



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2013

## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Letter from the Vicar:

Easter, the belief that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today, is a foundation of the Christian faith and without it we would have no grounds for our hope of eternal life. It is because Jesus died and rose again that we can confidently believe in forgiveness, a new start, in eternal life and in a living and real relationship with God. All of this was made possible by the death of Jesus on the cross and the assurance of his victory over sin and death shown by his coming back to life. St Paul, writing in the first century to the Christian community in Corinth, summed up the importance of Easter: "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."

We invite you to come and celebrate this amazingly important event at any of our Easter services.

Last year the church council of South Cerney, along with those of Siddington and Preston, made a decision to admit baptised children to Holy Communion before Confirmation. This is a step taken also by many parishes in the Gloucester Diocese and encouraged by Bishop Michael. There is no lower age limit, as this is left to parental discretion. In April we shall have two preparation sessions for this at All Hallows, which we invite parents to come to with their children. They are on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, both at 3.00pm. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact either me, or Carolyn Kennedy or Joan Townsend.

Alongside this, we are also having a Confirmation service at 3.00pm on July 14<sup>th</sup> at All Hallows, to be led by Bishop Michael. We shall have preparation sessions both for children (who should be at least aged 10 -11) and for adults. The groups will begin in May. Please contact me if you are interested.

Finally, our Benefice will have a Curate joining us in the summer. Angela Austin, who lives in Somerford Keynes, will be ordained as Deacon in Gloucester Cathedral on June 30<sup>th</sup> and will join us at the beginning of August. She will work as a self-supporting (i.e. non-stipendiary) minister and will work on Sundays plus the equivalent of two days per week. She will be with us for 3 to 4 years. We wish Angela and her husband David (who is also to be ordained this summer) every blessing as they take this important step.

A very happy Easter to you all.

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## CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH 2013

WEDNESDAY	11.30am	Boxbush Morning Prayer	SC
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
4 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm	Easter Egg Hunt	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd
after Easter	4.00pm	Messy Church	SC
	6.00pm	Compline	SC
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
11 <sup>th</sup> April			
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC
14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr
after Easter	6.00pm	Evensong	SC
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
WEDNESDAY	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mulberry Crt
17 <sup>th</sup> April			
THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC
18 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm	Under 5's	SC
SATURDAY	9.30am	Coffeepot	UC/SC
20 <sup>th</sup> April			
SUNDAY	10.00am	Family Church & Baptism	SC
21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6.00pm	Holy Communion	SC
after Easter	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr

THURSDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	SC	
25 <sup>th</sup> April				
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	SC	
28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	SC	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	10.00am	Family Service	Pr	
after Easter	6.00pm	Holy Communion with prayer ministry	Sidd	
	6.00pm	Alternative Service	SC	

Pr-Preston; SC-South Cerney; CW-Cerney Wick; Sidd-Siddington; UC-United Ch South Cerney  
BCP-Book of Common Prayer; CmW-Common Worship

**Prayers:** The streets and areas in the Churchside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during April are Upper Up, Willow Grove, Wildmoor Lane, Winchcombe Gardens and Windrush Lakes

**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.

### **AFTER EASTER EGG HUNT**

Thursday 4th April at 2pm at All Hallows Church South Cerney

*Come and find Easter Eggs in and around the church*

### **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 18th April at 7pm. It is hoped that as many people as possible will come and hear what has been going on in our Church over the last year. The Electoral Roll (church not district!) is due to be renewed this month. The new forms are in the Church, or with me at Church Farm. Please apply to me and I will drop them in. *Scilla Chester-Master*

**ADVANCE NOTICE!** The fete this year is to be on Saturday, 13th July.... There will be a planning meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Further details will follow in next month's issue.

### **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 Cotswolds is Andy Fogden.  
andy.fogden@gloucestershire.police.uk

## PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Have you ever thought of being a Volunteer Assistant Lock Keeper ?**

The Environment Agency, which is navigation authority for the Thames, is now recruiting for the 2013 season and are looking for volunteers who can commit to assisting at least one day a week between May and the end of September along the river between Reading and Lechlade. Hours are by arrangement but need to be available at least from 11 to 5. The work is done alongside paid lock keepers: helping boats pass through the lock safely, taking ropes, directing traffic, and operating sluices and lock gates; help to maintain the site by painting, tidying and gardening and provide information to visitors.

All applicants are invited to an assessment at a local lock where the role will be explained to them and be shown what it involves in practical terms. They will also be assessed to decide which site may be most appropriate and to ensure that they have the physical capabilities required. This will be followed by an induction course which focuses on safety and preparing them for the lock side.

Volunteers are provided with some uniform and can claim mileage for travel to and from their lock (subject to a daily maximum). They also receive a monthly newsletter which keeps them in touch with what is going on along the river and other activities of the Environment Agency.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering on the Thames and to receive an information pack and application form, please contact the Volunteer team on 01491 828360 or email [thames.volunteers@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:thames.volunteers@environment-agency.gov.uk)

### **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

The Village Speed Watch team are now fully trained in using the equipment and have carried out their first Watch identifying 6 drivers who were over the speed limit. They intend to carry out regular checks so DRIVERS - BE AWARE !!!!

### **A419 NOISE ACTION GROUP**

The A419 Action Group's website is <http://a419nag.co.uk>. If you are affected by the noise, please complete the survey on the website and help to keep up pressure on the Highway Agency to do something about the surface. Even if nothing is done now then at least your support will help to raise it further up the priority list as there are other stretches of road in the country which have the same concrete surface.

### **WEBSITE**

If you have photographs or information for the website, please contact Caroline Braidwood.

