



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER January-February 2019

***MAY WE WISH YOU ALL A JOYOUS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!***

## **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, though I am hoping that the star gazers calendar I bought for 2019 might help me expand my knowledge. Not knowing what the stars are called does not stop me appreciating their beauty and the brilliance of their light. On a clear dark night even, the stars can 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 candles are lit as part of worship and are often used as a focus for prayer.

As we enter another Year, I wish you all a happy, peaceful and joyful 2019.

*ORevd Jennifer McKenzie - Vicar of the Churnside Benefice*

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## **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 January and February are: Church Avenue, Church Lane, Church Close, Cirencester Road, Clarks Hay, Dryleaze, Elizabeth Way and Fraziers Folly. 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

This winter's dates are:

19<sup>th</sup> January

23<sup>rd</sup> February

23<sup>rd</sup> 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 ☺

(Editor's comment – **HOORAY!**)

### A MESSAGE FROM DAVE AND CHRISSY LAYCOCK, 3 KINGSWAY

We are leaving Preston on the 30 December after 25 happy years to fulfill a life-long dream moving to France taking early retirement in the beautiful Dordogne. We have a very old house that we are renovating plus a barn and further outbuilding that we will be renovating and turning into two luxury gites, plus the all important pool. This will be a labour of love and we hope to have the gites sorted by the end of next year leaving us free to work on our house through the cooler months in the New Year. Our home is located in a peaceful and rural location with idyllic views just 20 minutes from the stunning town of Brantome. We will have a website in due course, but in the meantime if you have any desire to holiday in the Dordogne we can be contacted by emailing [lepetitcoin2018@gmail.com](mailto:lepetitcoin2018@gmail.com) and it would be our pleasure to welcome you.

It gives us enormous pleasure to have sold our home to such a super family, Liam and Nicola Hayden who many of you already know as Nicola grew up in the village. Please do extend a very warm welcome to them.

We would like to say a huge thank you for all the friendships that we have enjoyed and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

With kindest regards,

Dave and Chrissy Laycock

### STAGECOACH BUS SERVICES

**Some services in your area will be changing over the Christmas period from Monday 24 December**

Please see our website to check if your service is affected.

# 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

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Update 18

*Our Landscape Architect is working on the Green Gap Policy which we hope will 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.*

## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND SUPPORT LONGFIELD HOSPICE

Cotswold District Council is joining forces with Minchinhampton-based Longfield Hospice to take the strain out of recycling Christmas trees for residents. The doorstep collection scheme, now in its second year, will help support people with life limiting illnesses across Gloucestershire.

A team of volunteers who have signed up to the tree recycling scheme will pick up unwanted trees in return for a donation to help Longfield continue its care. In the Cotswold District, the trees will be taken to Dobbies Garden Centre for shredding and then composting. The suggested minimum donation is £5.

Please register your tree before 6pm on Sunday 6 January. To book a collection (registrations are OPEN now) and make a donation, visit [www.charityxmastreecollection.com](http://www.charityxmastreecollection.com) Anyone without internet access who wishes to arrange a collection can do so by calling Longfield on 01453 886 868.

## **Last Call for your Email Address**

**On 31 January 2019 the current circulation list for the Newsletter and Neighbourhood Watch will be deleted and only those who have signed up for the new list will receive Village information.**

**PLEASE** message: [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto: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.

**PLEASE NOTE – change of meeting date:**

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 17 January 2019 at 7 pm in the Village Hall.**

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<http://www.prestonpc.org.uk>

### **VILLAGE HALL**

#### **VILLAGE HALL DIARY**

Monday 1-3pm and Thursday 10-12 noon **Art Classes** recommence on January 7th.

There will be a break for half term w/c 18th Feb. Anyone interested in joining these popular classes please contact Cathy 01285 655325 or email [artinpreston@aol.com](mailto:artinpreston@aol.com)

**Yoga** recommences on Wednesday 9th January 7-8.15pm for 5weeks; this is a mixed ability group. Also a new beginners' class will be starting on 9th January at 5.45-6.45 pm. Anyone interested please contact Mark on [mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk) - **see advertisement below**

**Soup Saturday**      19<sup>th</sup> January                      23<sup>rd</sup> February                      23<sup>rd</sup> March – see details above

## CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2019

**URGENT** - The Church Flower & Cleaning Rota urgently needs volunteers - 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

• <u>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota for 2019</u>		
January	Mrs Chester-Master	Whole month
February	Mrs Canton/Mrs McKinnon	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>
	Mrs Tomblin	17 <sup>th</sup> ...24 <sup>th</sup>

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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.

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

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

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Teenage Cancer Trust**

John Plant is joining us in January to tell us about his work for the Teenage Cancer Trust. As usual visitors and guests are welcome. We will have a bring and buy, with proceeds going to The Cobalt Breast Cancer Unit. We will tea and biscuits and a raffle.

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

**Here is our programme for 2019**

January 17th	Speaker: John Plant Teenage Cancer Trust	July 18th	Garden Party <b>Preston Village Hall</b>
February 21st	Speaker: Stephen Rowley Turn Right When the Butter Melts	August	No Meeting
March 21st	Speaker: Tom Price Orchids	September 19th	Speaker: Ian Caskie Brunel's SS Great Britain
April 18th	Speaker: Jeremy Field What Goes Wrong with Hands	October 17th	Speaker: Rose Hewlett 1607-The Great Severn Estuary Flood
May 16th	Speaker: Janine Kilroe Beginner Photography <b>Preston Village Hall</b>	November 21st	A bring and share evening of member's favourite recipes
June 20th	Speaker: Carole and Malcolm Brown                      Singing for Pleasure <b>Preston Village Hall</b>	December 19th	Christmas Party An evening of fun, songs, games and mingling

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Please remember to let me have your news for March 2019 by **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

**Many thanks!**

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

## CHURCH DIARY JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pr
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	11.15am	Family Service	Sidd
<b>Epiphany</b>			
SUNDAY	9.30am	Morning Praise	Pr
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
<b>Baptism of Christ</b>	6.00pm	Benefice Youth Group	SC
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
SUNDAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Sidd
20 <sup>th</sup> January 2019			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	11.15am	Morning Praise	Sidd
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
SUNDAY	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pr
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2019	11.15am	Family Service	Sidd
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>			
SUNDAY	9.30am	Morning Praise	Pr
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	6.00pm	Benefice Youth Group	SC
SUNDAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Sidd
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2019			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>			
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	11.15am	Morning Praise	Sidd
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>			

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

# 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:

E: [mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk)  
T: 07771644469  
W: [www.cotswold-yoga.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-yoga.co.uk)



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