



# PRESTON VILLAGE

## NEWSLETTER

### March 2017

#### LOTS GOING ON IN PRESTON!

- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March - PPC meeting - 7pm
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Women's Day of Prayer - 2pm
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March - Soup Saturday noon till 2pm
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March = Pub Night - 7pm till closing!
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Litter pick - 10am
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March - Walk in the Park - 10am
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March - Village Hall AGM - 6pm

#### NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

Farewell from Angie Austin our former Curate

My curacy came to an end at Churnside Benefice and on 29<sup>th</sup> January, I said "Farewell" to so many friends, whom I have got to know and grown to love over the last 3 1/2 years.

Many of us do not like to say "Goodbye", but a good "ending" is really important. I have been involved in many "endings" in my curacy in a variety of ways and now it is my time to say "Goodbye".

For those of you who shall not be there at St Peter's Siddington for the United Benefice Service, which shall be my farewell service, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support through this time.

As I shall continue to live in Kemble, I am sure I shall meet many of you in one place or another, and we are always open to visitors at the Vicarage! So this is an end of an era for Churnside Benefice, but there is the excited anticipation of the arrival of a new vicar, Rev Jennifer McKenzie\* in May. I am delighted at this news and I shall continue to pray for Jennifer and her family and for all of you in this new era.

"Farewell" is an interesting word when you think about it. We have the word Welfare from it. Welfare is an old fashioned word in some ways but it is central to the wellbeing of our communities. As we listen to the news of cuts and crises in our public life, we may sometimes ask, "Who will take care of us and our families?" However, many people do care and in these villages I have seen so many examples of

neighbourliness and good care, people looking out for the welfare of others. This is what has made being here as your Curate such a good experience for me. Thank you!

The word "Goodbye" also means "God be with you",

So take care and God bless. Love and prayers from Angie Austin

\*Rev Jennifer McKenzie will be being installed at South Cerney on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm. Watch out for more details in due course.

- **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY  
OF PRAYER**

**'Am I being unfair to you?' (Matt 20. 1 - 16)**

*A service prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines*

**Friday 3rd March 2017 at 2pm  
All Saints Church, Preston**

*Followed by afternoon tea  
Everyone welcome*

VICAR'S ADDRESS: The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, GL7 5TP  
Tel: 01285 860221

Churchwardens All Saints' Preston: Alister Painter (650624);

St Peter's Siddington: Allen Howe (657933) Mike Painter (650624)

CHURCH OFFICE: 01285 862632 Tuesday & Thursday 9.am-1pm Answerphone otherwise.

E-mail: [office@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@churnsidechurches.org.uk) NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE.

**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 March are Berkeley Close, Beverstone Rd, Bewick Close and Bittern Close. 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.

**PRESTON CHURCH KEY:**

Those who need the Church key to gain access for flowers and cleaning, please call Anne Smith on 640142.

**VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT INFORMATION - LYNN SAUNDERS**

If you want to find a service that you need, or to contact an agency for help and advice or assistance with accessing DWP for advice, you can reach me on 07776 245 754 or email me at [lynns@villageagent.grcc.org.uk](mailto:lynns@villageagent.grcc.org.uk)

## PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**17/00450/OUT** Two Lakes Bungalow Oak Way South Cerney Cirencester GL7 5XX  
Outline with all matters reserved apart from access and layout for the construction of 10 dwellings (7 x 3 bed and 3 x 4 bed)

### KINGSHILL PLANNING UPDATE

**16/05245/OUT and 16/05246/OUT Land West Of Kingshill Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire**

Following the public meeting to discuss the Kingshill Lane planning applications, the Parish Council decided to take professional advice to develop the formal response that would be sent to CDC. Our Planning consultant is now working on the response which is likely to be completed and submitted this week.

It is notable that besides objections submitted by residents, CDC has also received objections from Highways England - requesting a 3 months delay for the applicant to reconsider some of its transport movement claims - and Thames Water - questioning whether the current infrastructure can cope with such a development.

In any event, the application is unlikely to be considered by CDC's Planning Committee for several months.

In the meantime, Parish Council representatives will be meeting with representatives of the developer, Robert Hitchens Ltd, to discuss benefits for the community should the development go ahead.

