



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 2011

## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Letter from the Vicar:

Last summer Judith and I visited Dornakal in Andhra Pradesh, South India, and since then we have kept in touch with the church there. We have been delighted to be able to send out funds to build a new church and to help establish a child day care centre in Garidepalli, one of the villages in the area. The day care centre will provide a safe and healthy place for small children to be looked after while their parents work in the fields. The money has come entirely from people within our benefice and is a great tribute to the generosity of many in our parishes. The construction of the building is now underway and in August Judith and I will travel to Garidepalli with a small group to attend the consecration.

On Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> we will welcome Bishop Devamani of Dornakal and his wife, Christina, to a service at All Hallows in South Cerney at 10.00am as part of their visit to the Gloucester Diocese. There will be no service at Preston that morning and we hope you will come along to meet our visitors.

I am also delighted to report that the Lent Lunches in Preston and Siddington raised £421 for Acts of Hope, an educational charity also based in India. The Director of the charity, Peter Willetts, recently shared an update of the work at a service at Preston. Many thanks are due to Paul and Ana Nash for coordinating these and to those who organised and supported the lunch in Preston in April.

For the Church, international links are an important way of remembering that we are part of one family and that we can learn from each other's experiences and insights. One of the things that struck Judith and I in India was how much we have in common in church life, despite the huge differences in culture.

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## CHURCH DIARY for MAY 2011

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Compline	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
8th May	<b>NOTE- No service at All Saints Preston</b>		
<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
<b>Readers Sunday</b>	6.00pm	Evensong	SC
SUNDAY	10.00am	Altogether	SC
15th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00pm	Evensong	Pr
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	SC
	<b>Christian Aid Week</b>		
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
22nd May	10.00am	Family Service	Pr
<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
	6.00pm	Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry	Sidd
SATURDAY	1.00pm - 5pm	Flower Festival	SC
28 <sup>th</sup> May			
SUNDAY	10.00am	Festival Sung Eucharist	SC
29th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	1.00pm - 6pm	Flower Festival	
	6.00pm	Informal Service Elizabeth Way Community Room	Sidd
MONDAY	10.00am - 4pm	Street Fair	SC
30th May	10.00am - 6pm	Flower Festival	

**Prayers:** The streets and areas in the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during May are Kingfisher Place, Lakeside, Laurel Cottages and Meadow Way.

**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.

**Under 5's** For those not yet at school 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays 2pm All Hallows Church

## PRESTON FETE 2011

Many thanks to all those who came to the meeting to help plan the fete. The following stalls were allocated. We still need help with collecting items for the stalls, setting up on the day, and ideas for sideshows and amusements for the children. Contributions can be brought to the barn from now on - please ring before coming (653066) and don't leave things outside! Plants - a few days beforehand. Cakes and tea items - the day before. BUT if you are going to be away, anything suitable can go in my freezer.

White Elephant	Regine Freyne
Raffle	Scilla Chester-Master; Dot Warren
Tombola	Karen Thornton
Plants	Anne Mingins
Cakes	Jane Bainbridge; Sue Spivey
Books, films etc	Rex & Joy Canton
Toys	Ann Smith
Nearly New	Liz McKinnon; Ann Swain
Bowls	Nigel Beasley

We welcome any ideas for fun and games stalls from our young ones, but please let me know in advance so that we can make space. The more stalls for children, the better! Talking of which - we have plans for a number of activities for the children and already have had our invitation to provide ARCHERY accepted. Look out next month for details of further events. We also have a selection of live music this year. So do plan to come along and tell all your friends about it. It is the perfect setting for a summer gathering for all the family!

## PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Our next meeting in May will incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting. It will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. ***It will not take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May as it is Election Day.***

*Your current Parish Councillors are Chris Sutton (Chairman), Scilla Chester-Master (Vice Chairman), Regine Freyne, Bill Mortimore, Terry Hopegood, Rex Canton and Nick Price.*

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## VILLAGE HALL

### **Soup Saturdays:**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the April Soup Saturday. It was a lovely time and we raised a splendid £140 for Acts of Hope.

