



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER July 2014

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

On July 5th our Curate, Revd Angie Austin, will be ordained as priest in Gloucester Cathedral in a special service beginning at 3.00pm. The service is open to anyone who would like to attend and, for those being ordained, it is the culmination of a long time spent in exploring a sense of vocation and in training. For me personally, it brings back many memories of my own ordination as priest in Manchester Cathedral in 1985. Angie has completed her first year, working as a deacon, and will be ordained by the Bishop of Gloucester in his last ordination service before he retires later in the year.

This will be followed the following day (July 6th) at 10am at All Hallows, South Cerney by presiding at the Eucharist (Holy Communion) for the first time. Angie's husband David, who has previous been a Baptist minister, will be ordained as priest at the same time and we pray it is a special time for both of them. We also look forward to Angie being with us for a few more years.

On the same day as Angie's first Eucharist, July 6th, we have our Benefice Family Day at the Vicarage in South Cerney, beginning at 2pm, with an all-age service at 4pm, followed by tea. As we are hoping once again for great things from Andy Murray at Wimbledon, and as it is Men's Final day, there will be a television in the garden for those who want to keep up with the score!

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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 July are Thompson Road, Trenchard Gardens, Upper Siddington and Upper Up.

Prayer Board: There is a prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church for your personal prayer requests. Any requests are included at Morning Prayer each day.

SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO DIED IN WW1

Mike Painter and Allen Howe will attend a service on 3rd August at Gloucester Cathedral to mark the Centenary of World War I. Names of those who died in the Conflict 1914 - 18 from **Preston Parish** will be presented at the altar and read out.
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

UNDER 5'S

For those not yet at school - (0 - 5 and older in the school holiday)
1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays at 2pm in All Hallows Church

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 only services at All Saints, Preston, St Peters, Siddington and Hunters Care are included in this Newsletter, listed towards the end, together with the Church Cleaning and Flower Rota.

PRESTON FETE

The weeks are flying by and it will soon be Fete Day! Just to remind you - the volunteers in charge of the stalls are as follows:-

White Elephant	Regine Freyne
Raffle	Scilla Chester-Master; Dot Warren
Tombola	Jenny Beadle; Rosie Jones
Plants	Alexander Lindsay; Chris Sutton
Cakes	Jane Bainbridge; Sue Spivey <i>(Please label all cakes etc that have been frozen)</i>
Books	Sue & Jonathan Gulliford
Toys	Anne Smith
Nearly New Clothes	Anne Swain; Liz McKinnon

We always need help with collecting items for the stalls, setting up on the day, and more ideas for sideshows and amusements.

Contributions can be brought to the barn BUT - **please ring before coming (653066) and do not leave things outside!**

Bring 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.

We look forward to seeing you and please do bring along your friends! It is the perfect setting for a summer gathering for all the family!

Scilla Chester-Master Tel: 653066

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Following concerns raised with the Parish Council regarding traffic speeds through the Village, a group of Councillors recently met with Richard Gray of Gloucestershire Highways' contractor Amey, to look at various issues in the Village and ways of addressing them. This is a précis of the points raised and the reply received which will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting:

Kingshill Lane junction – A design scheme was put forward by Gloucestershire Highways in 2012 to create an island and road markings at the junction with Kingshill Lane. The funding for the work was linked to the proposed development adjacent to Corinium Via on London Road. Unfortunately, this fell by the wayside when the original plans failed to be progressed. Whilst the new development is likely to create additional vehicular movements, the additional numbers compared to the existing background movements are not sufficient to seek improvements or mitigation measures. Any obligation, should it have been sought, would not have met with the regulations. However, it may be possible, subject to appropriate design checks and safety audits, to progress the design scheme if the Parish Council is prepared to contribute 50% of the cost.

