

PRESTON NEWS

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Dates for the diary

Parish Council meeting - 7th
September, 7pm at The Pigeon
House

Friday coffee mornings - 13th
October TBC

Village fete - 9th September

Quiz night - 29th September

Fun wine tasting - 17th
November - more info TBC

Refuse collections

Wednesdays fortnightly;

13th, 27th September

11th, 25th October

Food waste: weekly
Wednesdays

Pause for thought

from the Churnside Benefice

Like many other people, one of the activities my family and I enjoy doing together is going for a walk - whether that involves following the familiar paths of the beautiful place we live or exploring somewhere new whilst on holiday. Over the summer we have been on some lovely walks including along the Devon coastal path, on Dartmoor, down the old canal path and on the welly walk organised by All Hallows church where we stopped to do some pond dipping, tick off items on our scavenger hunt and admire a frog.

Going for a walk can be about going on an adventure as you go off in search of muddy puddles, a beautiful view or something of historical significance. It can be about being with family and friends or getting some exercise and spending time outside. It can also be about clearing our heads, taking time to think or finding some peace and stillness in our busy world. Going for a walk is good not only for our physical health but our mental health and wellbeing as well. The slower pace of taking a walk can enable us to be more aware of the world around us. It gives us the opportunity to notice what we would otherwise miss as we rush past in a hurry to get to where we are going, perhaps missing a new house being built, some juicy blackberries waiting to be eaten or simply the beauty of the natural world.

Going for a walk is about more than the destination; it is about the journey and the experiences we have along the way. It can be about making a connection beyond ourselves to the world around us, to nature, to those with whom we walk as time is taken for conversation and shared fun and it can offer opportunities to connect with and experience God. For many Christians, going for a walk can be about prayer as time is taken to talk to and listen to God, for this is what prayer is; communicating with God. I often find that as I walk through the beautiful world God created, I feel closer to God, I feel his care and love for us and his unfailing presence.

God Bless

Revd Jennifer McKenzie

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TEA & COFFEE MORNING

10.30am - 12 Noon
PRESTON VILLAGE HALL
SECOND FRIDAY
of the month
Entry £1 per person

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
FOR TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS
AND A BOOK SWAP

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A BOOK TO BRING, DON'T WORRY
WE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU ANYWAY

Church cleaning rota

10th September - Mrs Sutton

24th September - Mrs Tuckey

8th October - Mrs Warren

22nd October - Mrs Smith

Church services

10th September 9.30 - Morning Praise

17th September 6pm - Book of Common Prayer Evensong

23rd September 9.30 - Holy Communion

8th October 9.30 - Morning Praise

22nd October 3pm - Harvest Festival, followed by refreshments

29th October 10am - Benefice Holy Communion & 3pm - All Souls Service (Benefice service at All Hallows Church)

All services in the benefice can be viewed at www.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 September and October 2023 are The Limes, The Mallards, The Twenties, Timbrell Close, Thompson Road, Trenchard Gardens, Upper Siddington, Upper Up and Willow Grove.

There is a prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church, South Cerney for your personal prayer requests. Anything placed there is prayed for at Morning Prayer each day.

Village Hall

Fete donations

Donations will be collected at the hall in the week prior to the fete; please see the poster for specific times.

Coffee mornings

As the hall will be in use for collection of donations for the fete there will be no September Coffee Morning. Please check the notice board for the October date as we may have the painters and decorators in and the date could be changed.

Art Group

Monday 2-4pm & Thursday 10-12am

The group will be meeting again this term and everyone is most welcome to join in. Our wonderful art teacher Fiona has now retired, but the group will carry on meeting as a hobby group.

Yoga

Wednesdays 18:15-19:30

Yoga is recommencing after the summer break. These classes can be accessed in person or via Zoom if you prefer to stay at home. No experience necessary!

Contact Mark at mark@cotswoldyoga.co.uk

To make a booking for the village hall, email Anne Mingins at annemingins@icloud.com.

News from the Parish Council

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 7th September at 7pm.

PLEASE NOTE: as the Village Hall is unavailable, the meeting will be held at the Chairman's home - The Pigeon House. For further information and the agenda for the meeting, please see the website www.prestonpc.org.uk or contact the Clerk on 01285 380040 clerk@prestonpc.org.uk.

