



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER December 2018

MAY WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!
DON'T MISS THE CHRISTMAS PARTY - 21st December - 6-8pm
SEE YOU AT THE CAROL SERVICE ON SUNDAY 23RD DEC AT 4PM

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

As we get closer to Christmas, we start to hear Christmas music being played on the radio and in the shops. This music includes popular music for example 'White Christmas' and 'All I want for Christmas is you' as well as carols telling the Christmas story and reflecting its meaning. I do love singing Christmas carols but by the end of December after singing them all many times I do find that by Christmas day my voice is rather croaky and needs a rest.

One of the world's most popular Christmas carols is Silent Night. Every year it is sung in many different languages across the world evoking the spirit of Christmas. It was first sung 200 years ago on Christmas Eve 1818 in St Nicholas Church in Oberndorf in Austria. The story goes that assistant pastor, Father Joseph Mohr, discovered on Christmas Eve the organ has been nibbled by mice and was therefore out of action. What a disaster no music for Christmas. Thinking on his feet Father Joseph remembered a poem that he had written which he took his friend Franz Gruber, an organist. Taking out his guitar, Gruber, within hours had composed a beautiful tune to go with some beautiful words and the Christmas service was saved.

Since then this Christmas carol has achieved world wide appeal and has been translated into over 40 languages including English. The carol has been recorded by many singers from every music genre. The version sung by Bing Crosby is the third best-selling single of all-time. It has been sung on a variety of occasions and in some unexpected places. On Christmas Day 1914, during the First World War, German and Allied armies faced one another in France. The carol was sung simultaneously in French, English and German by the troops during a Christmas truce. In a true act of goodwill towards men, soldiers from both sides set aside their weapons and hatred, if only temporarily, and met in no man's land. They buried the dead, held Christmas services, played football and exchanged Christmas gifts.

I have always enjoyed singing Silent Night its simple words focusing my attention on the new born baby Jesus, God's wonderful gift at the heart of Christmas. For me singing this carol creates a moment of stillness and peace as I am drawn to the manger which is surrounded in light, grace and love. This tiny new born baby has come to bring light that will dispel the darkness and bring hope, joy, peace and love.

We will be singing this carol over Christmas and you are all very welcome to come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas

Revd Jennifer McKenzie - Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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Churchwardens All Saints' Preston: Alistair Painter (650624);
St Peter's Siddington: Allen Howe (657933) Mike Painter (650624) CHURCH
OFFICE: 01285 862632 Tuesday & Thursday 9.am-1pm Answerphone otherwise.
E-mail: office@churnsidechurches.org.uk

BELLRINGING ON ARMISTICE DAY 2018

All Saints Church Bells rang out at 12.30pm on Armistice Day 2018. The team was as follows:



Karen Thornton, Colin Thornton, Alan Moss, Martin Cooper, Alexander Lindsay.

Many thanks!

Alistair Painter Church Warden

PRESTON CHURCH KEY:

Those who need the Church key to gain access for flowers and cleaning, please call Anne Smith on 640142

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 December are: Brewin Close, Broadway Lane, Cerney Wick, Cherry Tree Drive and Chiffchaff Close. The prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church may be used for personal prayer requests, which will be relayed at Morning Prayer daily.



Village Hall - Soup Saturdays 2019

This winter's dates are:

19th January

23rd February

23rd March

Usual format; 12noon 'til 2pm, just turn up at the village hall and enjoy homemade soup, bread/roll and a cup of tea or coffee, plus excellent conversation with your friends and neighbours. Cake with coffee is a regular item too!

See you all there ☺

COLLECTING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE - FOR CHARITY!

Have your tree collected and recycled, just after Twelfth Night, and help a highly valued local charity.

Longfield will collect the tree from your home between January 10th and 14th and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00pm on Sunday January 6th and make your donation, online or by phone.

The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day!) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most.

For more information or to register go to <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling> or ring 01453 886868 (option 1).

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WASTE COLLECTIONS

Cotswold District Council's waste and recycling collection service provider, Ubico Ltd, will be making normal collections up to and including Friday 21 December. The following week, the crews will **NOT** be working on Monday 24, Tuesday 25 December and Wednesday 26 December. They will also be on holiday on Tuesday 1 January 2019. As a consequence, there will be changes in collection days until the normal schedule resumes on Monday 21 January 2019.

Wednesday 19 Dec	No change
Wednesday 26 Dec	Will move to Saturday 29 Dec
Wednesday 2 Jan	Will move to Saturday 5 Jan
Wednesday 9 Jan	Will move to Friday 11 Jan
Wednesday 16 Jan	Will move to Thursday 17 Jan

To comply with data protection legislation you need to confirm your permission for us to use your email address

**Of the 98 people who currently receive the Village Newsletter
by email, ONLY 63 have requested to continue.**

If you don't ACT NOW your name will be deleted from the current list
and you will no longer receive the Village Newsletter, Neighbourhood Watch alerts
and important local information by email.

PLEASE message: newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk **NOW** and sign up by giving us your
name, email address and postal address.

