



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER September 2014

## **NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Judith and I have just returned from our latest visit to India and this time we led this year's Gloucester Diocesan Youth Team, going to both Dornakal and Bangalore. This was the first time the youth trip had been to both places as one group and it provided a valuable contrast between rural India and the high-tech and westernised city of Bangalore. For me there were several highlights. One was to take part in the baptism of 38 adults, an illustration of how the church in India is growing, despite Christians being a minority group, making up just 2.5% of the population nationally.

Another highlight was to visit the Churnside Day Care Centre at Garidepalli in the Dornakal Diocese in the new state of Telangana (formerly part of Andhra Pradesh). This centre, along with the church in the village, was funded by the churches and communities of our benefice and we continue to support it. There are 45 children on roll at present, all from poor backgrounds with parents who work mainly as casual agricultural labourers with an average wage of just over £1 per day. As well as children from the Christian community there are also a number from Hindu or Muslim backgrounds and the project is a response by the Church of South India to a need for childcare and basic nursery education in rural areas.

Bangalore, by contrast, is an increasingly westernised city, to which young professionals come from all over the country to work in the IT companies or the call centres. Alongside the wealth however, there is very visible poverty and here the Church of South India runs two projects for children rescued from living on the streets or in railway or bus stations. Our team spent time in both places and they are very practical and caring responses to a desperate need.

If you would like any information about the visits to South India, including the youth trip and the work of the Churnside Day Care Centre, please contact me.

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Answerphone otherwise.

**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 (4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Sept)

**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 September are Ashton Road, Berkeley Close, Beverstone Road and Bewick Close.

**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.



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH PRESTON**  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm

*Come and thank God for His goodness to us and to remember people all over the world who struggle to achieve a good harvest and enough to eat.*

**2014 HARVEST SUPPER**

It's that time again - the years fly by!

The Date for your Diary is **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** -

6pm church service followed at 7pm by an informal supper in the Village Hall.

For those new to the village, you don't have to go to church beforehand, though it would be lovely to see you there if you do. Come to either, or both, your choice.

Usual routine - please call Karen for tickets (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 Thornton*

## **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 for the week beginning Monday 3rd November and the 'Get it all Wrapped Up' Coffee Morning is on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAY AREA ON PLAYING FIELD**

Councillor Guy Edwards is looking at refurbishing the Play Area on the Playing Field. If you would like to be involved please contact him on 643965.

#### **A419 NOISE ACTION GROUP**

The Group have recently produced a report examining the social consequences of the road noise on the concrete stretch of the A 417 / 419. This report is based on evidence gathered from the residents living adjacent the road and is being sent to all parishes along the road together with government departments, local councils, local authorities and other stakeholders. This is part of the campaign to push for road noise mitigation measures.

If you would like more information about the campaign, like to read the report and comment on it, please visit the website <http://a419nag.co.uk/>

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There have been no new planning applications this month. However, all planning applications can be viewed on CDC's website: [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)

#### **NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL & ROAD SAFETY**

PLEASE NOTE: the next meeting will take place on Thursday, 11 September at 7pm and NOT 4 September as originally advised.

Gary Handley of the County Council's Road Safety Team will attend the meeting in the Village Hall. If you are interested in hearing what he can advise and wish to be involved, please come to the meeting.

***ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND***

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Victim Support is a charity that provides free and confidential help to victims of crime, witnesses, their family, friends and indeed anyone else affected. For forty years volunteers have been supporting people affected by crime to find the strength to carry on and face the future with hope. Victim Support delivers ground-breaking work for victims and witnesses of crime in every community across England and Wales contacting more than one million victims of crime every year and support over 200,000 people to give evidence in court, helping them to feel informed and supported to provide evidence confidently. The efforts of volunteers support people through challenging and traumatic times and help them to get their lives back on track.

Services in Gloucestershire are delivered by a team of fully trained volunteers. Each volunteer is equipped to provide the emotional support, practical help and information needed to overcome the distressing and often devastating impact of crime. In order to continue and grow our impact we are recruiting more volunteers, both for our Victims Service and our Witness Service. If you are interested to hear more we would like to welcome you to our Recruitment Day on:

Please note that training will be held in Devizes, Wiltshire on October 17, 18, 24 and 25, and if selected you would need to be available on all four days. Besides the satisfaction of supporting people in need, volunteers develop essential skills through ongoing training, support and supervision. They can learn more about crime, criminal justice, the legal system, and it's a great opportunity to meet new people. Victim Support pay expenses so it doesn't cost anything to join our team of volunteers.

