



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2022

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

In the centre of the Vicarage garden is a magnificent large sprawling tree. Its large branches provide a perch for birds as they wait their turn on the bird feeders, a place to climb for my children, shade on a hot sunny day and a great hiding spot in our annual Easter Egg hunt. Each spring this wonderful tree is covered with the most beautiful pink blossom which, come summer, turns into luscious green leaves. The arrival of this pink blossom is a sign of new life, so is often associated with the season of Spring and one that fills me with a sense of hope as we emerge out of the cold and dark of the winter months. New life is one the themes of Easter that the church will be celebrating on the third weekend of April.

For Christians, Easter is the central point of the Church year and my favourite day of the whole Christian calendar. After two years of not being able to celebrate as we might have wished, of not being able to sing those great Easter hymns together in church, I am especially looking forward to celebrating Easter this year. Easter is a joyful day of celebration when Christians remember the resurrection of Jesus, the triumph of light over darkness. Easter is about new life, new beginnings, hope, and the transforming power of God's unconditional love for each and every one of us.

I wish you all a happy and joyful Easter.

Revd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

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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 April 2022 are Bewick Close, Bittern Close, Bluebell Drive and Boxbush Road.

There is a prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church, South Cerney for your personal prayer requests. Anything placed there is prayed for at Morning Prayer each day.

CHURCH SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS PRESTON - APRIL 2022		
10 th April 2022	9.30am	Palm Sunday Service
Palm Sunday		
12 th April 2022	7.30pm	Compline with Meditation
17 th April	9.30am	Family Communion
Easter Day		
24 th April	9.30am	Holy Communion

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website
www.churnsidechurches.org.uk*

NOTE: CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA - See page 7 below.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As spring begins in earnest, please think about the security of your home. Keep doors and windows locked if out in the garden.

There have been a number of reports of sheds being broken into around Cirencester. Make sure your sheds and outbuildings are securely locked; alarms are also available.

With increased fuel prices please be aware that heating oil thefts will likely increase, make sure that your oil tanks are secure and well-lit to deter thieves.

With the news of dog theft so close to Preston, remember to remain aware while walking your dogs. Vary your routes and think about carrying a self-defence spray. (*Editor's comment* Search Dog 'DNA Protect' for protection for dogs.)

You can find further information on how to protect your home and outbuildings on: www.gloucestershire.police.uk

If you would like to contact Alex please use my mobile 07816051126 or email: amilespc@gmail.com

RECYCLING DATES FOR APRIL

FULL RECYCLING **WED 13th and 27th April**
FOOD WASTE **WEEKLY FROM WED 6th April**

Fosse Cross Recycling Centre . The Site is open all bank holidays EXCEPT Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. **Booking is essential**

VILLAGE HALL

Yoga continues on Wednesday evenings 18.15-19.30. If you would like to join in with this class please contact Mark at mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

Summer term Art Classes recommence on Thursday 21st April 10.00-12 noon and Monday 25th April 13.00-15.00. If you would like to join in please contact Cathy at artinpreston@aol.com

Friday 1st April will be **First Friday Coffee Morning** this month. Everyone is welcome to drop in, enjoy a coffee and chat with your neighbours and exchange a book to read if you wish.

WI meeting Thursday 21st April 7.30pm.

Village Hall AGM Monday 11th April 18.00 hrs. Please come along and let us know what you would like from your Village Hall. We would love new ideas for get-togethers and we are looking for new committee members.

NOTE - For information about making a booking for the Village Hall, please contact Anne Mingins. Email - annemingins@btinternet.com

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Childhood on the Island of Sark - Mandie Cran
21st April at 7.30pm in Preston Village Hall

Contact Ann Craddock - Secretary- 01285 641469/07971 532909



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INSPIRING WOMEN

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

For all information about planning applications please go to Cotswold District Council's website:

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning/online-planning-register/>

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Thursday, 5 May 2022
starting at 6.30 pm

Come and help us plan the 2 important Village events this year
THE BIG PLATINUM JUBILEE LUNCH and THE VILLAGE FETE

If you would like to be involved or have any ideas,
please come to the meeting
or contact Julie Tomblin (641111) julie@prestonpc.org.uk

This will be followed by the **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**



Sunday, 5 June 2022
12 noon until 3pm

The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee have come together to fund The BIG PLATINUM JUBILEE LUNCH for everyone in Preston. Many of you will remember past street parties and we hope that you will be able to join the celebrations and help to make this one the best ever!! Tables will be set up in the road outside the Village Hall and we are looking for people to help with the preparations. If you are able to help in any way, please come to the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 5 May or contact Julie Tomblin.