If you **don't have access to email**, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01285 380040 or
Dot Warren on 01285 656105 to arrange for a hard copy to be delivered.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Update 17

*At the Parish Council meeting on 1 November, Members agreed to
appoint a local Landscape Architect to support the Steering Group
in developing a Green Gap Policy. It is hoped that his work will begin
before Christmas and be completed early in the New Year.*

*The next meeting of the Steering Group will be advised in due
course. Watch the Noticeboards and the Website for details.*

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 10 January 2019 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: Caroline Braidwood, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1BJ Tel: 01285 380040 / 07870 170823
Email: clerk@prestonpc.org.uk <http://www.prestonpc.org.uk>

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

If you notice anything suspicious please call Gloucestershire Police on the emergency number 999 or if non-emergency 101. Thank you

Beverley Williams

Police Community Officer 9254

Cirencester Area/Cotswolds Local Policing Area

Gloucestershire Constabulary



Tips For A Safe Home

Tips for a safe home.

As the early nights are here aim to make your property extra safe.

If you're away or out late why not Invest in an automatic timer switch for turning on a few appointed lights around your home.

Ask a trusty neighbour to keep an eye on your property, and maybe collect the post from your letterbox so as it's not on show.

If you have two cars keep one on your drive, or maybe ask a neighbour to park there. Leaving curtains closed during the day makes it look like there's no one at home so best to leave them open and get security lighting.

Try not to leave valuable items, where they can be seen.

Keep tools under lock and key so they can't be used to break into your house, and lock your garage and shed with proper security locks. If you have a ladder outside make sure it is fixed securely to a permanent fixture.

If you notice anything suspicious please call Gloucestershire Police on the emergency number 999 or if non-emergency 101. Thank you

Mark Doyle

Police Community Officer 9296

Cirencester Area/Cotswolds Local Policing Area
 Gloucestershire Constabulary
 Cirencester Police Station|
 The Forum |Cirencester | GL7 2PG
 Personal – 01452 907200 – Force Control Room 101

www.gloucestershire.police.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Team members are:- Rex Canton, Anne Smith, Dot Warren, Michael Dyson, Andrew Mckechnie, Alex Beadle and Reg Freyne.

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI



Thursday 20th December 2018
Songs, Games, Mingling and Fun

It's time for our Christmas Party. We have music, games, wine and bring & share finger buffet.

As usual visitors and guests are welcome. We will have our Christmas Raffle, with proceeds going to The Cobalt Breast Cancer Unit. We will have wine to drink, but also tea for the drivers amongst us.

We will be meeting in the Elizabeth Way Community Room Siddington at 7.30pm. Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

• <u>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota</u>		
December	ADVENT -NO FLOWERS Mrs Freyne Decorate Church for Christmas - 10am - ALL ARE WELCOME CAROL SERVICE AT 4PM CHRISTMAS DAY XXXXXXXXXX	WHOLE MONTH Saturday 22nd 23 rd 25 TH 30 th
January 2019	Mrs Chester-Master	Whole month

VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE HALL DIARY

Monday 1-3pm and Thursday 10-12noon Art classes continue until 6th December. There will then be a break until January. (No dates for the new term yet, but watch this space) If anyone is interested in joining one of these classes - contact Cathy at artinpreston@aol.com

Tuesday 7-9pm The Pilgrim Group meet during term time. Please pop in if you are interested in joining in with this friendly Church Group.

Wednesday morning "Sing and Sign" has now finished for this term. Further information for the new term will follow in the January Newsletter.

Wednesday evening Yoga 6.30-8.30 pm. Anyone interested in joining in with this group please contact Mark at mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

Tuesday 11th December WI Tea 2-4pm

Friday 21st December Village Hall Christmas Party 6-8pm.



MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

SOFT DRINKS AND STOLLEN

ALL WELCOME

RAFFLE PRIZES AND DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED ON THE NIGHT

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2018

URGENT - The Church Flower & Cleaning Rota urgently needs volunteers - please contact regfreyne@gmail.com if you can spare an hour once or twice a year to help keep our church beautiful.
Regine Freyne Tel: 655370

The Church Cleaning and Flower Rota for 2019 will be issued in January.

CHURCH DIARY DECEMBER 2018			
SUNDAY	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pr
2 nd December	11.15am	Family Service	Sidd
1st Sunday of Advent			
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
9 th December	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd
2nd Sunday of Advent	6.00pm	Benefice Youth Group Christmas Party	SC
THURSDAY	9.15am	Siddington School Christingle	Sidd
13 th December			
SUNDAY	6.00pm	Carol Service	Sidd
16 th December			
3rd Sunday of Advent			
FRIDAY	6.00pm	Carol Singing in Village Hall	Sidd
21 st December			
SUNDAY	4.00pm	Carol Service	Pr
23 rd December		NOTE CHANGE OF TIME	
4th Sunday of Advent			
MONDAY	2.30pm	Crib Service	Sidd
24 th December	9.00pm	First Communion of Christmas	Sidd
Christmas Eve			
TUESDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
25 th December	10.30am	Family Communion	Sidd
Christmas Day			
SUNDAY	10.00am	United Benefice Service	SC
30 th December			
1st Sunday of Christmas			

