



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER November 2022

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

Last month we had the great privilege and joy of welcoming Ann Edwards Church of England Primary School into All Hallows Church for their Harvest Festival Service. It was a lovely service as we gathered together to celebrated Harvest with poems, songs and prayers lead so beautifully by the children. One of the songs sung was Autumn Days, a favourite for school harvest festivals and one that I am sure will be familiar to many of you, a reminder of yours or your families' school days. It is a song written in the 1960s that reflects on the season of autumn mentioning things to be thankful for at this time of year like the taste of apples pies, the jewelled grass, the winters moon and the rainbow in whipped up spray. All rounded up in the catchy chorus, "So I mustn't forget. No, I mustn't forget. To say a great big thank you. I mustn't forget." It is a song that reminds us of one of the central themes of harvest that of thankfulness as the church takes a moment to be thankful to God for his goodness, generosity and love.

Being thankful, practicing the art of gratitude, is good for our wellbeing and our mental health. It can be all too easy to focus on the negative, on the challenges, on what is not here. However, if we shift our focus from what is not here to what is, to the light and love around us, to being thankful, we will find that we start to feel more positive. Our wellbeing and mental health will begin to improve, and our spirits are lifted. We can be thankful for the big things like the gift of life and our experiences of love as well as for the little things like beauty of the autumn colours reflecting in the reds and yellows of the leaves or kindness of our family and friends. Taking a moment to be thankful can really make a difference to our day.

God Bless

Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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

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NOTE: CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA - See page 6 below.

NOVEMBER 2022		
13 th November 2022	10.50am	Act of Remembrance
27 th November 2022	9.30am	Holy Communion

*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 November 2022 are Jubilee Flats, Jubilee Gardens, Kingfisher Place and Lakeside.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM MARY PAINTER

A special THANK YOU for all your prayers, lovely cards and good wishes. Your kindness is so much appreciated when you are alone in hospital. I have been home for a week now. *Mary Painter*

GIVE LOVE IN A BOX THIS CHRISTMAS

The 2022 Teams4U shoebox appeal is already up and running. How many shoeboxes can we collect this year? A Shoebox is a very simple gift, full of simple things which our children probably take for granted but all wrapped up in bright Christmas paper they make an exciting present especially for a child with little or nothing to help them celebrate Christmas.

The shoebox can be filled with toothpaste, toothbrushes, crayons, paper, soft toy, hats, scarves and lots, lots more! Simple things! You will be surprised by just how much you can fit into an ordinary shoebox.

You could also do a household box! Pegs, t-towels, candles, cutlery, etc.,

You can find lots more information, and download labels on the Teams4u website. Go to www.teams4u.com and click on shoebox appeal. You can also fill a shoebox on line.

To help cover the cost of delivering your shoebox a donation of £3.00 per box is requested. If you feel you cannot do a shoebox, why not make a donation towards transport costs. This you can do via the website or through me.

If you are a knitter why not knit hats, scarves or gloves/mittens to go into a box.

If you would like to know more you can contact me Joan Townsend on joan_townsend@hotmail.com or 01285 860710. 42 Riverway, South Cerney GL7 6HZ

Leave your filled shoe box in the porch by the **12th November** *Joan Townsend*

Note - Let Joan know if you need her to collect. Sorry that I cannot help with collections this year -but please do your best! Thanks! Dot Warren

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 3 November 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall. For further information, please see the Village noticeboards and website.

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: Caroline Braidwood 01285 380040 / 07870 170823
Email: clerk@prestonpc.org.uk <http://www.prestonpc.org.uk>

LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse is held on the second Monday of each month and is for anyone who is at home during the day. It is held in All Hallows Church South Cerney and starts at 10.30am and ends with a 2 course lunch which is served at around 12 noon. The morning usually starts with the opportunity to do a number of themed crafts and prior to lunch there is a short time of worship.

There is no charge but any donations are requested to help towards the cost of food.

