



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER October 2014

## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Letter from the Curate - Churnside

#### The Pilgrim Course

The nights are drawing in; the mornings are crisp, the evenings getting a little chilly. The little boys, baby curls chopped and in the memory box, make their way to reception class, the freshers wave their tearful mothers a brave "see you soon". It is the beginning of the academic year. Some of us, school a very distant memory, marvel at our grandchildren being "so clever", some of us are pleased not to be handing in anymore portfolios, deadline's now only for the picking of the beans before they go stringy. Maybe just one more course before the grey cells seriously diminish. What shall it be? MSc in Developmental Disorders, PGC in Global Health, Fine Art, English Literature, U3A or perhaps The Pilgrim Course!

On Tuesday 2nd September at 7pm we launched the Pilgrim Course in Preston Village Hall. It is similar to the Alpha course with an Anglican flavour. One vicar says about it, "Concise and orthodox teaching from senior well respected churchmen and women that does not lean to one tradition or another make this the ideal resource for a parish church".

Actually it is an ideal resource for our communities and open to anyone, academic or not, committed Christian or not, living in Preston or not. We start with a light supper and lively conversation, watch an introductory DVD, study the Bible, share our stories and experience and share our faith and our questions and our doubts. It is fun, meaningful, and only slightly scary and really feels like we are going on a journey together. If you would like to find out more about it: [www.pilgrimcourse.org](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org) or contact me on 01285 860 692 or [revangiemary@icloud.com](mailto:revangiemary@icloud.com)

We would love to have you join us at any time. The course will last well into 2015 and will hopefully be repeated around the Churnside Benefice.

With kind regards and every blessing on your journey.

***Rev. Angie Austin Curate Churnside***

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Answerphone otherwise.

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

**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 Bittern Close, Boxbush Road, Bowley Crescent and Bow-Wow.

**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.

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.

#### **GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES ANNUAL SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE**

A special thank you to Revd John Martin and Jordan Thornton who took part in the cycle ride to raise money for the work of 'All Saints Church Preston' and to help maintain our beautiful churches in Gloucestershire. Thank you!

Mary Painter

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 'GET IT ALL WRAPPED UP'**

Coffee Morning

Come along and get your shoebox covered

Saturday 4th October

10am - 12 noon

South Cerney United Church

Free entry

Lots of things to buy to help you fill your shoe box,  
also cards, cakes and raffle

All in aid of cost of transporting your shoebox to a child



#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2014**

The children are just about to return to school after the long summer holidays and already plans are well underway for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. South Cerney Village Hall has been booked as a Drop off Point as follows:-

Monday 3rd November 12.30pm - 3.30pm; Tuesday 4th November 12.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 5th November 11am - 3.30pm; Thursday 6th November 3pm - 6.30pm

Friday 7th November 10.00am - 6pm.

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

## PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Big Community Switch**

This is an auction that everyone is invited to join. Each person who signs up will receive a personal quote for their future utility charges. The average saving for people who have registered their interest in the past ranged from £116 to £248 per year. It doesn't cost anything to join in the auction; all you have to do is register your interest with no obligation. The more people who register, the more competitive the cost of utility bills become. Please encourage as many people as possible to join up. The offer closes on 13 October 2014.

For more information:

[www.goucestershire.gov.uk/bigcommunityswitch](http://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/bigcommunityswitch)      Telephone: 01452 424257

### **Vehicle Activated Signs at Preston Toll Bar**

Following persistent complaints to Gloucestershire Highways by the Parish Council, these signs have now been checked and it has been found that one is faulty and the other has no power due to a cable fault !!!! They will now be repaired.

### **Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS)**

Cotswold District Council and Lloyds Bank has launched their first joint venture to provide a Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS) to help Cotswold residents get on the housing ladder. The scheme is designed for first time buyers who can afford mortgage repayments but don't have enough savings for a large deposit. It is hoped this scheme will help between 20 and 30 local buyers purchase a property in the area worth up to £237,500 provided they can put down a minimum deposit of 5%. CDC has set aside £1 million to provide a cash-backed indemnity worth up to 20% of the value of the applicant's mortgage enabling them to access a 95% mortgage at a lower interest rate offered to applicants with a larger deposit. For more information contact:

Amy Pulham Tel: 07590 484014 [amy.pulham@lloydsbanking.com](mailto:amy.pulham@lloydsbanking.com)

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FROM THE SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### **Road Safety Partnership - Gary Handley, Manager**

Mr Handley came to the September Parish Council Meeting to discuss road safety and how road traffic speed could be reduced. He explained that the Partnership has been recording road injuries for 40 years and the data is used to evaluate road safety measures. Road injury figures were at their lowest last year. He explained that speed is public enemy No. 1 and that drivers' attitudes need to change.

### **Campaign to Protect Rural England**

Nick Dummett of CPRE also attended the September Parish Council Meeting. He explained that CPRE is concerned with how development will affect the general public's enjoyment of the countryside and he offered advice and support to the Council.

## **Local Planning**

### *Decision Notices Received*

14/02240/FUL Land Parcel Off Witpit Lane Adjacent To The A417, Preston, Gloucestershire, Change of use to park two HGV's including trailers

Permitted on 10 September 2014 with the Condition that the site shall be reinstated to its former condition or to a condition to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority by 10 September 2015. The reason given is that the permanent development of this type might cause a nuisance or would detract from the amenity of the area and permission is given only to enable the Local Planning Authority to give further consideration to the use after the temporary period has expired in accordance with Cotswold District Local Plan Policy 5.

