



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 2019

***DON'T FORGET... Village Tea & Coffee Morning on Friday 7th June -
10.30am to 12 noon in the Village Hall
Also - Preston Fete 13th July -time to look out all your contributions***

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

A few Sundays ago, I was up early as it was my turn to take the 8am service at All Hallows Church. After having my breakfast and getting myself ready to go I picked up my bag and just as I was heading out of the front door, I realised that I had forgotten my keys to the church. I headed to the place they normally live only to discover that they were not there. I started to think of the last time I had used them and began searching. I looked in my coat pockets, trousers pockets, the washing basket, in various bags I had used to take things to church, on my desk, in the kitchen. Eventually I found them tucked away in a drawer, a very unexpected place. I was very relieved to have found the keys and quickly headed out of the door to get ready for the service. I am sure that I am not alone in having lost something like a pair of keys and having that feeling of relief and joy when you eventually find them, something in the least expected place.

In the Bible Jesus tells several stories about things that are lost and then found but perhaps my favourite of these stories is the parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15 verses 4-7). In the story there is a shepherd and his job is to look after one hundred sheep. The shepherd knows all the sheep, cares for every one of them and each night he counts them safely into the sheep pen. One day the unthinkable happens and as he is counting the sheep, he realises that one of the sheep is missing. So, the shepherd goes off in search of the lost sheep and he searches and searches and searches, not giving up until he has found the lost sheep. Once the lost sheep has been found he is so happy that he gathers together his friends and neighbours for a party. One of the reasons I like this parable is that it reminds me of God's unconditional love for each and everyone one of us and how deeply God cares for us.

Since that Sunday I am trying to be more mindful of putting my keys back in the same place so they are always there when I need them.

Revd Jennifer McKenzie - Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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Churchwardens All Saints' Preston: Alister Painter (650624);
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PRESTON CHURCH KEY

The key is now relocated. Please call Scilla Chester-Master for information 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 June are Lakeside, Laurel Cottages, Meadow way, Middle Mead and Mill 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.

PRESTON FETE 13th July, 2-4pm at Church Farm

We had a well-attended Planning meeting on 7th May, but more helpers are needed on the Teas and for fetching the tables (Siddington and the Village Hall) and putting them up on the day.

If anyone is free to help, please give me a ring on 0285 653066.

Volunteers in charge of the following stalls were agreed as follows

White Elephant	Reg Freyne
Raffle	Scilla Chester-Master; Dot Warren
Tombola	Julie and Ken Tomblin
Plants	Alexander Lindsay, Anne Mingins
Cakes	Jane Bainbridge; Bea
Books	Sue & Jonathan Gulliford
Toys	Anne Smith
Nearly New Clothes	Anne Swain; Liz McKinnon

We are delighted to report that the Salvation Army is free to give our fete that extra-special atmosphere. And some new side stalls are planned for children
AND ... It would not be complete without hot dogs, ice cream and teas on the lawn!

Contributions can be brought to the barn now BUT - please ring before coming (653066) and do not leave things outside!

Bring plants a few days beforehand (labelled with name, colour and height please!)
Cakes and tea items - the day before. BUT if you are going to be away, anything suitable can go in my freezer. Please mark produce that has been frozen.

I have had a special pleas from stall holders for help: with tombola prizes - a small prize for all age groups (and bottles and canned drinks are always popular - within Sell by Date please!):
Toys - nearly new please - toys will not sell if they are incomplete or damaged.
Many thanks! Scilla Chester-Master 01285 653066

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2019

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

• <u>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota May to July 2019</u>		
June	Mrs Lindsay	2 nd 9 th 16 th
	Mrs Stone	23 rd 30 th
July	Mrs Stone	7 th
	Mrs Bainbridge	14 th 21 st 28 th
August	Mrs Hardiman	4 th
	Mrs Hardiman	11 th 18 th
	Mrs Jones	25 th

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 20th June 2019 - Singing for Pleasure



An evening of memorable music performed by Carole and Malcolm Brown who are trained singers and who have performed for a wide variety of audiences throughout the North of England, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. Their repertoire includes many musical genres from Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber, Gershwin and Rodgers and Hammerstein encompassing musicals, comedy pieces, light opera and classical jazz complete with props.

As usual visitors and guests are welcome. There will be tea, biscuits and a raffle.

We will be meeting this month at Preston Village Hall, Preston at 7.30pm. Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please remember to let me have your news for July 2019 by **Wednesday 19th June.** Thanks!
Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk

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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 22

*Amendments are being made to the DRAFT Green Gap Policy.
The PLAN will then be submitted to CDC for comment.
Further information will follow in due course.*

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the election last month, five Councillors were returned: Julie Tomblin, Sue Cameron, Nick Price, Scilla Chester-Master and Regine Freyne. This left 2 vacancies which were filled by co-option at the Annual Parish Council meeting by Natalie Jones and Alan Stone.