The next meeting will be the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** on **Thursday, 9 May 2013 at 7pm** in the Village Hall. This will be followed by the **ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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## VILLAGE HALL



### **VILLAGE HALL - SOUP SATURDAY/ LENT LUNCH**

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who supported the lent lunch in any way. We raised a marvellous £217 for Acts of Hope.

Secondly the next soup Saturday - this time in aid of village hall funds - will be on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**. Usual format: 12noon to 2pm, just turn up.

£3 for homemade soup, bread/roll and a cup of tea or coffee plus excellent conversation with your friends and neighbours.

Finally, the village hall used to be well provided with table clothes, but the numbers are dwindling. If you have taken some home to wash, could you please check that you have remembered to return them all? Thank you.

### **ART IN PRESTON VILLAGE HALL**

If you are interested, next term's art in Preston Village Hall starts w/c 8th April. There are now 3 classes each week, so you can choose Monday afternoon 1-3, Thursday morning 10-12 or Thursday afternoon 12.30- 2.30.

Classes run for 10 weeks. Costs are kept as low as possible - it all depends on how many attend, but the price ranges from £55 to £75.

For further details please contact - Cathy Lynn [candjjlynn@btinternet.com](mailto:candjjlynn@btinternet.com)

## MOBILE LIBRARY

This service no longer visits Preston Village.

## SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April



### **The Royal Gardens**

This month Austin Perkins, a professional gardener, will be speaking about the history of all the royal gardens of Great Britain. Later in April several of our members will be taking part in the first round of the county quiz and hopefully, as in previous years, at least one of our teams will progress to the next round.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings held in the Community Room, Elizabeth Way Siddington at 7:30pm. For more details of our WI activities ring Ann on 01285 641469 or visit [www.siddington.com](http://www.siddington.com)

**"Suffer little Children to come unto me" THE TIMMY MASON TRUST**

Kate and Tim Mason and family will be once again living in the village after a short break. They are delighted to be calling Terra Cottage, 82 Preston their home and to be able to return to Preston to be close to their beautiful little boy Timmy, who sadly lost his fight with cancer on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011, aged 7 and is laid to rest in Preston Church yard. Many of you will have already met or seen the Mason family so we are pleased to warmly welcome the lovely family back into Preston and wish them well in settling in again.

Dagi Beasley has officially registered and signed up for a sponsored 10 mile walk along the Jurassic Coast in Dorset on the "just giving" website. She is doing this walk on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in aid of The Timmy Mason Trust and would welcome sponsors or donations from anyone to swell the trust fund.

So please, please help with your generous donations on line:

[www.justgiving.com/Dagi-Beasley1](http://www.justgiving.com/Dagi-Beasley1) or if you prefer by leaving cash or cheque with either: Scilla Chester-Master at Church Farm, Preston or Rex and Joy Canton at No 24 Kingsway, Preston, GL7 5XA. THANK YOU!

(A leaflet explaining/promoting the walk is enclosed with this newsletter).

Should you wish to do your own fundraising for the Timmy Mason Trust all ideas would be most welcome.

A date to possibly put in your diary:- The Timmy Mason Trust will also have a stall for the first time at the South Cerney Street Fair week-end on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2013. There will be home-made cakes and pretty plants on offer.

**We would also like to mention the following:**

A number of personal items have been removed from a grave in the church yard. Could you please be vigilant if you are passing through.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE LINK PUBLIC EVENTS**

Gloucestershire Local Involvement Network (LINK) is a network of local people, groups and community organisations working together to help influence, improve or change the way health and social care services are planned and delivered across the county.

For further information please contact

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Email: [christinew@grcc.org.uk](mailto:christinew@grcc.org.uk) Website [www.gloslink.org.uk](http://www.gloslink.org.uk)

**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.

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

## MONTHLY NEWS FROM SIDDINGTON

Preston villagers may be interested to know that there is an equivalent monthly newsletter for Siddington village. This is available on their website - [www.siddington.com](http://www.siddington.com)

### PRESTON to CIRENCESTER BUS SERVICE 854

**Mondays and Fridays only (excluding Public Holidays) Service 854**

Leave Preston, opposite the Village Hall and Kingsway 11.45 am  
Arrive Cirencester, Market Place, Parish Church 11.55 am

Leave Cirencester Market Place, Parish Church 13.20pm  
Arrive Preston - Kingsway and Village Hall 13.25pm

Service operated by PULHAM'S COACHES. Tel: 01451 820369

### BUS NO 53 TO SWINDON OUTLET

STAGECOACH BUS SERVICE No 53 from CIRENCESTER TO SWINDON stopping at Preston Toll Bar and from SWINDON TO CIRENCESTER stopping at Preston Toll Bar

Please check times at the bus stop, or Timetables available from the TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE.

*Please use this service as much as you can - to prevent it being taken away!*

SUE BLACK - VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT - 07810 630167

### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

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

**Note to helpers** - PLEASE NOTE that the Church office now only provides the service schedule 3 months in advance. Could you all please check the service dates in the Church Diary above to confirm if there is a service at Preston.

As always, there are gaps in the rota, so I would appreciate it if anyone could volunteer to fill these dates. Thank you. *Regine Freyne* Tel: 655370 [regfreyne@btinternet.com](mailto:regfreyne@btinternet.com)

### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please send me -Dot Warren - news for May 2013 in handwriting or by e-mail by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. My name is Dot Warren - Address: Greystones, Preston Tel: 01285 656105; [dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com) **NO FAX NUMBER**

**Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2013**

April	Mrs Sutton Mrs Cooper Mrs Bainbridge	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>
May	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton Mrs Jones	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>
June	Mrs Price/Mrs Tomblin Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay Mrs Cooper	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>



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