All planning applications can be viewed on CDC's website: [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)

Next Parish Council meeting - Thursday, 6 November 2014 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS**

***CONTACT Reg Freyne (email address: [regfreyne@btinternet.com](mailto:regfreyne@btinternet.com)) if you want to receive Neighbourhood Watch information by email.***

Team members:- Rex Canton, Margaret Mortimore, Anne Smith, Dot Warren, Michael Dyson, Andrew McKechnie and Reg Freyne. Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer for South Cotswolds Andy Fogden [andy.fogden@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:andy.fogden@gloucestershire.police.uk)

## **SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**

Thursday 16th October The Other Mitford



Diana Alexander will be explaining why she wrote the biography of Pamela, the second and probably least well-known of the Mitford sisters. Diana is perhaps better known for her articles in the Standard, but in the 70's she was Pamela's cleaning lady and they became very close friends.

Please note that the jumble sale, which was due to be held on October 11th in Siddington Village Hall, has now been cancelled

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Elizabeth Way Community Room. Please call Ann on 01285 641469 for further information.

**SUE BLACK - VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT - 07810 630167**

As you know, I am the Village Agent covering your area and my role is to provide information, support and practical help for the over 50s in the community. And in that capacity I wished to remind you all about Healthwatch, your local independent champion for health and social care. Healthwatch Gloucestershire needs your views!

For the past 18 months Healthwatch has been out and about in Gloucestershire asking local people to share their health and social care experiences good and bad. The more of these we can hear about, the better commissioners and providers of services can understand what patients actually need and want. The three areas we are now focused on are hospital discharge, patient transport services and podiatry and for each we have set up a task group. We would like to hear from people with experiences relating to any of the topic areas below.

**Hospital Discharge**

We are keen to hear from people who have been, or know someone who has been discharged from hospital to home, residential/nursing care or sheltered accommodation in the past 12 months. The group is focusing on a number of issues, including provision of services following discharge (e.g. community physiotherapy) experiences of frail older people, those with learning disabilities and mental health problems, including dementia.

Please call us (Free Phone 0800 652 5193) or email Sophie Ayre at  
sophie.ayre@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk

**Podiatry and Foot care**

The Podiatry Task Group was set up to review services and create a better understanding of the difference between Podiatry and basic foot care. Other issues include difficulties in making an appointment, diabetes related foot care and paying for private chiropody.

If you have an experience to share, please call us or email Nic Moorey at  
nic.moorey@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk

**Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services**

Healthwatch has received a number of comments relating to Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (PTS). Issues include delays in pick up and return, eligibility, wrong types of vehicle being sent and non-arrival of transport. A contract for Non-Essential Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) was awarded to Arriva Transport Solutions (ATSL) on 1st December 2013. Healthwatch would like to hear from anyone who has had an experience of this service, good or bad.

Please call us (Free Phone 0800 652 5193) or email Pamela Dewick at  
pamela.dewick@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk or visit Healthwatch website on  
[www.healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk)

Meanwhile, if you have any queries or concerns where you feel I might be of assistance, please do get in touch with me, Sue Black, on 07810 630167.

**PRESTON NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON PRESTON WEBSITE**

A copy of this Newsletter is available on the village website -

**<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)**

### MONTHLY WALK IN THE PARK

The next walk will take place on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 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](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)

### 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 November 2014 in handwriting or by e-mail by Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Address: Greystones, Preston Tel: 01285 656105; [dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)

### 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

*POST NOTE- the church is being decorated for the Harvest Festival Service on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10am - all helpers are welcome!*

### CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA -VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS-

November	Mrs Giles/Mrs Spivey Mrs Cooper xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	2 <sup>nd</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>
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December	ADVENT NO FLOWERS Mrs Freyne CAROL SERVICE DECORATE CHURCH Mrs Freyne	7 <sup>th</sup> TBA TBA 28 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup>
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**ROLL UP ROLL UP - TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE**

Spaniel In The Works Theatre Company  
presents

**TOMMY ATKINS & THE CANARY GIRL**

A moving performance looking at a Gloucestershire family's life in the First World War

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 7.00 p.m. (Doors open at 6.30 p.m.)  
Tickets £ 10.00 (suitable for children over 10) INCLUDES FISH AND CHIP SUPPER  
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CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2014				VOLUNTEERS
SUNDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival	Pr Sidd	Mrs Jones
16th Sunday after Trinity				
SUNDAY 12th October	10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evensong	Pr Sidd	Mrs Cameron
17th Sunday after Trinity				
SUNDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evening Service	Pr Sidd	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton
18th Sunday after Trinity				
SUNDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am 10.00am	Family Service Holy Communion	Pr Sidd	xxxxxxxxxx
Last Sunday of Trinity				

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE STORIES, HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE AND CULTURE OF CLASSICAL GREECE?**

If so, there is a course running at the Churn centre for 10 weeks starting on Tuesday, 7 October at 7pm. The course will run every Tuesday for 2 hours at a cost of £95. The course uses three Greek plays (Antigone, Clouds and Persians) to tap into various areas of Classical Greek life and culture such as Athenian society and democracy and the Persian Wars.

Please contact Karen Le Maitre on 07765 840820, or email at [karenlemaitre@yahoo.com](mailto:karenlemaitre@yahoo.com) for further information.

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