For the first time in many months the Parish Council has its full membership.

FIRST AID COURSE - SATURDAY, 8 JUNE. 9.30am - 1.30 pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

There are still a few places available on our **FREE** First Aid Course. If you are interested, please contact Julie Tomblin (Chairman of the Parish Council) 641111 or the Clerk 380040.

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If you receive the Newsletter by email, please can you ensure that newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk is white listed in your email set up so that it doesn't end up in your Junk folder.

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**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 4 July 2019
at 7 pm in the Village Hall**

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CHURCH DIARY JUNE 2019			
SUNDAY	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pr
2 nd June 2019	11.15am	Family Service	Sidd
7th Sunday of Easter			
SUNDAY	9.30am	Church and Coffee	Pr
9 th June 2019	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Sidd
Pentecost. Whit Sunday	6.00pm	Benefice Youth Group	SC
SUNDAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Sidd
16 th June 2019	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr
Trinity Sunday			
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
23 rd June 2019	11.15am	Morning Praise	Sidd
1st Sunday after Trinity			
SUNDAY	10.00am	United Benefice Service at Cerney	CW
30 th June 2019		Wick	
2nd Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm	Café Church - Elizabeth Way	Sidd

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS FROM OUR COORDINATOR - JULIE TOMBLIN

I continue to receive alerts regarding scam telephone calls. Most recently where the person says they are from the DVLA and a direct debit has ended making their car no longer road legal. DVLA will only contact you to tax a vehicle and provide a code to do so.

Also a scam where the caller claims to be a police officer who has arrested someone in possession of a cloned bank card, they will then ask you to move money. Please be aware neither the police, nor your bank will ever ask you to withdraw or move money, or reveal your PIN number.

Trust your instincts, if you feel a call is suspicious just say no and put the phone down.

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.

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

On Friday 3rd May we held our 'First Friday Coffee/Tea, Biccies and Books Morning' in the Village Hall for the first time. We had a good crowd of people there who each paid their £1 (for unlimited drinks and biscuits) and brought in a book or two to swap. Some were old friends of the Village Hall and we were pleased to welcome some new friends.

Our next one will be on the first Friday of June, that is June 7th. Do come along any time between 10.30am and 12 noon and bring a friend or two if you wish, but you will find friendly faces there anyway.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY

Monday 1-3pm and Thursday 10-12 noon, Art. This group continues for the month of June. If you are interested in joining in please contact Cathy on 01285 655325 or artinpreston@aol.com

Tuesday evenings 7-9pm Pilgrim Church Group. Please feel free to drop in to this friendly group. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday evenings 6-7pm and 7-8pm Yoga. If you are interested in joining with these classes please contact Mark at mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

Friday 7th June - 'Coffee/Tea, Biccies and Books Morning' 10.30-12 noon - see advert below

Saturday 8th June. First Aid Course. 9-2pm.

Thursday 20th June 7pm, WI meeting, 'Singing for Pleasure'

Tea and coffee morning

10:30am till 12 noon
Preston Village Hall

The first Friday of every month

Tea, coffee, biscuits and a book swap
Remember to bring a book for the book swap

£1
Entry Per Person
Everyone welcome

LOCAL BUS SERVICE

Cirencester - Ampney

Service 50

Monday - Friday (not Bank Holidays)

Operated by: STS Stagecoach West

Cirencester, The Forum Depart:	08:50 and every hour until 14.50
Chesterton, Cirencester Hospital Grounds	08:55 and every hour until 14:55
Cirencester, Tesco Stores	09:02 and every hour until 15:02
Kings Hill, Mulberry Court	09:05 and every hour until 15:05
The Beeches, Whitelands Road	09:09 and every hour until 15:09
Ampney Crucis, The Donkey Field	09:16 and every hour until 15:16
Preston, Village Hall	09:24 and every hour until 15:24
Cirencester, Tesco Stores	09:30 and every hour until 15:30
Kings Hill, Mulberry Court	09:33 and every hour until 15:33
The Beeches, Whitelands Road	09:37 and every hour until 15:37
Cirencester, The Forum Arrive:	09:45 and every hour until 15:45

NOTE: THE 2.50pm XPrd1 Service from Cirencester (see timetable above) does not operate on these dates:

05/01/2019 to 17/02/2019	23/02/2019 to 07/04/2019	13/04/2019 to 14/04/2019
20/04/2019 to 21/04/2019	23/04/2019 to 05/05/2019	07/05/2019 to 26/05/2019
01/06/2019 to 23/07/2019	27/07/2019 to 28/07/2019	03/08/2019 to 04/08/2019
10/08/2019 to 11/08/2019	17/08/2019 to 18/08/2019	24/08/2019 to 25/08/2019

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**A relaxed space to be creative,
explore faith and enjoy lunch together.**

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

Monday 6th 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

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,
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