WE HAVE A VACANCY!

There are many ways in which a Parish Councillor can influence the quality of life of the village; from maintenance of the playing field to commenting on planning applications, working with County and District Councils or maintenance of the village, provision of waste bins and so much more. If you feel you have passion, time, skills or knowledge you could lend to the benefit of the village we would be delighted to hear from you.

For more information or to find out how to apply, please contact the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

A gardener's guide

It has been a very mixed couple of months for the garden, with glorious sunshine one minute and heavy downpours the next... Fabulous for plant growth, but difficult to keep on top of those lawns!

But as a garden never really rests, here are some jobs for the early autumn months:

1. The grass will continue to grow until the cold settles in, so whenever the weather allows, mow! If you have time, cut it on a high setting and then again on a lower setting, perhaps later in the day once it has dried out. Rake up any clumps of grass that get stuck under the mower.
2. Now is also a good time to start those autumn moss treatments, building up the lawns for the winter months.
3. Continue to harvest gardens and allotments, and pick up any fallen fruit to avoid encouraging too many wasps, slugs and snails!
4. Prune out old canes from summer fruiting raspberries. Tie in any new canes to wires or supports and mulch to feed through the autumn.
5. Turn compost bins, to aerate and particularly to mix in any grass clippings. If available, cover open topped bins with old carpet or brown cardboard to keep the light out and encourage microbial growth.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 22nd October at 3pm All Saints Preston will be holding their annual Harvest Festival service. The service will be followed by afternoon tea in the village hall.

All are welcome to attend!

QUIZ NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 29

7.30PM FOR 8

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL

PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER



£8 PER PERSON

TEAMS OF 4 OR 6

OR COME ALONE,
OR AS A COUPLE,
AND WE'LL FIND
A TEAM FOR YOU!

**BRING YOUR
OWN DRINKS**

TICKETS FROM SUE : 07883 011246

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets for the fete are still available...

Just some of the wonderful prizes this year are:

- ✦ Hampers of luxury groceries, pampering products and wine & beers!
- ✦ A large picnic blanket!
- ✦ £75 cash!

The draw will take place at the fete at 3.45pm, with the proceeds going to the Parish church and the village hall.

Tickets cost £1 each - contact Dot Warren on 07980 897268 if you would like some!

Village communications

The newsletter will only be issued via email, unless you have specifically requested a paper copy.

Village updates and reminders will also be conveyed via the two village WhatsApp groups. To connect to these groups, message Julie Tomblin on 07973 444902.

The next edition of the newsletter will be issued at the beginning of November.

All contributions and suggestions will be gratefully received.

Remember, it's *your* newsletter, so any items for inclusion, no matter how small, are welcome!

Email your articles, photos and ideas by 20th of the month to newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk.

Ed.

Family activities for active families

(Or anyone that fancies giving it a go!)

Forest of Dean family cycle trail

About an hour's drive, but worth the effort. Almost entirely off-road and most inclines are very gentle - with one long steep one that can be managed easily with brakes. Hire a bike or take your own. A café at the start and end and ice creams en route!

270 Climbing

For the adventurous, a recently opened high-ropes course just outside of Cheltenham. Various levels so you can decide how brave you are! Staff are excellent and informative.

Lake 86 at the Cotswold Water Park

Kayaking and paddle boarding are both reasonably priced. Instruction is provided prior to going out on the water. And the scenery is beautiful!

Websites for each are linked above.

PRESTON VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, 9 September at 2pm

PRESTON PLAYING FIELD

We have a new venue this year and, with your help, we hope to make the fete a success in tribute to Scilla Chester Master

Donations in good, clean condition required for

White elephant	Clothes	Toys
Plants	Bottles and Tombola	Cakes

Please bring to the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd or Sunday 3rd September between 10am and 12 noon or Monday 4th to Thursday 7th between 6pm and 7pm.
If you are unable to donate at any of these times, please contact Sue Gulliford on 07883 011246.

We still need help to set up in the morning from 9am and to take down after the event.

Please contact Jennifer or Julie if you are able to help.

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