The next, and final, Soup Saturday before the summer break is on the **14<sup>th</sup> May**. Do come along and enjoy a good chat before summer holidays and our gardens claim all of our free time until the autumn. Proceeds, as usual, to the village hall.

### **Village hall fundraiser:**

How often have you heard the words "you must let me have that recipe"? I am thinking of producing some laminated recipe cards of Preston's Favourite dishes, but I need your help. The idea is that anyone with a favourite recipe (anything: suppers/soups/desserts/cakes etc.) that they are happy to share passes it to me (emailed if at all possible please) and I will compile a list. The list is then published in a future village newsletter and all recipes are available to buy, as a laminated card, at a cost of £1 per recipe - all proceeds to the village hall.

So, to get the ball rolling please mail me your favourite and most admired recipes. Or if you have regularly admired a dish produced by one of your friends, do badger them into passing it on! I am happy to include credits on all recipes so that users know who to thank. I can be contacted on [karen.thornton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:karen.thornton@tiscali.co.uk) or pop a note in our red post box at Rose Cottage. Thank you.

## **SUE BLACK - VILLAGE AGENT - 07810 630167**

My name is Sue Black and I am the Village Agent for Preston. The role of the Village Agent is to provide older people in the community with easier access to information and services.

### **Survivorship - Living with and beyond Cancer**

According to Macmillan Cancer Support (2008), there are approximately 2 million people living with cancer in the United Kingdom, and that total is rising by more than 3% a year. One in ten people (10%) over 65 are currently living with a diagnosis of cancer.

An increasing number of people are being cured of cancer or are in remission. Although this is good news, Macmillan knows that the impact of a cancer diagnosis does not suddenly stop when treatment is over and this is when your local Village Agent may be able to help.

With the support of funding from Macmillan Cancer Support, **Village Agents are now trained to support people living with and beyond cancer in the community.**

I am pleased to let you know that I am one of the Village Agents who has received this additional training for the Macmillan project. I can help with access to financial support and advice, cancer and cancer survivor information. I can signpost people living with and beyond cancer, their carers and families to the most appropriate information and care to help improve the quality of their lives.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or concerns and I can arrange a home visit (in complete confidence).

## SIDDINGTON WITH PRESTON WI

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
A Visit to Dornakal in Southern India  
The Reverend David Bowers



Last summer, David and Judith Bowers took the Gloucester Diocesan Youth Group to see their link Diocese of Dornakal in Andhra Pradesh, India. David will talk about the visit, and projects to build a new church and establish a childcare centre in a small village there.

Congratulations to our quiz teams who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the initial round of the County Quiz, and commiserations to the skittles team who were defeated by Cam WI. Recently some members had a very interesting visit to see the famous Bristol Blue Glass being made, and other members enjoyed a fun day out at the Cotswold Farm Park.

The WI can offer so much more than just a monthly meeting. For further information, please ring Marion on 01285 655230

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Elizabeth Way, Siddington.

## 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. The next Meeting is an evening Meeting on **Tuesday MAY 17<sup>th</sup>**, there is no meeting in June; an evening meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> JULY; A CREAM TEA here at The Hope, Ampney St. Peter on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Watch out for more information next month.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the work of The British Legion, please do get in touch with Janet Gibbs (01285 851227).

## CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Details of duties for the next 3 months are given below.

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## MOBILE LIBRARY

The library visits the village once per month and arrives at Kingsway Preston at 9.45am and leaves at 10.00am. See the Village notice boards for dates.

## 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](mailto:andy.fogden@gloucestershire.police.uk)

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Please will you let me have news for June 2011 in handwriting or by e-mail by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston; Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com. **NO FAX NUMBER.** Thank you.

<u><i>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2011</i></u>		
May	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton Mrs Jones Mrs Bainbridge Wedding <b>No Service</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>
June	Mrs Price/Mrs Tomblin Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>
July	Mrs Anne Smith Mrs Cooper <b>No Service</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>