



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 2022

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

This year we have a very special event coming up in my family as my youngest sister gets married and I have the great privilege of conducting her marriage ceremony. It is such a joy for me to be able to conduct the marriage service of my sister and send her and her new husband off on the next chapter of their lives together. Many of you may also be attending a wedding this year or even getting married yourself, if so I hope they are wonderful occasions filled with love and joy.

Since I have been a vicar I must have married over 200 couples and each wedding has been wonderful, special and as unique as the couple getting married. I have to say, that taking a wedding service is one of my favourite things to do in my job. It is lovely to see two people in love making a commitment to each other in front of their family and friends and against the backdrop of one of our beautiful church buildings. It is a great privilege and joy to be a part of such a special day in the lives of the bride and groom and to celebrate with them.

The Church of England's wedding service begins with these beautiful words from the Bible "God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them." (1 John 4.16.) These words from the Bible reminds us that it is love that has brought us to this special day in the life of the bride and groom and that God is with us. Words that reflect the Christians belief, that love is one of God's gifts to us and when we love each other we are reflecting something of the love that God has for us. For God loves each and every one of us with a love that is full of kindness, hope, peace and is for always and forever.

Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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

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ALL SAINTS PRESTON - MAY 2022

8 th May 2022	9.30am	Morning Praise
22 nd May 2022	9.30am	Holy Communion
29 th May 2022	10.00am	Benefice Service at St Peter's Siddington

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

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 May 2022 are Bowly Crescent, Bow Wow, Brambling Mews and Brewin Close.

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.

NOTE: CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA - See page 8 below.

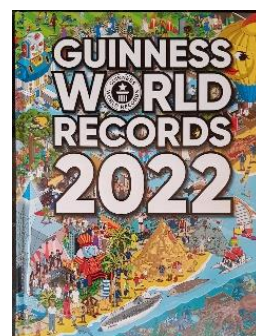
MARGARET ROGERS

I am very sad to report that Margaret Rogers (who lived in the bungalow at the bottom of the village) died on Easter weekend. Her daughter and grand-daughter were with her as she slipped away quietly. Many of you have asked about the date for her funeral. This will be on **Friday 6th May at 1pm at All Saints Church, Preston**. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

BOOK SWAP Come and visit the Book Swop this month - plenty of fiction, recipe books and one to keep you amused and amazed - Guinness World Records 2022.

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.



SOLAR FARM UPDATE APRIL 2022

For those of you who haven't ventured out yet I am pleased to advise that Witpit Lane has now been reopened but please take care when driving or walking along it as there will still be a number of vehicles entering and leaving the site.

There are a few outstanding items to deliver but none involves the use of HGVs. Having said that, Gridserve are in the process of dismantling their site accommodation which will involve transport using articulated vehicles so please take care when driving down Witpit Lane. In addition they are clearing their compound and restoring it to nature.

Gridserve are now in the process of commissioning the solar farm equipment and they hope to complete this and have it connected to the National Grid in July.

Unless anything untoward happens this will be my last report but if you have any comments or queries please contact me by email on alanstonepreston@gmail.com.

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 MAY

FULL RECYCLING	WED 11th and 25th May
FOOD WASTE	WEEKLY FROM WED 4th May

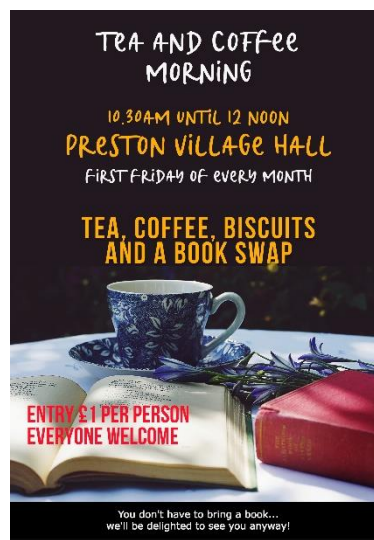
Fosse Cross Recycling Centre . The Site is open all bank holidays EXCEPT Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. **Booking is essential**