Installation of a VAS (vehicular activated sign). These signs do have a role to play in road safety however not every location is suitable. As with any traffic calming initiative the use of VAS equipment has to be carefully used to ensure that the impact of these signs are not diminished by them being erected at inappropriate locations. Consequently Gloucestershire Highways has adopted a policy for screening requests for these signs so that the most urgent cases are targeted. The County Council's Policy uses quantifiable data and empirical evidence with four criteria namely accidents, volume of traffic, speed of traffic and environmental factors being taken into consideration. To allow a level of flexibility sites should pass at least three of these four criteria to be considered for inclusion within a programme. After an initial review of available data at this location it would be unlikely to meet with the criteria.

Traffic Speed and the Village used as a Rat Run. Clearly inappropriate speed is an issue for the Police to address, which I know you have raised with them previously and I urge you to continue with this. Please pass on any speed data that you or the Police have obtained. I did explain that one of the factors taken into consideration for any significant road safety initiative is the type, frequency and number of personal injury incidents and I have previously reported that there have been no injury incidents in the village. This did raise a query on how we collect the data. In answer to this query the process for reporting of accidents on the network follows a national standard across the Country (called Stats 19 and Stats 20) and specifically excludes reporting of damage only collisions. The national process has been developed by the Standing Committee on Road Accident Statistics (SCRAS). SCRAS comprises representatives from the Department for Transport (DfT), Police Forces, Local Authority associations and other Government departments with an interest in the collation of road accident data. This provides an unchallengeable position when evaluating sites across the County.

We further discussed what other measures could be taken and I pointed you in the

direction our Road Safety Campaign Team who work with local communities and residents to design and develop road safety campaigns to target speeding traffic and raise motorists' awareness of local safety concerns. I would respectfully suggest that should your Parish should make formal representation to the Team Leader Mr Garry Handley.

Gateway feature. I would agree with you that having features at the Parish sign does alert drivers to the fact that they are entering a community. Unfortunately the fencing type gateway features currently available are not passively safe and I cannot, as yet, have any more erected. I am looking at various manufacturers to see what other projects could be used but this make take some time. We looked at the village name plate and agreed that they do look a bit tired, if your Parish are considering replacing them then the above attachment does detail the one due to be erected in Down Ampney, which you will note does included a picture. This type is becoming popular as it does give a nice message to drivers that it is a community. If you consider this as a way forward then I can obtain quotes and I am sure we can come to some agreement on funding them. Until the matter of finding a manufacturer which can produce passive fencing your Parish could give consideration into cultivating the verge or a planter on the wider sections of the verges in the vicinity of the village limits, again I am happy to advise you on this.

I have noted the concerns raised with your Parish by pedestrians and cyclists wishing to cross the A419 at Preston Toll Bar and the request for this to be highlighted. We have now had an opportunity of driving in both directions along the A419 and I did note that on either approach there is already a very large signs depicting a bicycle which are illuminated and there is a VAS on each approach, which I assume is to pick up motorists which exceed the speed limit. Given these features I am reluctant to erect further signing as I feel the issue is adequately covered by these signs. I will out of completeness arrange for these VAS's to be checked by my street lighting colleagues.

Another suggestion was to have the village made one way. This would require the progression of a traffic order, which does have a cost associated with it, and we only look at sites with proven accidents which this location does not. As part of the traffic order there would be public consultation which can attract objections and secondly the Police would need to be consulted. Whilst I have not directly approached them about this specific site I am aware that they are very reluctant to support rural traffic orders as enforcement presents an issue. In addition vehicular speeds do tend to increase with one ways and thus it would be counterproductive. With all these points my experience tells me that this would be very unlikely to be successful and my resources would be better utilised elsewhere.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3 July 2014 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE - REMINDER

It was decided at the last PPC meeting that the alerts from Neighbourhood Watch should be sent directly to all individual village households.

Don't forget to advise Reg Freyne (email address: regfreyne@btinternet.com) if you want to receive the information by email.

If you do not have access to email, your Neighbourhood Watch team member will relay any relevant information, as before.

It is hoped that this will make the flow of information much more efficient. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions.

