person (Teams of 4); available from:- Canon David Bowers (860221) ; Roger Edgar (861922); Claire Jeffrey (860333) Joan Townsend (860710)

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

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

MOBILE LIBRARY

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

Siddington with Preston WI	
Thursday 20th September	
Trug Making and Related Anecdotes Carl Sadler	
<p>Traditional wooden trugs have been used by gardeners for centuries. Carl will show how these long; shallow baskets are made, and entertain us with tales of his time as a trug-maker.</p> <p>Christmas Shoe-box appeal: please save any empty shoe boxes and bring them, covered if possible, to the September or October meetings.</p> <p>Donations of gifts for children aged 10 to 14 years can be brought to the October meeting.</p> <p>Visitors are always welcome at our meetings which are held on the 3rd 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> <p>Boogieland Party Night</p> <p>Dance to the Music from the 60's to the 00's with Roy Bazley</p> <p>Saturday 15th September in Siddington Village Hall at 7.30pm</p> <p>Tickets £8, which include Supper, Bar, Music Quiz and Raffle, are now on sale at Siddington Post Office.</p>	

ART WILL START AGAIN AT THE VILLAGE HALL

week commencing 17th September for 10 weeks with a one week break for half term, w/c 22nd October.

Choose from Mon 1-3pm, Thursday 10-12 noon or Thurs 12.30-2.30 pm.

The Thursday afternoon class is more structured than the others, so it is suitable for complete beginners, but all are welcome to any of the sessions. It's a friendly group so do come along and give it a try! *Contact Cathy Lynn on 655325 if you are interested*

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

RIDE AND STRIDE ON SEPTEMBER 8TH - A DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHURCH

The annual ride to support our historic churches is open to all. Walkers and riders can follow their chosen route between churches which are open for the day. Refreshments are available at many of these churches. For more details and sponsorship forms, please contact Revd John Martin, 2 Churn Close, South Cerney, Cirencester GL7 6HX (Tel: 869585 E-mail: johnh.martin42@yahoo.co.uk)

If anyone has time to spare to help man the church that day (divided into one hour slots from 10am to 4pm) there will be a sheet in the porch where names and telephone numbers can be filled in) Thank you!

ODD JOBS

I am still trying to raise 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 such as mowing the lawn, washing the car, watering the plants (ha, ha) then please think of me. **Tom Smith 64014**

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.

In September LINK is holding two public events in the Cotswolds featuring an update on LINK's work and Local Healthwatch. The events will also feature talks on Telecare/Telehealth and Stroke services. The concerns of local people are important in helping us to build a picture of where services are doing well and where they can be improved. For further information please contact

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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

This month, for example, they are advertising a **Siddington Grow and Show** which takes place on **Sunday 2nd September** at 2pm in the Village Hall.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please will you let me have news for October 2012 **in handwriting or by e-mail** by Tuesday 18th September. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston; Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com. **NO FAX NUMBER.**

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: 01285 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**

September	Mrs Sutton xxxxxxxxxxxxxx HARVEST DECORATIONS 10am ALL WELCOME Harvest Festival xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	2 nd 9 th 16 th 21 st 23 rd 30 th ***
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