The remaining dates for the next few meetings are 14th November, 12th December

If you would like to know more please contact Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie or Joan Townsend (860710) *Everyone welcome.*

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Speakers - Martin & Shan Graebe

Folk Song & Dance in Cotswolds

Links to Alf Cobb Siddington 17th November at 7.30pm

at the Elizabeth Way Community Centre, Siddington

For info - Contact Ann Craddock - Secretary- 01285 641469/07971 532909



RECYCLING DATES FOR NOVEMBER

FULL RECYCLING WED 9TH AND 23RD NOVEMBER

FOOD WASTE WEEKLY FROM WED 2ND NOVEMBER

BANK HOLIDAY WEEK COLLECTIONS WILL BE AS NORMAL

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 BOOK SWAP

You are welcome to take a book(s) and replace with any you would like to share with others. We ask that you leave the book swap tidy and be mindful that the Box houses the **village defibrillator** which **should be easily accessible** at all times. Thank you



Good quality books required for the book swap, children's books always welcome but no DVD's please.

My message last month worked - This month we're lucky to have a selection of children's books amongst the section of fiction and non-fiction books. Why don't you pop along and have a look?

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.

MINOR INJURIES UNIT CALL CENTRE

Another reminder of the phone number for this vital health support unit 0300 421 7777

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.

VILLAGE HALL

A NOTE TO ALL OUR COFFEE REGULARS

We have decided to trial a Saturday morning for this monthly get together to allow younger members of the community to join in. Bring all your family along!

This month's **Coffee Morning** will be held on
Saturday 5th November from 10.30 am.



Art Group continues on Monday afternoons 1-3pm and Thursday mornings 10-12 noon. Anyone interested in joining these classes should contact Cathy at artinpreston@aol.com or please drop in to talk to Fiona.

Yoga continues on Wednesday evenings from 6.15-7.30 pm. If you would like to join in with this class please contact Mark at mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL QUIZ. FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

A huge thank you to all the hard working Village Hall Committee for an enormously successful Quiz Night. We apologise to neighbours (belatedly) for the noise! Cathy Lynn deserves an extra pat on the back for her quiz questions, good humour and patience with contestants! Many thanks to you all!

AND NEWS.....HOT FROM THE PRESS -Friday 23rd December ...



PRESTON VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY
MULLED WINE, SOFT DRINKS AND MINCE PIES

And lots of merriment

Put this popular event in your diaries now

More details in due course

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please remember to keep an eye on your neighbours as well as your own property.

Gloucestershire police offer advice on their

website: <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/>

Remember to report anything suspicious with our WhatsApp group or to the police via the non-emergency number (101) or if there is a crime being committed 999.

With the continuing increase in 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.

Remember to remain aware while walking your dogs. Vary your routes and think about carrying a self-defence spray. (Search Dog 'DNA Protect' for protection for dogs.)

It is possible to report phishing texts by forwarding the message to 7726 (it spells spam) and then sending them the details of where the message came from. You can, of course, also block the number so it doesn't call you again!

If you would like your mobile number added to the Preston NW WhatsApp group, please send your request to Dot Warren ([07980 897268](tel:07980897268))

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](tel:07816051126) or email: amilespc@gmail.com

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022		
November	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE DECORATE CHURCH - TBA ADVENT - STARTS 27TH NOVEMBER NO FLOWERS Mrs Cooper	13 th 27 th
December	ADVENT - NO FLOWERS Mrs Jones DECORATE CHURCH (ALL WELCOME) DATE - TBA CHRISTMAS DAY	11 th 25 th

ADVENT WINDOWS IN PRESTON 2022

Recently several young families (and not so young neighbours) have asked if we were going to decorate a window for the 24 days of Advent this year. If you would like to join in, please text or write to me for information (giving a special date if you have one). Dot Warren 07980 897268 In the meantime I will write to previous supporters who will have precedence in their choice of date.

How it works for newcomers - there will be one window lit in the village from 5pm on 1st December and the same window lit daily from 5pm every day of Advent. On day 2 - a second will be lit from 5pm and so forth for the whole duration. On day 24 we want to have 24 windows on display. Do please join in to make this a wonderful village celebration of Christmas!

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for December 2022 **by Friday 18th November**. **Please note that I will be having a shoulder replacement op on 1st December and so give me your text in plenty of time.** Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk

NEW LOCAL CHAUFFEUR BUSINESS

AMJPRIMESHINE 07564 534481

Faraz from Cirencester Hand Carwash at Tesco has asked me to spread the word. He is offering a chauffeur service throughout Cirencester and UK. Including the following - Weddings, Proms, UK touring, Airport transfers, Seaport transfers, Golf outings Business travel, Concert hire, Corporate events, Nights out, Private travel and all other special events. Complimentary water provided on arrival,

NOTE - The Newsletter has no connection with this business. Please make your own security and other enquiries.