VILLAGE HALL

Monday 1-3pm and Thursday 10-12 noon. **Art Group** has recommenced for the summer term. Everybody is welcome to join this group. If you enjoy art or would like to learn please pop in and talk to Fiona or contact Cathy on artinpreston@aol.com

Wednesday 6.15-7.30 pm **Yoga**. If you are interested in joining in with Yoga in person or on zoom please contact Mark on mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

Friday 6th May 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 19th May at 7.30pm.

Special Events coming up in June: -

- Art and Craft Exhibition 2nd - 5th June - see below for full information
- Jubilee Celebration. Sunday June 5th - See PPC News for full details

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

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION, PRESTON VILLAGE HALL - JUNE 2022

HELEN MCLUCKIE

Opening Thursday 2nd June 2.00pm - 7.00pm. 3rd, 4th, 5th June 11.00am - 6.00pm.
Recent Paintings, Preston in Lock-Down and Beyond

Crafts, Jewellery, Greetings Cards and Baby Knits etc.

Contributions to Charities - Cheltenham and Glos Scanner Appeal; Ukraine Appeal.

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, have any ideas or can help set up on the day, please come to the meeting

or contact Julie Tomblin (641111) julie@prestonpc.org.uk

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

NEW TREES AT ENTRANCE TO THE VILLAGE

Have you noticed that 2 new oak trees have been planted on the wide verge at the Kingshill Lane entrance to the Village? The Parish Council has planted the trees as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



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, with suggestions or helping to set up on the morning of the event, please come to the **Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 5 May** or contact Julie Tomblin.

PLEASE NOTE: we have applied for a road closure between Beechnut Cottage and 90 Preston and those residents affected have been contacted directly.



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, each child in the Village (under 18) will be given a commemorative mug. To ensure that we don't miss anyone, please could you contact Julie Tomblin on 641111 julie@prestonpc.org.uk or the Parish Clerk to let us know if you have children under 18 and how many by Monday, 8 May?

Would you like a Preston Jubilee mug for yourself or members of your family?

If you would like us to add your order to ours, please contact Julie Tomblin 641111 julie@prestonpc.org.uk or the Parish Clerk by Monday 8, May.

Mugs cost £6 each and payment can be made by cash, cheque or BACS to Preston Parish Council Sort Code 30-92-06 Account No 00130859 using your surname as a reference.



VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED

Gloucestershire Young Women & Girls Mentoring Project is aimed at assisting those who are currently facing challenges in their lives, requiring support and encouragement to help set achievable goals as well as raising awareness of their mental and emotional well-being. We are therefore looking for local people to help support this work through providing mentoring on a one-to-one basis.

For more information about volunteering or to request an application form, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Emma via

emma@thamesvalleypartnership.org.uk or Mobile: 07949455415

COUNCIL TO UPGRADE ON-STREET PARKING PAY AND DISPLAY MACHINES

Gloucestershire County Council is upgrading its on-street parking pay and display machines this summer to help make them more convenient to users.

The new machines will allow secure and fast card payments, both contactless and chip and pin, and will no longer accept cash payments.

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on Thursday, 5 May 2022 starting at 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.

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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

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.

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Good Food - Good Health- Caroline Peyton

19th May at 7.30pm in Preston Village Hall

Contact Ann Craddock - Secretary- 01285 641469/07971 532909



PRESTON SUPPLIERS REGISTER

The website is <https://prestonvillageregistry.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

(prestonvillageregistry@gmail.com)

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

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022		
May	Mrs Cooper Mrs Jones	8 th 22 nd 29 th
June	Mrs Canton/Mrs McKinnon ditto	12 th 26 th
July	Mrs Smith/Mrs Tuckey WEDDING - 16 JULY FLOWERS Mrs Bainbridge	10 th 24 th

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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