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

CHEAPER HEATING OIL

If you use heating oil you can get it cheaper by joining the Ampney Crucis and The Ampneys Oil Syndicate. This consolidates orders and negotiates reduced prices with suppliers. If you want to save money go to www.oilconsolidation.co.uk/

SWIMMING AT CHURCH FARM

Preston children are welcome to swim here from Monday - Saturday, 5 - 6 pm. PLEASE NOTE - They must always be accompanied by an adult WHO CAN SWIM. We can take no responsibility for accidents. I will pass the word around when the pool is ready. *S Chester-Master*

MONTHLY WALK IN THE PARK

The next walk will take place on **Thursday 31st July at 10.00am**. Anyone who hasn't already contacted me and who would be interested is very welcome to join our group walking round Cirencester Park with a coffee and chat en route. If you would like to join in, please let me know - Dot Warren Tel: 656105 Email dotwarren@btinternet.com

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 17th July

Annual Garden Party

This year's garden party will be held in Janet's garden in Upper Siddington. Please could members bring a plate of food and also an item for the 'Bring and Buy' table. All money raised will go to the Cirencester Opportunity Group.

We will meet at the usual time of 7.30 pm. For more information, please contact Ann on 01285 641469.



VILLAGE HALL

Village Quiz - REMINDER

There will be a Quiz Night at the Village Hall on Friday 18th July 2014 at 7.30pm
Cost of tickets - £4 (to include a Ploughman's Supper and soft drinks - Please bring your own alcoholic drink) There will be teams of 4 - 6
In order that we can estimate the numbers, please will you contact Jennie Beadle jenniebeadle@gmail.com if you are planning to be there!
Tickets can be obtained from a Committee member or at the door on the night.

Please return the Preston Pixie beforehand to anyone on the VH Committee

If anyone has any suggestions for future events to be held in the village hall please speak to any committee member.

A419 NOISE ACTION GROUP- LATEST NEWS

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, Chairman of A419NAG, paul.hodgkinson1@virgin.net

* POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD * PANEL MEETING * 3rd July at 7pm

Is there something you would like the Police to work on in your village?
Would you like to talk to your local Police Officer?

*** COME AND JOIN US ***

Next meeting is being held at **The Community Rooms, Elizabeth Way, Siddington.**

This is a combined meeting for the villages of Somerford Keynes, Ewen, Pool Keynes, Siddington, South Cerney, Cerney Wick, and Kemble

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

The Stagecoach Number 53 Bus no longer serves Preston Toll Bar.

New Bus Timetables are available from the Tourist Information Centre.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please send me -Dot Warren - news for August 2014 in **handwriting or by e-mail** by **Wednesday 23rd July 2014**. Address: Greystones, Preston Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com

PRESTON NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON PRESTON WEBSITE

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<http://www.prestonpc.org.uk/index.php?id=the-village-newsletter>

If you would prefer to access the news online rather than receive a copy through your letterbox, please let me know. OR - there is a distribution list for those who would prefer to receive their personal copy by e-mail.

To stop delivery of a copy to your home OR to receive a personal e-mail copy - please refer to me Dot Warren (dotwarren@btinternet.com)

CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY 2014				Volunteers
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Anne Smith
6 th July	2- 5pm	Benefice Family Day in the Vicarage		
3rd Sunday		Garden - Service at 4pm	SC	
after Trinity	6.00pm	Evening Worship	Sidd	
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Anne Smith
13 th July	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd	
4th Sunday				
after Trinity				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
20 th July	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr	Mrs Freyne
5th Sunday				
after Trinity				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Family Service	Pr	Mrs Freyne
27 th July	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Sidd	
6th Sunday of Easter				

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2014

If you feel that you could help us to keep our church neat and/or you enjoy flower arranging, please consider joining our 2014 group. There are spaces available and even the smallest amount of help would be so much appreciated. Many thanks!

Regine Freyne Tel: 655370

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS-

August	Mrs Warren/Mrs Cameron Mrs Stone Mrs Sutton	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th 31 st
September	Mrs Mortimore HARVEST DECORATIONS 10am ALL WELCOME Harvest Festival Mrs Freyne	7 th 14 th 19 th TBC 21 st TBC 28 th
October	Mrs Jones Mrs Cameron Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton xxxxxxxxxxxxx	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th



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