



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 2018

- *Last Reminder - Pub Night Friday 27th April from 7.30pm*
- *Preston Parish Council - AGM on Thursday 3rd May at 7pm*
- *Celebrate the Royal Wedding - Sunday 20th May at 3pm*

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

As we enter the summer we come into the most popular time of year for people to get married. Many of you may be attending a wedding this year or even getting married yourself, if so I hope they are wonderful occasions. On the 19th May we have a royal wedding to look forward too as Prince Harry marries Meghan Markle in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. From all the talk in the media, it sounds as though the wedding is going to be a grand affair that many will enjoy watching & celebrating along with the happy couple.

Since I have been a vicar I must have married around 150 couples and while they may not have been as grand as a royal wedding they are all unique and wonderfully special occasions. I have to say, that taking a wedding service is one of my favourite things to do in my job. It is lovely to see two people in love making a commitment to each other in front of their family and friends. It is a great privilege to be a part of such a special day in the lives of the bride and groom and to celebrate with them.

The Church of England wedding service begins with these beautiful words from the Bible in the first letter of John "God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them." (1 John 4.16.) This passage from the Bible reminds us that it is love that has bought us to this special day in the life of the bride and groom and that God is with us. It is these words which reflect the Christian belief, that love is God's gift to us and when we love each other we are reflecting something of the love that God has for us.

Revd Jennifer McKenzie - Vicar of The Churnside Benefice

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JOHN WIMPERIS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service of thanks for the life of Dr John Wimperis took place on Sunday 22nd April. The church was completely full and the bells rang.

CHANGING SERVICE PATTERN FOR THE BENEFICE

In October 2017 Jennifer brought to our attention the difficulties and challenges facing the team due to the current service pattern.

After considerable consultation, prayer and reflection a new pattern has been proposed, which each of the PCCs has approved. It is important to note that the new pattern will **not** reduce the number of services here in Preston, but there will be a small change to timings and service order.

From **June 2018** the regular monthly service plan will be:

- 1st Sunday - 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion (No change)
- 2nd Sunday - **9.30am Non-Eucharist Service** Earlier time and service switch with week 4)
- 3rd Sunday - 6pm Evening service during the summer months (No change)
- 4th Sunday - **9.30am Holy Communion** (Earlier time and service switch with week 2)
- 5th Sunday - 10am Benefice service. Rotating around all churches (No change)

PRESTON FETE - Planning meeting for the Fete 2018

Preston Fete will be held on Saturday 21st July at 2pm. Put it in your diaries NOW!

The Planning meeting will be held at Church Farm at 10am on Tuesday 1st May. . If you are unable to attend but would like to offer help of any kind, please call me (01285 653066). We look forward to seeing you there and please bring along any new ideas that you may have! Many thanks! *Scilla Chester-Master*

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 May are Teal Way, The Close, The Common and The Glade. 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.

PRESTON CHURCH KEY:

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

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning application can be viewed on Cotswold District Council's website:
<https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/>

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Update 10

The Steering Group will be considering draft Evidence documents at the April meeting which are based on the research and consultations that have been carried out over the past few months. Once these are finalised the Group will be in a position to write the first draft of the Plan and consult with CDC Planners to ensure that Policies are in line with CDC's Local Plan.

The next meeting of the Steering Group will be held on Thursday, 17 May at 7 pm at The Pigeon House.



Do you know anyone who could benefit from:

- Apprenticeships, employability and workforce development
- Digital / IT skills training
- Community learning delivered in venues near you
- Family learning for parents, carers & their children
- English, maths and language skills

Get in touch to find out more:

Adult Education in Gloucestershire, 4-6 Commercial Road, Gloucester

0800 542 1655

learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Half a million more for potholes

The Department for Transport (DfT) has committed extra funding to Gloucestershire.

Following the announcement on Monday 26 March, Gloucestershire County Council will receive an additional £512,339 as part of pothole and flood resilience funding.

This is in addition to a £1,485,781 commitment paid in March 2018 and allocated as part of the council's February budget meeting.