Cllr Julie Tomblin and Cllr Reg Freyne also met representatives of South Cerney and Siddington Parish Councils last week to consider how the Chesterton and Kingshill Lane developments could affect the 3 Parishes if they go ahead. It was agreed that the group should keep in contact and see how they might support each other in responding to future planning applications.

### **ANNUAL LITTER PICK**

**Come and help us keep the Village clean and tidy!**

**Meet at the entrance gate to the Church**

**at 10 am on Saturday, 25 March**

**Litter picking equipment will be provided**

### DOG POO

Sadly, we return to the constant fight against dog mess on pavements! Most dog owners are very conscientious about clearing up after their pets, but there are some who just don't care. If you see anyone leaving dog faeces please advise the Parish Clerk (380040) or Cotswold District Council (623000) by telephone - you can remain anonymous.

### **Would YOU like to be a Magistrate?**

### **Could YOU perform this valuable service for YOUR community?**

Applications are welcomed from anyone aged 18 and above; the retirement age for Magistrates is aged 70. Anyone who is interested should contact the recruitment website at: [www.gov.uk/become-magistrate](http://www.gov.uk/become-magistrate) for full details of the application process. If you require any further information, please contact Brenda Saturley by e-mailing [brenda.saturley@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:brenda.saturley@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01823 285240

### **Cotswold Tree Warden Group**

**Bookings are now being taken for our popular Orchard Training Day.**

**Thurs 2nd March Orchard Training, Barton House Orchard, Cirencester, GL7 2EE**

Dave Kaspar will once again lead the session at Barton House Orchard. After an indoor talk, we will move into the orchard for a short introduction to pruning and maintaining orchard trees for those without previous experience. The training event costs are subsidised by CTWG funds but there is also a £10 charge for each attendee (pay on the day). Bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing; also if you have tools you think of use (secateurs, loppers, etc), please bring these too. Tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival and our hosts are providing a scones afternoon tea. For more information contact:

[twgcotswold@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:twgcotswold@yahoo.co.uk)

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**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 2 March 2017  
from 7pm in the Village Hall**

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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS**

Crime 999      Suspected crime 101      Crimestoppers 080055541

The last couple of months has been a relatively quiet period for crime with no reported incidents in Preston Parish area. Just a reminder, there were two burglaries in another area, both times from unlocked sheds, in one a very valuable cycle was stolen, so if you don't want the hassle of a burglary ensure that your outside storage spaces are secure.

An incident occurred in the village which shows that Neighbour Watch does work. A suspicious vehicle was regularly parked in the village recently; it was reported and within hours a reply was received from the local beat bobby that all was well and that there were no worries, which allayed the suspicions of those concerned.

There are available some N.W. information packs so if any newcomers to the village are interested in those you know what to do. Tele 659113 or [bill@margaretmortimore.co.uk](mailto:bill@margaretmortimore.co.uk).  
*Bill Mortimore N.W. Co-ordinator*

*Neighbourhood Watch Team members are:- Rex Canton, Margaret Mortimore, Anne Smith, Dot Warren, Michael Dyson, Andrew McKechnie and Reg Freyne.*

## VILLAGE HALL

### VILLAGE HALL DIARY

Friday 3rd March is **Women's World Day of Prayer**. Tea will be served in the Hall.

Saturday 18th March 12-2pm **Soup Saturday**. Please come along and join your neighbours and friends for a delicious bowl of home-made soup and crusty bread.

Friday March 24th, **Pub Night**. 7pm onwards. Bring your own drinks. Come for a chat, game of cards or darts and enjoy an evening away from the television.

Thursday 30th March 6pm **Village Hall AGM**. Please come along and give us your ideas, comments and feedback about the Village Hall. All welcome.

Mondays 1-3pm and Thursdays 10-12pm Art Group. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. Please feel free to drop in, or contact Cathy Lyn on 01285 655325

Wednesday evenings 7-8.15pm Yoga. Anyone interested in joining in should contact Mark [mark.yogachill@icloud.com](mailto:mark.yogachill@icloud.com) or 07771644469

The Pilgrim Church Group will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at 7-9pm. As ever, everyone is welcome to drop in and join in.

Finally, Save The Day! Friday June 23rd. We will be organising Preston Village 2nd Safari Supper. Last year's Safari Supper was such a success and thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended, that we will be organising another one! Put this date on your calendars now!

## **Village Hall - Soup Saturdays**



One more date for Winter 2016-17 -

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2017**                      - St Patrick

Usual format; 12noon 'til 2pm, just turn up at the village hall and enjoy.

Donations to the Village Hall fund, with a minimum suggested of £3, which for homemade soup, bread/roll and a cup of tea or coffee, plus excellent conversation with your friends and neighbours, is superb value.

Our theme is just for fun (dressing up is NOT required, unless you feel the urge), so please come along regardless of your nationality!

## **PUB NIGHT**

There will be a Pub Night in the Village Hall on 24th March.

The idea is to use the hall like a pub. Come and go when you like. Enjoy a drink with friends and neighbours. We are not allowed to sell alcoholic liquor, so bring your own. Everything else provided.

Opens 7 pm, closes when you have all gone home. Children welcome.

No fee, but contributions to the hall will be welcome.

## **VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Village Hall AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm.

It's your hall. This is your chance to find out what the Committee have been doing on your behalf, to comment or criticise, to elect members of the committee for the next year and, most important, to suggest your ideas. If you have any interest in the hall, please come.

### **SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**



### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March - The Ifakara Bakery Project**

In March Eugene & Margaret Schellenberg will be talking to us about the project they started after visiting their son in Tanzania. And how this led to the sister project of Free Bread Funds. As usual - visitors and guests are welcome.

**We will be meeting in the Elizabeth Way Community Room, Siddington 7.30pm.**

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

**CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!** When the weather is in full winter, snowy beauty, the photographers in the village could take pictures which, getting well ahead, we could choose for a village Christmas card. We could do it in aid of the Church, or as a Village Hall enterprise. It would be nice to give one to each household, and also be able to buy them on our own account. Watch this space for further information!

**SPECIAL NEWS!** Please pay a visit to the magnificent carpet of wild cyclamen and snowdrops around the far side of the church. Evidence that spring is near! And watch out for the carpet of primroses = coming soon!

## **WE NEED A DEFIBRILATOR IN THE VILLAGE!**



CAN YOU HELP? We have been discussing the possibility of getting a defibrillator installed in the Village and are looking for someone to take on this task. Grants are available, and the Hall could be used for any fund-raising.

Please contact *Therese Munro-Warwick* on  
[tvmunro@btinternet.com](mailto:tvmunro@btinternet.com)

**ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER** Apply to Dot Warren  
([dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)) for further information.

### **MONTHLY WALK IN THE PARK**

The next walk will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Please look out for the email with more details which I will send out nearer the time. Let me know if you want to be included and/or that Thursday is not a good day for you!

Dot Warren Tel: 656105 Email [dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)

### **PRESTON NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON PRESTON WEBSITE**

A copy of this Newsletter is available on the village website -

<http://www.prestonpc.org.uk/index.php?id=the-village-newsletter>.

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS** NOTE - Please let me have text for April by email or in handwriting by Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105; [dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)

### **CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2017**

If any new volunteers feel that they could help us to keep our church neat and/or they enjoy flower arranging, please consider joining our 2017 group. Even the smallest amount of help would be so much appreciated.

Regine Freyne Tel: 655370

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2017		
March	LENT - NO FLOWERS Mrs Holmes <b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b> Mrs Jones Mrs Freyne - Posies	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>  26 <sup>th</sup>
April	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton <b>EASTER DECORATIONS 10AM</b> <b>ALL WELCOME</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Mrs Sutton	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>  16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>
May	Mrs Jones Mrs Cooper	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>

CHURCH DIARY MARCH 2017				VOLUNTEERS
WEDNESDAY	7.30pm	Holy Communion	Sidd	
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017				
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>				
FRIDAY	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Pr	
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017				
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Holmes
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Holmes
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2017				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Mothering Sunday	Sidd	
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	10.00am	Mothering Sunday	Pr	Mrs Jones
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>				Mrs Freyne - Posies