



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 2019

## NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

There is very little light pollution in the Vicarage garden which makes it a great place to gaze at the stars. On a clear night the sky is full of twinkly stars shining down on the earth below. My knowledge of what all the different constellations are called is rather lacking, but this does not stop me appreciating their beauty and the brilliance of their light. On a clear dark night, the stars transform the darkness of the night, they light our way and guide us to where we need to go. It always amazes me how just a little bit of light can dispel darkness showing us the way, filling us with warmth and helping us to feel safer.

Light is an important symbol within the Christian faith as Jesus is understood to be the light of the world. A light that came to dispel the darkness, bringing gifts of hope, joy, peace, justice, guidance and love. To remember that Jesus is the light of the world and that God is with us always candles are often lit as part of Christian worship and are often used as a focus for prayer.

God Bless

*Revd Jennifer McKenzie - Vicar of the Churnside Benefice*

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## PRESTON CHURCH KEY

Please call Scilla Chester-Master if you need to know where the key is stored. Tel: 653066.

**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 August are Oak Way, Park Way, Post Office Square and Pound 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.

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website:  
[www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.churnsidechurches.org.uk)*

## PRESTON FETE 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

What a beautiful day we had for the fete - and a record result!

There were so many wonderful helpers, setting up, manning stalls and tidying away afterwards, that it is impossible to name every individual.

But on behalf of all my family thank you very much indeed for your contributions, hard work, good humour and, as usual, for leaving Church Farm garden far tidier than it had been beforehand! Scilla C-M

### **PRESTON FETE RESULTS**

Books £428.24	Cakes £129.71	Coconut Shy £49.00
Gate £244.22	Hot Dogs £106.70	Lucky Dip £15.00
Milk the cow £30.00	Nearly New Clothes £326.50	Plants £81.40
Raffle £839.00	Skittles £49.50	Teas £220.20
Tombola £247.99	Toys £141.50	White Elephant £912.40,

**GRAND TOTAL £3,821.36 (Post script - I understand that a further £200 has been added)**

This will help to keep the Church and Village Hall funded for the next year.

It was a lovely day, and everyone seemed to enjoy the variety of stalls, including new attractions.

## SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

**There is no meeting in August**



Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please remember to let me have your news for September 2019 by **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**.

**Thanks!**

Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105; [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk)

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## **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING**

For all information about planning applications please go to Cotswold District Council's website: <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning/online-planning-register/>

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Update 24**

*The re-written Green Gap Policy is currently being scrutinised by the Steering Group.  
Further information will follow shortly.*

### **HELP DESIGN CIRENCESTER'S NEW CAR PARK**

King Charles Room, The Fleece, Market Place, Cirencester

15 – 16 July. 9am to 5pm

Pop in and view the design for the Waterloo multi-storey car park and have your say on the shortlisted options.

Alternatively, go online and give your feedback – Google 'Cirencester Parking Project'

### **FIRST AID COURSE**

As the First Aid Course in June was postponed we are in the process of re-arranging for a date in September or October. If you haven't already indicated an interest in attending and would like to do so, please contact any Member of the Parish Council or the Clerk.

### **DEFIBRILLATOR - HOW TO USE IT**

We have been asked if and how anyone (even those who haven't received training) can use the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk.

**The answer is simple - 'YES'.**

**In an emergency you need to call 999. If it's appropriate the operator will be able to tell you where the nearest defibrillator is located and talk you through how to use it.**

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**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 5 September 2019  
at 7 pm in the Village Hall**

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

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS FROM OUR COORDINATOR - JULIE TOMBLIN

### **Recent damage to the playing field/equipment**

At some time just before the fete, damage occurred at the playing field.

Grass burnt due to portable BBQ. Drinks? Poured down the slide.

Obscene graffiti burnt into the play house.....

As the dry weather continues, such bbq's are potentially dangerous.

The slide has been cleaned, I hope to be able to do something about the graffiti.

I do carry out regular checks of the playing field. However, if you see any damage/rubbish or groups of young people who look to be causing a nuisance, could you please let me know as soon as possible.....

01285 641111 [tomblijnjulie@gmail.com](mailto:tomblijnjulie@gmail.com) You can also call the police on 101

**Also - be wary** Trust your instincts, if you feel a telephone or door step call is suspicious Just say no and put the phone down/close the door.

If you have a neighbour who you know is either vulnerable or does not have access to email could you please keep them up to date with any urgent alerts.

If you are aware of any suspicious activity in the village, or a scam caller is repeatedly bothering you, please let us know Julie 01285 641111 or [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk).

### **The police emergency 999 or non-emergency 101**

Village coordinators who are available to help you are.....

Michael Dyson, Rex Canton, Alex Beadle, Reg Freyne, Andrew Mckechnie and Dot Warren

## VILLAGE HALL

### **VILLAGE HALL DIARY**

As usual, the hall is quieter for the summer.