PLEASE NOTE: we are applying for a road closure between Beechnut Cottage and 90 Preston.



 Wrap around print

The fund will be providing a celebratory mug for every child (under 18) in the Village. If you would like to purchase any for yourself or your family at **£6 each**, please contact Julie Tomblin 641111 or the Clerk 380040 **BY 1 MAY**

CDC NEWS

- 'Free after 3' to end in Cotswold District from 4 April to help fund local car parks
- Households in council tax bands A-D will soon be eligible to receive a non-repayable £150 Council Tax Rebate from the Government to help households with rising energy bills. Over the coming weeks, the Council will be working to ensure it is ready to start making payments to those eligible. Payments will first be made to residents who pay their Council Tax by Direct Debit in April 2022. To find out more and register for OpenPortal, visit cotswold.gov.uk/openportal



The One Stop Scholarship Programme will support young people who are planning to start university in Autumn 2022. With the One Stop Scholarship young people will receive financial assistance, business mentoring and paid work experience.

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/one-stop-scholarship-programme/>

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on Thursday, 5 May 2022 from 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.

This will be followed by the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The agendas and further details will be available on noticeboards and on the website nearer to the time. Everyone is Welcome to attend both meetings.

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

If you receive the Newsletter by email, please can you ensure that newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk is white listed in your email set up so that it doesn't end up in your Junk folder.

If you are aware of any resident who doesn't receive the Newsletter, please ask them to email: newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk

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DEFIBRILLATOR - HOW TO USE IT

We have been asked if and how anyone (even those who haven't received training) can use the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk.

The answer is simple - 'YES'.

In an emergency you need to call 999. If it's appropriate the operator will be able to tell you where the nearest defibrillator is located and talk you through how to use it.

STAGECOACH BUSES

Note that there are some changes to fares across the region - from 20th March 2022.

SOLAR FARM UPDATE MARCH 2022

The battery deliveries have now almost been completed and Gridserve are starting to tidy up the site and install the permanent security.

Whilst there are still some HGV manoeuvres to complete, Gridserve anticipate they should be able to re-open Witpit Lane on Friday 15 April. However this does depend on being able to complete the restorative work required by GCC. If the restorative work is not to GCC's satisfaction then additional work will be required before the road can reopen.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL THE ROAD CLOSURE SIGNS AND BARRIERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE DOWN WITPIT LANE AFTER 15 APRIL, NO RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE TAKEN FOR ANY ACCIDENTS.

If you have any comments or queries please contact me by email on alanstonepreston@gmail.com

ROADWORKS

Sorry to report that I do not have any formal news about any local road works this month. Please send any road works news that you have via WhatsApp Community. Many thanks.

BOOK SWAP



Plenty of books in the Book Swop, come and have a look. One which caught my eye by **Sally Magnusson**, a Scottish broadcaster and writer. You may remember her presenting Songs of Praise. **The Ninth Child** is a novel set around Lock Katrine in the Scottish Highlands during the nineteenth century. Isabel, having suffered a succession of miscarriages awaits the birth of a new life she feels within her. How does the Rev Robert Kirke a minister back from the seventeenth century who studied and wrote about elves, fauns and fairies fit into Isabel's life? Should Isabel be concerned for her new bairn? To find out come and find the book in the Book Swop.

Donations of children's books welcomed.

HOW THE BOOK SWAP WORKS - Simply come and help yourself to a book and leave one in its place. If you don't have a book to donate, don't worry, leave one another time. **NOTE:** The village defibrillator is located in the Telephone Box, so it is essential the Box is not cluttered, leaving easy access to the defibrillator. If you can't find a space on a shelf then please donate your unwanted book to a charity shop or offer it on the Community WhatsApp

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022		
April	LENT - NO FLOWERS	
	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton	10 th
	CHURCH DECORATION FOR EASTER TBA	
	EASTER SUNDAY	17 th
	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton	24 th
May	Mrs Cooper	8 th
	Mrs Jones	22 nd June
June	Mrs Canton/Mrs McKinnon	12 th
	ditto	26 th

PRESTON SUPPLIERS REGISTER

The website is <https://prestonvillageregi.wixsite.com/mysite>. The instructions for adding new names and their details and additional support for existing suppliers are very simple. If in doubt, send me the information and I will add the supplier for you. Kelly at Del's motorcycles will also be able to help you (prestonvillageregister@gmail.com)

KEEP THE REGISTER TO HAND - ON YOUR DESKTOP or iPhone.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for May 2022 by **Monday 25th April**. Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105
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