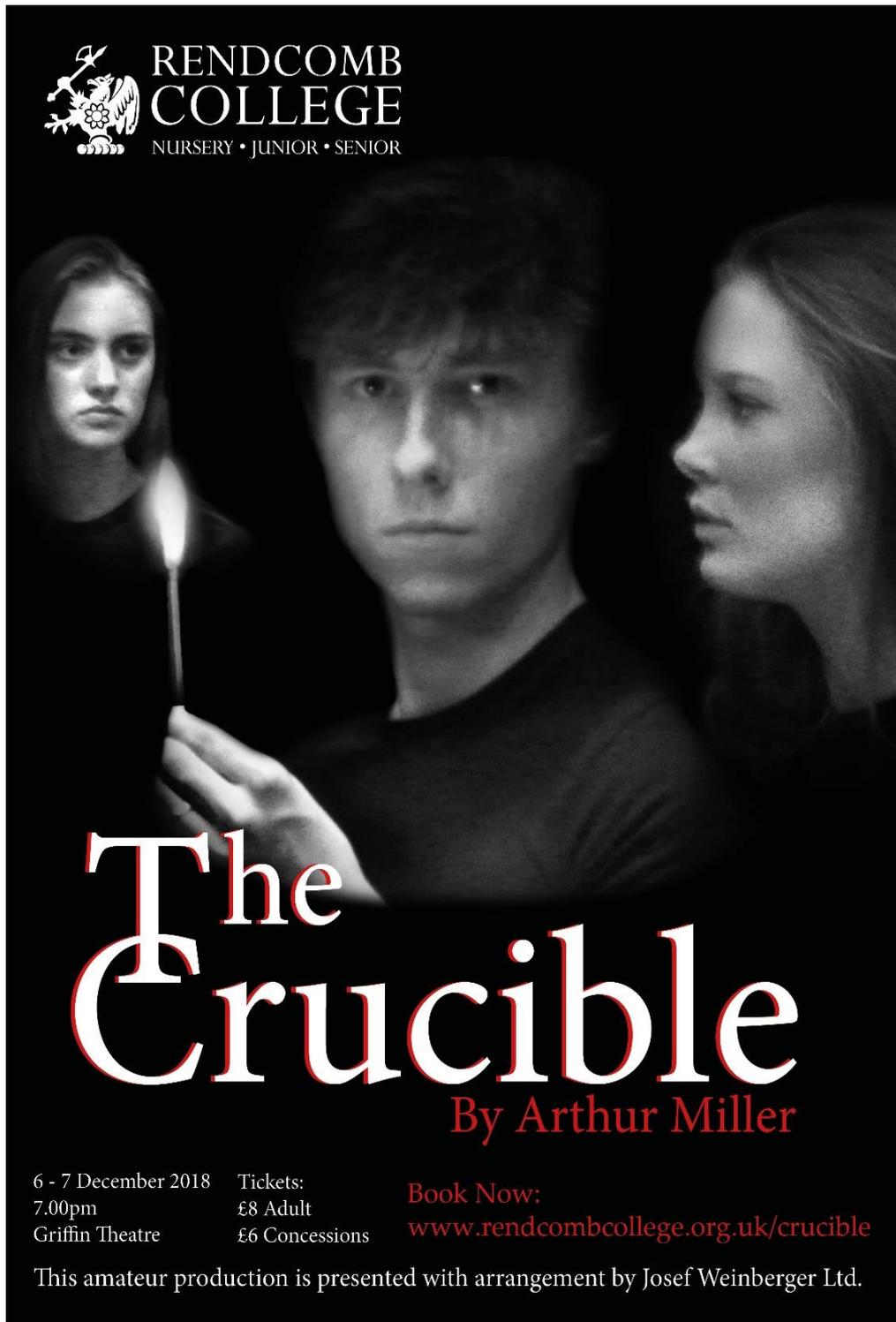
*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website
www.churnsidechurches.org.uk*

Refreshments at St Peter's, Siddington are served between 10.30am and 11.00am before the 11.15am services.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Remember next month that there will be a bumper issue to cover January and February. In order to cover holidays etc., please will you let me have your news early - by email/in handwriting by Friday 14th December. Many thanks!

Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk



 **RENDCOMB
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The Crucible

By Arthur Miller

6 - 7 December 2018 Tickets: **Book Now:**
7.00pm £8 Adult www.rendcombcollege.org.uk/crucible
Griffin Theatre £6 Concessions

This amateur production is presented with arrangement by Josef Weinberger Ltd.



Cotswold-Yoga

Beginners yoga class

5.45 - 6.45pm Wednesdays
5 weeks 9 Jan - 6 Feb 2019
Preston Village Hall
Introductory rate £30 for 5 weeks

To book your place or for more info please contact Mark:

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