Please respond to [adminglos@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:adminglos@victimsupport.org.uk) or for more information you can contact Victim Support Gloucester on 01452 317450 or email [adminglos@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:adminglos@victimsupport.org.uk)

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

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

## ***FRIENDLY ART CLASSES, PRESTON VILLAGE HALL***

- All levels welcome, beginner to expert.
- There are a few places left for next term (September to November).
- 10 classes per term for £65
- Monday afternoon 1-3pm, Thursday morning 10am-12pm, Thursday afternoon 12.30-2.30pm
- Contact Cathy Lynn at [artinpreston@aol.com](mailto:artinpreston@aol.com) or call 01285 655325 for information
- Come and see our exhibition - see what you could do too!
- ***Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>; Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 11am to 4pm at Preston Village Hall***

## **CHARITY CONCERT FOR COTSWOLD CARE HOSPICE & SUE RYDER, LECKHAMPTON**

Dursley Male Voice Choir Performing at Bingham Hall on

Saturday 27th September 2014

Time: 6.45 for 7 o'clock

Tickets: £10 each available from Jennie Beadle (Tel: 01285 641125)

## **MONTHLY WALK IN THE PARK**

The next walk will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 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)

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS**

For your information - another large stone was thrown at a window in Preston. If you see any unexplained occurrence in the village - please let the police know about it.

***Don't forget to advise 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 18th September - Samaritan's Purse



It's that time of year again when we start thinking about filling shoeboxes with sweets, pencils, paper, small toys, soap, etc. Joan Townsend, who is our local area co-ordinator, will be coming to talk to us with suggestions of useful items for the boxes and also about their ultimate destinations.

Jumble Sale - We are holding a jumble sale in Siddington Village Hall on Saturday 11th October at 2 pm. Offers of help on the day and donations of any items for the stalls would be much appreciated. There will also be a refreshment stall.

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.

## **LITTLE MESSAGE FROM HOWARD SPIVEY**

Don't forget - left over bread or cake for Howard Spivey's piglets at The Old Farmhouse. Any queries phone me on 01285 653405 thank you.

### **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 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](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com))**

### **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Please send me -Dot Warren - news for October 2014 **in handwriting or by e-mail by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014**. Address: Greystones, Preston Tel: 01285 656105;  
[dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)

### **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**

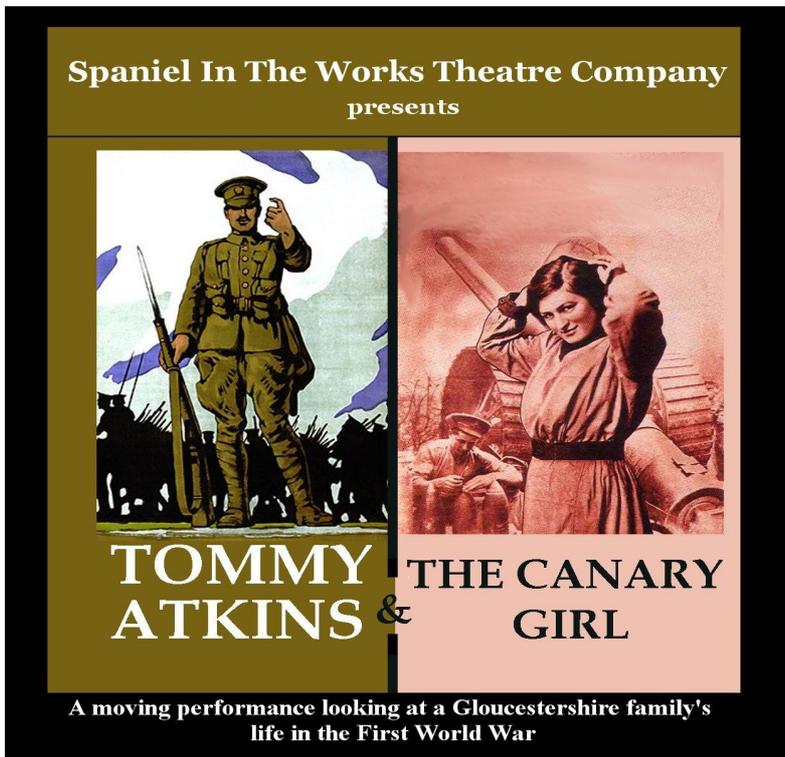
The Stagecoach Number 53 Bus no longer serves Preston Toll Bar.

New Bus Timetables are available from the Tourist Information Centre.

### **ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER**

This is an opportunity for you to advertise in our newsletter for any services, events and charitable fundraising relating to the interests of our residents. There is a charge according to the size and type of ad and certain special discounts for Preston residents. Apply to Dot Warren ([dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)) for our list of charges.

**NEWSFLASH .... TOMMY ATKINS AND THE CANARY GIRL**



**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**

For tickets contact: [jenniebeadle@gmail.com](mailto:jenniebeadle@gmail.com) or 01285 641125

**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-**

October	Mrs Jones Mrs Cameron Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton xxxxxxxxxxxx	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>
November	Mrs Giles/Mrs Spivey Mrs Cooper xxxxxxxxxxxx	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>
December	<b>ADVENT NO FLOWERS</b> Mrs Freyne CAROL SERVICE DECORATE CHURCH Mrs Freyne	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> TBA TBA 28 <sup>th</sup>

CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2014				VOLUNTEERS
WEDNESDAY	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Hunters Care	
3 <sup>rd</sup> September				
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Mortimore
7 <sup>th</sup> September	11.15am	Drumhead Service Upper Siddington House	Sidd	
12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Mortimore
14 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd	
13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
21 <sup>st</sup> September	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr	Mrs Freyne
14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Royal British Legion Service	Sidd	
26 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	Decorate Church		ALL WELCOME
28 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Pr	
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity				



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