



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER January 2020

**MAY WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2020**

## **NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE**

New Year's Eve is celebrated the world over as we mark the start of another year. The New Year gradually spreads across the globe as each time zone celebrates in sequence. Celebrations often include fireworks, gatherings of friends and families, joining hands whilst singing Auld Lang Syne and the chimes of Big Ben ringing in the New Year at the stroke of midnight.

The start of another New Year creates a moment to reflect on the year that has been and to look ahead to the year to come. There is something about the start of a New Year that gives us the feeling that a fresh start and a new beginning is possible. This sense of newness provides us the opportunity to pause, to reflect on our lives, on who we are and how we spend our time. A New Year can provide us with the opportunity to do things differently, to make different choices, to have different priorities and to make changes within our lives for the better. This is why the New Year is often marked by the making of New Year resolutions. Those promises we make to ourselves and to others that we hope will bring about positive changes within our lives and our relationships. Christians believe that God offers everyone the opportunity of a new beginning, through his forgiveness, mercy, grace and unconditional love, not just at the start of the New Year but every day.

I wish you all a happy and blessed New Year  
God Bless

*Revd Jennifer McKenzie - Vicar of the Churnside Benefice*

The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, GL7 5TP Tel: 01285 860221

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

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E-mail: [office@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@churnsidechurches.org.uk)

**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 The Green, The Landings, The Langet, The Leaze, The Lennards, The Limes, The Twenties and Thompson Road. 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

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

• CHURCH DIARY JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020			
SUNDAY	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pr
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	11.15am	Family Service	Sidd
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b>		•	
SUNDAY	9.30am	Church and Coffee	Pr
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	6.00pm	Benefice Youth Group	SC
<b>Baptism of Christ</b>		•	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>		•	
SUNDAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Sidd
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2020		•	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>		•	
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	11.15am	Morning Praise	Sidd
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>	6.00pm	Benefice Youth Group	SC
SUNDAY	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pr
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2020	11.15am	Family Service	Sidd
<b>Candlemas</b>		•	
SUNDAY	9.30am	Church and Coffee	Pr
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	6.00pm	Benefice Youth Group	SC
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>		•	
SUNDAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Sidd
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2020		•	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>		•	
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2020	11.15am	Morning Praise	Sidd
<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>		•	
WEDNESDAY	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of	Sidd
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020		• Ashes	
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		•	

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website*

[www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.churnsidechurches.org.uk)

**LIGHTHOUSE** A relaxed space to be creative, explore faith and enjoy lunch together. All Hallows Church South Cerney. For further information please contact the Church Office.

## 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 29**

*The DRAFT Neighbourhood Development Plan is being finalised ready for Regulation 14 consultation to begin in January.*

*More information in the next Newsletter or see the website:*

[www.prestonpc.org.uk](http://www.prestonpc.org.uk)

### **DO YOU LIVE IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HAVE A CHILD AGED 0-19 YEARS OR DO YOU WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?**

If so, Gloucestershire County Council want your feedback to learn about the experiences of children, young people and their families using the health visiting and school nursing services. More information about these services is available at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/phnfeedback](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/phnfeedback)

### **PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD**

The noticeboard near to the telephone kiosk / defibrillator has finally rotted beyond repair and the Parish Council are working on a replacement.

### **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.**

### **VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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

If you are aware of any resident who doesn't receive the Newsletter, please ask them to email: [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk)

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 9 January 2020  
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>

## VILLAGE HALL

### DIARY

**The Art Group** recommences on Monday 13th January 1-3pm and Thursday 16th January 10-12 noon. The cost is £65 for the term.

Please pop in or contact Cathy at [artinpreston@aol.com](mailto:artinpreston@aol.com) if you would like to make enquiries. If you would like to 'try before you buy' you are welcome to come along to a session and if you decide it's not for you then you don't have to pay for the session.

**Yoga** - the New Year term will be 5 weeks, 8 January - 12 February. Two classes, 5.30pm and 7.00 pm. Both suitable for beginners and there are spaces available.

Contact him at [mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk) if you are interested in joining.

**'COFFEE, BICCIES AND BOOKS MORNING' IN JANUARY** will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10:30-12 noon. Please come along and join your neighbours and friends for a friendly coffee morning. Feel free to bring a book to exchange if you wish. £1 donation is requested to cover costs. Please let me know if you need any help in coming to the Hall. (Dot Warren 656105)  
**SEE POSTER BELOW - LOOK OUT FOR THE FEBRUARY DATE ON THE VILLAGE HALL NOTICEBOARD OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**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**



## SOUP SATURDAYS 2020

Yes, it's the New Year Soup Saturdays in the village hall again - doesn't the time fly by!?

Usual format, noon till 2.00pm, just turn up for a lovely bowl of homemade soup and lots of time to catch up with neighbours and friends.

This season's dates are:

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

If you are new to the village - do come along and get to know people - we are a very friendly bunch!

### **PIMMS AND HYMNS - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January IN AID OF ERITHOKA-UGANDA**

This is a Christian based charity to help children with disabilities in SW Uganda. Please join us for a fun evening fundraiser at Kemble Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 6.30 to 8.30pm. The idea is to drink some Pimms (or non-alcohol if you prefer) have some nibbles and chose your favourite hymns! The most popular of which will be sung by us all. Tickets at £10 are £10 each and are available from Anne Smith (Tel: 01285 658767 Mobile: 07931398121

### **SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**David Austin - The Erithoka-Uganda Charity**



A talk by David Austin about the Erithoka Uganda Charity in which he is involved.

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

**We will be meeting this month at Elizabeth Way Meeting Room, Siddington at 7.30pm.**

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information and for February event..

### **THE NELSON TRUST - REMINDER - WARM WINTER CLOTHES URGENTLY NEEDED - IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

Brunswick House in Gloucester, is run by the Nelson Trust for women in trouble - just out of prison, just off the streets, in abusive situations etc. They constantly need warm clothes as winter closes in. If anyone has a coat or sweater or woolly hat or scarf to spare (OR warm children's clothes), please let Scilla know on 01285 653066. It is the most wonderful organisation and deserves all our support.

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**EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Please be sure to let me have your news for March by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020.  
Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105; [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk)

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS FROM OUR COORDINATOR - JULIE TOMBLIN**

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

**CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2020**

The 2020 church flower and cleaning rota will be issued sometime in the New Year. 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 January &amp; February 2020</u></b>			
January	Mrs Chester Master	Whole month	
February	Mrs Canton/Mrs MacKinnon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
	Mrs Tomblin	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>



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## Spring Open Mornings at Rendcomb College

Junior School and Nursery - Friday, 28 February 2020

Senior School and Sixth Form - Friday, 6 March 2020

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Co-ed, day and boarding school for ages 3 to 18 in the heart of the Cotswolds.