Wednesday evening 6:30pm Mark is continuing one Yoga class throughout the summer. If you are interested in joining a Yoga class or in individual tuition please contact Mark at [mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk)

We hope that Art Classes will recommence in the autumn term.

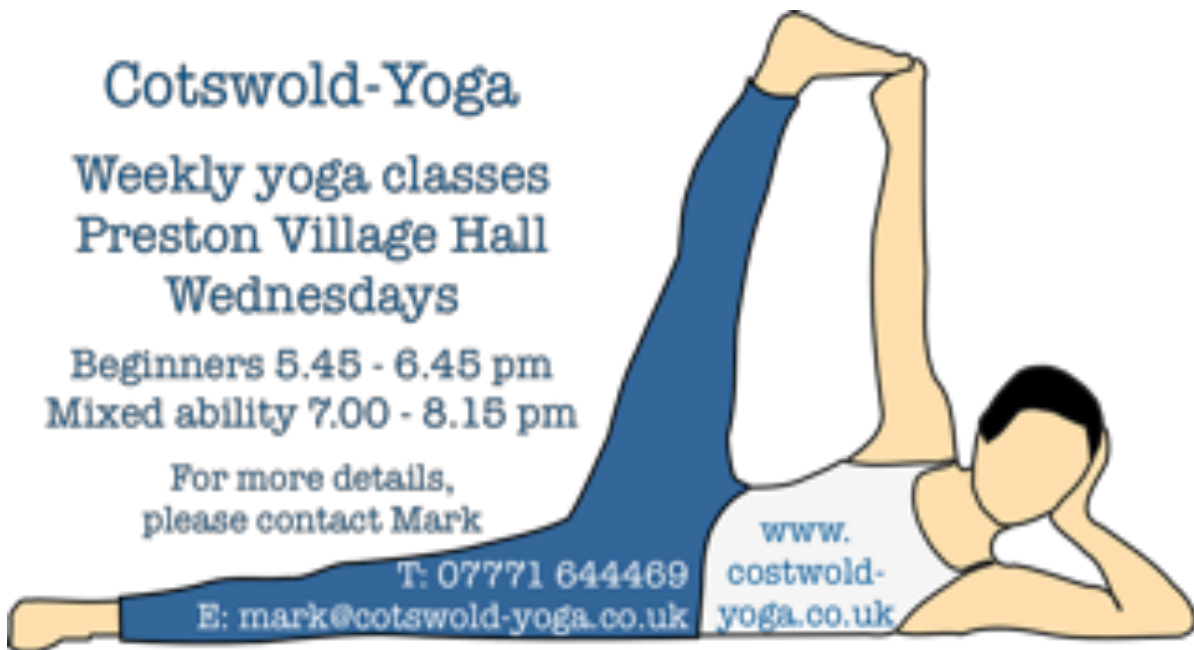
**No First Friday Coffee, Tea and Biscuits Morning in the Village Hall in August,**  
but please do join us on the First Friday in September, 10.30am till 12noon on **September 6th.**  
There is no need to bring a book to swap but if you would like to, we have a good selection.

**CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2019**

Please contact [regfreyne@gmail.com](mailto:regfreyne@gmail.com) if you can spare an hour once or twice a year to help keep our church beautiful. Regine Freyne Tel: 655370

• <b><u>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota for next three months</u></b>		
August	Mrs Hardiman	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Mrs Hardiman	11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>
	Mrs Jones	25 <sup>th</sup>
September	Mrs Cameron	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Mrs Sutton	8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL - TBC</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
	Mrs Sutton	29 <sup>th</sup>
October	Mrs Cameron	6 <sup>th</sup>
	Mrs Freyne	13 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>

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**Cotswold-Yoga**  
 Weekly yoga classes  
 Preston Village Hall  
 Wednesdays  
 Beginners 5.45 - 6.45 pm  
 Mixed ability 7.00 - 8.15 pm  
 For more details,  
 please contact Mark  
 T: 07771 644469  
 E: [mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk)  
[www.cotswold-yoga.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-yoga.co.uk)



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Saturday, 28 September 2019 - 9.15am to 12 noon

## Whole College Open Morning

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Lighthouse is a new venture on the 2nd Monday of every month  
at All Hallows Church, South Cerney, starting in July!

Monday 8th July 10.30am

Monday 12th August 10.30am

Monday 9th September 10.30am

Monday 14th October 10.30am

Monday 11th November 10.30am

Monday 9th December 10.30am

Everyone welcome - come along and join us!

No charge (donations welcome to cover costs).

*The church is located in Church Lane, off Silver Street, GL7 5TT.*

*If you would like more information, please contact Rev Jennifer McKenzie.*

*tel: 860221 or email: vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk*