



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER October 2013

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

LETTER FROM AMERICA (FROM OUR VICAR)

During September, as part of a period of sabbatical leave I have been staying in Marquette, Michigan in the United States as a guest of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan. I had a much shorter visit here in March 2004 and decided that I would like to visit again for a longer period to look at what is known here as "Mutual Ministry". It is a form of collaborative ministry in which each local church congregation is responsible for its own life, ministry and outreach and in which they are supported by a small number of what are called "Ministry Developers". These ministry developers are paid clergy who have been trained at seminary (theological college) and work as trainers, educators and encouragers with the teams of local people.

Although it is not a scheme that could be simply transferred to another setting, I have been looking at how we might learn insights and principles from work of the ministry developers as we face a situation in the Church of England where parish clergy are having to look at very different ways of working, as many of us relate to a number of different parishes and communities within each benefice.

I have been very grateful for the hospitality of Bishop Rayford Ray and of all those I have met in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, a remote part of the USA which is surrounded by three of the Great Lakes and where over 90% of the land is covered by forest. When I visited in 2004 the area was covered in snow and it has been good this time to see the colours of the trees changing as we move into autumn (while I am here I should say "the fall"!). Above all, it has been good to renew some old friendships and to meet many of the local congregations where people are growing in confidence in their God-given gifts and ministries.

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See the final page of this newsletter for information about church services

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 October are High Street, Huxley Court, Isis Lake and Jackson Road.

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..

The complete Benefice Church Diary and News is published on the Benefice website <http://www.churnside-parishes.org.uk/link/link.pdf> and is already available in the church porch, but it will not be included in the monthly newsletter. Only services at All Saints, Preston and St Peters, Siddington and Hunters Care will be included. These can be found at the end of the Newsletter together with the Church Cleaning and Flower Rota.

2013 HARVEST SUPPER

As the Harvest Supper has been postponed following Mark Smith's tragic and sudden death, a new date has been set. The Date for your Diary is **Sunday 13th October**. The format will be the same - at 7pm - an informal supper in the village hall.

Tickets, as usual, are available from Karen Thornton (656913) £5 per head. Includes simple sit down meal, tea/coffee and cake - and lots of lovely neighbours! Please bring your own drinks; the hall has plenty of glasses. As usual, to ensure that we cater for the right numbers, please make sure you order your tickets before the event.

Hope to see lots of you there. *Karen*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Team Members are:- Michael Dyson, Rex Canton, Margaret Mortimore, Anne Smith, Dot Warren, Andrew McKechnie and Reg Freyne. Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer for the South Cotswolds Andy Fogden. andy.fogden@gloucestershire.police.uk

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2013

The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. South Cerney Village Hall has been booked as a **Drop off Point for the week beginning Monday 4th November** and the Coffee Morning is on the 5th October.

If you would like to help in any way or would like to know more please contact me.

Joan Townsend on 01285860710 or joan-townsend@hotmail.com

Last year the number of shoeboxes were down which meant that around 12,000 children had no Christmas present. Please do all you can to support us and put a smile on the face of a young child this Christmas.

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Cirencester's Cycling and Walking Map

Cirencester Town Council together with other interested parties is looking to develop a walking and cycling map of paths in Town and surrounding area and to classify them. Our Chairman, Chris Sutton, has been involved and said that Kingshill Lane hadn't been considered dangerous but has now been reclassified. It is hope that the Group will help to put pressure on the relevant authorities to provide a safe cycle path between Preston and Kingshill.

The draft map can be seen at <http://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/cirencester/>

Big Community Switch

The County Council is concerned about the impact that rises in energy prices have on Gloucestershire residents, particularly older people and those living in fuel poverty and is launching the Big Community Switch to help people get cheaper gas and electricity by working together.

The Big Community Switch is bulk buying - if a large number of people want to change supplier together they are likely to get a better deal than just one person shopping around and switching on their own. The more households that register their interest in switching, the more attractive it becomes for an energy supplier to offer a competitive price and the more likely consumers are to achieve significant savings.

Residents need to register their interest with the Big Community Switch in the next few weeks. You can do this either online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bigcommunityswitch or by phoning the Council on **01452 42 57 57** between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday (between 3rd September and 15th October). By doing this, you are under no obligation to switch supplier.

People only need to provide basic information at this stage: name, address, contact details, an indication of their energy consumption and whether they wish to consider switching for both gas and electricity or electricity only. It's a good idea to have a recent bill to hand as it makes registering easier and more accurate registration means a more accurate offer.

Speed on A419 at Toll Bar

The results of the speed survey at the Toll Bar show that most drivers keep within the speed limit. However, it was agreed that the current speed limit at the Toll Bar is too high in view of the junctions with Kingshill Lane and South Cerney Road together with the pedestrian crossing and bus stops. It was agreed to contact Cllr Shaun Parsons requesting his support to reduce the current speed limit.

Churn Catchment Flood Prevention Group

The Group now has a Facebook page for anyone who is interested:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/412462082197472/?fref=ts>

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday, 7 November 2013
at 7 pm in the Village Hall

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND

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If you watch Freeview, please read on...

This year will see the arrival of new 4G mobile services across the UK. These services may cause problems with your TV reception, leading to loss of sound, blocky images or loss of some or all Freeview channels. Only those who watch Freeview will be affected; you're unlikely to experience any issues if you watch cable or satellite TV.

at800 is the organisation created to make sure UK viewers can still watch Freeview when 4G mobile services at 800 MHz are launched. GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) is working with at800 to ensure you are supported and can continue to watch Freeview.

Can this be fixed?

Yes! Before 4G is switched on in your area, at800 will write to you if you might be affected. You may also receive an at800 filter - free of charge. This connects between your TV aerial and your TV, set-top box or signal booster. The filter is smaller than a pack of cards and in most cases will enable you to continue watching Freeview as normal.

You may be able to fit the filter yourself. If not, don't worry - at800 can help if you're aged 75 or over, registered disabled, blind or partially sighted or have lived in a care home for 6 months or more. A professional and CRB-checked engineer or volunteer will visit and install the filter for you free of charge. Please contact at800 on **0333 31 31 800** (free within mobile free call packages) or **0808 13 13 800** (free from a landline) to arrange this if you think you have been affected.

If more work is needed to restore your Freeview service this will also be carried out by at800 and you won't need to pay.

Call your Village Agent Sue Black on 07810 630167 if you have any questions.

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI Thursday 17th October

A speaker from the Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, which is based in Wallingford, Oxfordshire, will be coming to talk to us about their work caring for abused and ill-treated donkeys and other animals.

Christmas shoebox appeal This year we are filling boxes for boys and girls aged 5-9 years. We will be collecting gifts at the October meeting.

The meeting will start as usual at 7.30 pm in the Elizabeth Way community room. Visitors and non-members are very welcome to join us there. For more information, ring Ann on 01285 641469

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. Contact Janet Gibbs (01285 851227).

PRESTON to CIRENCESTER BUS SERVICE 854

Mondays and Fridays only (excluding Public Holidays) Service 854

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

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

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

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All Saints Church Preston
Church Diary & Flower and Cleaning Rota

Date	Time & Service	Place	Rota volunteers
WEDNESDAY 2 nd October	3.00pm Communion	Hunters	
SUNDAY 6 th October 19th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Harvest Festival followed by shared lunch	Pr Sidd	Mrs Cameron/Mrs Warren
SUNDAY 13 th October 20th after Trinity	10.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Songs of Praise	Pr Sidd	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
SUNDAY 20 th October 21st after Trinity	10.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Evening Service	Sidd Pr	Mrs Jones
SUNDAY 27 th October Last Sunday after Trinity	10.00am Family Service 6.00pm Holy Communion	Pr Sidd	Mrs Jones
November 3 rd 10 th 17 th 2 4 th			Mrs Giles/Mrs Spivey Mrs Tomblin/Mrs Price Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay
December	First three Sundays - ADVENT		Mrs Freyne

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Details of duties for the last three months of 2013 are given above. 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

Note to helpers - PLEASE check the service dates in the Church Diary to confirm if there is a service at Preston.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please send me -Dot Warren - news for November 2013 **in handwriting or by e-mail** by Monday 21st October. Address: Greystones, Preston Tel: 01285 656105;
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