The money is designed to support the council's plans to repair potholes and works have already been scheduled in to continue improving the county's roads.



ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Thank you to everyone who came along to help with our **Annual Litter Pick!**
We had a wonderful turn out – filled 16 bags and collected up 10 tyres

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, 3 MAY 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: Caroline Braidwood, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Gloucestershire
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<http://www.prestonpc.org.uk>

NEWS ABOUT OUR DEFIBRILATOR

The Defibrillator has been fitted in the village Telephone Box and is ready for use, should the need arise.

Many many thanks to all who have contributed, either by running events or participating in them or by making private donations.

CDC contributed £500, our Parish Council contributed £500 and Margaret Mortimore contributed £100, in memory of Bill.

The defibrillator was fitted free of charge, by Richard Say of AGL Electrical, Dell's son.

We will be fitting clear signage and arranging training at a date yet to be fixed. Anyone who would like to attend, but has not already signed up, please contact me: chris.sutton88.cs@gmail.com or 01285 652364.

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 17th May 2018 -Stronger for Longer



In May we have Tim Bird returning to give us another of his popular talks. Tim is giving us a talk on Stronger for Longer, with exercises and tips to help us all stay fit.

As usual visitors and guests are welcome. We will have our usual raffle and tea and biscuits. We will be meeting in the Village Hall, Preston at 7.30pm. Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

VILLAGE HALL

The Preston Village Hall committee held its AGM at 6pm on Thursday March 22nd. The existing committee were re-elected and are planning some exciting events and hope to have some more clubs/classes for the coming year which you will hear about in due course. We would love to hear any ideas you may have, so please contact Therese (chair) on 01285 640590 or email tvmunro@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL DIARY:

Art Group Monday 1-3pm and Thursday 10-12pm please contact Cathy if you are interested in joining these groups. Everyone welcome. candjlynn@aol.com. Please note, there are no Art Groups week commencing 7th May or during half term, week commencing 28th May.

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Pilgrim Church Group. Tuesday evenings 7-9pm in term time. Please feel free to drop in and join in with this friendly group. Everybody is welcome. (There will be no meeting during half term, Tuesday 29th May)

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Yoga continues on Wednesday evenings 6.30-8pm. If you are interested in starting Yoga please contact Mark on mark.yogachill@icloud.com

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Thursday 17th May 7pm WI Meeting

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Sunday 20th May 3pm The Village Hall Committee would like to invite you to attend a Cream Tea and Prosecco afternoon to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Further details will follow. Look out for leaflets through your door and posters in the village.

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Thursday 24th May 7.30pm Defibrillator Training. See notice below.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Police have received calls from all over the North Cotswolds Monday 23rd April regarding door to door sellers.

The public are reminded to not buy any products at the door step. These persons are commonly referred to as "Notting Knockers" as in day gone by you could apply for a peddlers licence from the Chief Constable of Nottingham. Peddlers' licences are still issued but the user of these licences has to meet criteria, one of which is not to have any criminal convictions.

The "Nottingham Knockers" predominately have criminal convictions and will use this to make the buyer feel sorry for them.

These door to doors seller will look to see where you are going to get your money to pay them. They will smell the money to see if it smells musty and has been kept in the house for a long

time. This will give them information they sell on to other criminals who may come and commit burglaries by deception at a later date.

The easiest way to get rid of these callers is to say "NO". Never let them into your home. If they become aggressive call police on 999.

Police will always attend and move these person on or if we have sufficient complainers they can be issues a fix penalty notice of £90 on the spot.

Many thanks PC 2201 Nick Westmacott Stow Neighbourhood policing team

Remember - If you have information regarding any possible incident, please report the matter to the police by ringing 101 or by email to 101@gloucestershire.police.uk

Alternatively you may report any information you have anonymously to Crimestoppers by ringing 0800 555111 or at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Telephone numbers Real crime 999; Suspected crime 101; Crimestoppers 0800 55541

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

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES FOR PRESTON

Please contact - Michael Brunson, www.ruraldelivery.co.uk 01285 642007

THE NELSON TRUST - REMINDER

We have now been asked for bedding, so if anyone has anything spare, I am happy to collect it and store it here. Should anyone be interested in seeing the amazing work that goes on there, they have open days once a month and the staff are on hand to explain all the different help and support they provide for women with problem lives.

Scilla Chester-Master

VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT INFORMATION - LYNN SAUNDERS

If you want to find a service that you need, or to contact an agency for help and advice or assistance with accessing DWP for advice, you can reach me on 07776 245 754 or email me at lynns@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please will you let me have your news for June by email/in handwriting by Wednesday 23rd May. Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com

For Newsletter delivery by email & cancellation of home delivery, please contact me!

The distribution list of residents' email addresses used for the newsletter is also used for other urgent messages around the village - eg. Neighbourhood Watch. This distribution list is kept private and all

messages are sent out under 'blind copy' (in accordance with The Data Protection Act guidelines) No email addresses on my list that are not already in the public domain are available for public use.

| CHURCH DIARY MAY 2018 | | | |
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| SUNDAY | 8.00am | Holy Communion | Pr |
| 6 th May 2018 | 10.00am | Family Service | Sidd |
| 6th Sunday after Easter | | | |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Pr |
| 13 th May 2018 | 6.00pm | Evensong | Sidd |
| 7th Sunday after Easter | | | |
| SUNDAY | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Sidd |
| 20 th May 2018 | 6.00pm | Evening Service | Pr |
| Pentecost | | | |
| SUNDAY | 9.30am | Coffee & Church | Pr |
| 27 th May 2018 | 10.00am | Morning Praise | Sidd |
| Trinity Sunday | | | |
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*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website
www.churnsidechurches.org.uk*

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2018

If any new volunteers feel that they want to help and/or they enjoy flower arranging, please contact me to discuss. *Regine Freyne Tel: 655370*

| <u>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota</u> | | | |
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| May | Mrs Jones | 6 th | 13 th |
| | Mrs Cooper | 20 st | 27 th |
| June | Mrs Lindsay | 3 rd | 10 th |
| | Mrs Anne Smith | 17 th | 24 th |
| July | Mrs Bainbridge | 1 st | 8 th |
| | XXXXXXXXXX | 15 th | 22 th |
| | XXXXXXXXXX | 29 th | |

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>.

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER Apply to Dot Warren (dotwarren@btinternet.com)
for further information.



Do you need a Helping Hand?

If you are looking for an alternative to residential care or extra support for those everyday tasks that are becoming difficult for you or a loved one – then we're here to help in Preston from 30 minutes per week to full-time live-in care.

Our care teams have been providing award-winning quality home care since 1989 and can help with: personal care, housekeeping, help getting around or even to provide a break to an existing family member or care-giver.

Looking for **care?**
01772 911055

For more information
www.helpinghands.co.uk



RENDCOMB COLLEGE
NURSERY • JUNIOR • SENIOR

Welcome to the Jungle!

Junior School and Nursery Open Morning
Friday, 11 May 2018
9.00am

Rendcomb College is an independent, co-educational day and boarding school, Junior School and Nursery for children aged 3 to 18

To register visit:
www.rendcombcollege.org.uk
01285 832306 • admissions@rendcombcollege.org.uk
Rendcomb College, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 7HA

30 hours of funded childcare provided

BABYSITTING SERVICE - VILLAGE BASED!

Hello! My name is Emily Stamp, I live in Preston Village and I'm looking for some casual babysitting work.

I am 18 years old, currently an upper-sixth student at Farmor's Sixth Form in Fairford, and in September I will be at university training as a Primary School teacher. I am able to care for, cook and entertain your children, and I also hold a certificate in first-aid. I have my own transport, so it won't be a problem getting to and from you!

Pay is negotiable, and I am available on weekday evenings as well as weekends.

Drop me a text on 07514 484 505 or feel free to give me a call!