



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER February/March 2015

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Can you judge a book by its cover?

My journal was looking good - until the page for 9th January, which had just a few words including a mention of Word with Friends, which has become something of an addiction. It is a lovely book, pink with "Journal" written on the outside and a little leather pink strap that gives a kind of sense of security that it might stop someone from having a peek inside. Writing a daily journal was a kind of New Year's resolution. Next year I resolve not to make any - it only leads to guilt! As Oscar Wilde wrote in *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, "The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it". I am joking of course!

2015 is still an empty book awaiting the next chapter of the story of our lives. For some of us our diaries may already be looking full but the detail is still to be written. Shall we meet in our "meetings", shall we grow in our understanding, and shall our days be full of joy and gratitude, courage and faith.

These days the "Holy Books" and the "People of the Book" have a high media profile, distressingly conflictual and dangerous. In order to grow in understanding and to build bridges with the "other", those who are different from us; we may need to read one another's books and to enter into a deeper dialogue. We may need to read many kinds of books, secular and religious to understand our Traditions and Scriptures in the light of Reason and above all compassion. How well do the People of the Book understand their own books?

Many Bibles have very plain covers with just "Holy Bible" written on the outside. Open the Book helps children in our schools as they begin to take a look inside. The Pilgrim Course and Alpha Course are just some of the groups for adults that provide opportunities to explore the Christian faith in the same way. There are treasures to be found there.

For people who are not particularly "Bookish" and would rather sit a pub, club or home and have a good old (friendly) argument about hot topics let me commend Table Talk. You can find out more about it at www.theuglyducklingcompany.com and watch out for information about local groups during Lent and beyond.

Whether books or people it is good to read them carefully without prejudice. We are all unfinished stories.

Most of all the best way to build bridges in our community is to listen carefully and respectfully to one another.

Angie Austin - Curate, Churnside Benefice

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Church gates

The three gates around the path leading to the church are to be replaced. Watch this space for further information.

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 February and March are High Street, Huxley Court, Isis Lake, Jackson Road, Jubilee Flats and Jubilee Gardens.

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.

PRESTON FETE

The PCC has fixed the date for the 2015 fete – Saturday 11th July. It's never too early to start looking out gifts, books and bric a brac. Watch out for further news! *Scilla Chester-Master*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Send a message to Bill Mortimore (email address: bill@margaretmortimore.co.uk) 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

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14/04516/OUT Land at Preston Mill Barn, Swindon Road, Preston, CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire, GL7 6ET

Erection of up to 6 dwellings together with associated ancillary development

Comments: The close proximity of the site to the very busy A419 makes it unsuitable for domestic dwellings in view of traffic noise. The access on to the South Cerney Road is dangerous as it is between a bend in the road and the junction with the South Cerney Road that connects to Siddington.

Request for s106 Agreement: The Parish Council asked for a safe pedestrian and cycle route to be created along the boundary of the site (on the western / Siddington / South Cerney side) to connect with the footway and cycle route alongside the A419. In addition, a better access to the site could be created with the removal of part of the hedge and if overhanging trees were thinned out there would be more natural light making the road safer for all users. This would be of benefit not only to the residents of Siddington, South Cerney and Preston but also to the wider community of the area. In addition, the safe footway and cycle route could be continued with the development at Siddington Park Farm. Siddington Parish Council has also supported these proposals.

14/05184/REM Land West Of Siddington Road And South Of North Hill Road
Cirencester Gloucestershire

Reserved Matters for the erection of up to 55 residential dwellings, new access to highway, public open space and ancillary development (pursuant to Outline permission granted under ref. 11/01774/OUT)

For information - large development in adjoining Parish

All planning applications can be viewed on CDC's website: www.cotswold.gov.uk

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Several residents have volunteered to work with Parish Councillors to develop a Village Design Statement and it is hoped that work will begin very soon.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT

The 2015/2016 Budget was finalised at the January meeting where it was agreed to maintain the parish element of the Council Tax at its 2014/2015 level. This means that a Band D property will continue to pay £83.86 per annum.

LITTER PICK

COME ALONG AND HELP on Saturday, 21 March - meet at 10 am at the entrance to Church Farm.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

There are good Public Rights of Way around Preston Village but we know that it can get boring always dog walking the same routes. We have to recognize that the land around the Village is in private ownership and that it is only polite to ask permission from the landowner if you want

to walk in other places than on the Public Rights of Way.
There is a map on the website showing the ownership of the surrounding fields:
<http://www.prestonpc.org.uk/index.php?id=general-information>

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
will be held on **Thursday, 5 March 2015 at 7pm** in the Village Hall

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: Caroline Braidwood, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester
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VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall - Soup Saturdays



Here are the remaining dates for the current season:

28th February 2015;

11th April 2015

Usual format; 12noon to 2pm, just turn up at the village hall and enjoy.
£3 for homemade soup, bread/roll and a cup of tea or coffee, plus excellent conversation with your friends and neighbours.



In the Village Hall on Saturday 14th March 2015

10 am to mid-day

If you have any jumble OR you want to help at the jumble sale AND/OR you can help to set up the tables on the Friday evening - PLEASE CALL 01285 641125 or 651401 NOW
Many Thanks!

Can we find the Village Garden Cup? In 1988 Martin Cooper was Chairman of the Village Hall. There was a Preston Garden Cup which Mr & Mrs Bishop won that year. Does anyone know where that is now?

Mulled Wine Evening

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and who supported the fundraising evening in December,

.FOUND - Village Pub Evening - January 2015

One small pink earring - found on the floor at the end of the evening.
Please ring Jennie Beadle (Tel: 01285 641125)

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 21st February - The Work of the
Magistrates
- Speaker Denys Young



BOOGIE NIGHTS DISCO - 7TH March 2015

Disco at Siddington Village Hall from 7.30pm - 11.30pm with music from the 1970's to the 2000's by Jamie of Boogie Shoes with modern line dancing. Bar, raffle, quiz and supper. Tickets £.9.50 from the Siddington Village Shop or contact 01285 643026. Organised by Siddington and Preston WI

EASTER CRAFT FAIR - 28th March 2015

Craft Fair in Siddington Village Hall from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Hand-made crafts, tombola, raffle, teas, cake stall and more. Organised by Siddington and Preston WI.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings. Our meetings start at 7.30 pm in the Elizabeth Way Community. Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

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)

SUE BLACK - VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT - 07810 630167

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).

MONTHLY WALK IN THE PARK

The next two walks will take place on **Thursday 26th February and Thursday 26th March 2015 at 10.00am**. Anyone who hasn't 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

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

There is a charge according to the size and type of ad and special discounts for Preston residents. Apply to Dot Warren (dotwarren@btinternet.com) for our list of charges.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please send me -Dot Warren - news for **April 2015 in handwriting or by e-mail by Friday 13th March** Address: Greystones, Preston Tel: 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2015

If you feel that you could help us to keep our church neat and/or you enjoy flower arranging, please consider joining our 2015 group. There are spaces available and even the smallest amount of help would be so much appreciated.

Regine Freyne Tel: 655370

CHURCH DIARY FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015				Volunteers
WEDNESDAY	7.30pm	Holy Communion	Sidd	
18 th February				
Ash Wednesday				
SUNDAY	9.30am	Coffee and Church	Pr	
22 nd February	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Sidd	
1st Sunday of Lent				
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Sutton
1 st March	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd	
2nd Sunday of Lent				
FRIDAY	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Sidd	
6 th March				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Sutton
8 th March	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd	
3rd Sunday of Lent				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Sidd	
15 th March	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Pr	Mrs Freyne
Mothering Sunday				Posies
SUNDAY	9.30am	Coffee and Church	Pr	Mrs Tomblin
22 nd March	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
5th Sunday of Lent				
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Tomblin
29 th March	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
Palm Sunday	6.00pm	Café Church	Elizabeth Way	

VOLUNTEERS FOR FORTHCOMING MONTHS

April	10am Easter Decorations ALL WELCOME EASTER SUNDAY Mrs Cooper Mrs Sharp	4 th 5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th
May	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton Mrs Jones XXXXXXXXXXXXX	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th 31 st

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Jesus said to them

'Do you know what I have done for you?'

A service prepared by the Christian women of The Bahamas

Guest Speaker -Rev's Val Bexon

Friday 6th March 2015 at 2pm

St Peters Church

Siddington

Followed by afternoon tea - Everyone welcome

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All Saints Church

Preston

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 15th March at 10am

Come and collect a posy for your mother

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