



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER July 2022

## NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

My children recently came home from school singing the classic Beatles hit 'With a Little Help from my Friends' which they have been learning for a special outdoor concert at the school to celebrate its 200th anniversary. As I found myself singing along, it got me thinking about friendship and being thankful for the people I have the privilege of calling my friends.

Whatever age we are, friends are important, as they journey with us on the adventure that is life. Friends enrich and bless our lives in so many ways just as we enrich and bless their lives in return. Friendship brings many things into our lives including joy, love, fun, laughter, support, guidance and acceptance. Friends join us as we celebrate the good times and stand alongside us when life brings sad, difficult and challenging times. I am immensely grateful for my friends for the times they have listened to me, encouraged me, helped me find a way forward, accepted me despite my failings, laughed and cried with me.

It is lovely to be greeted as a friend for it is a greeting full of welcome, warmth, affection and belonging. Christians believe that we can share this greeting with God as we see God as being our friend. God is someone who journeys with us on the adventure that is life. We can talk to God about anything and God will always listen to us. God stands alongside us through the good times as well as the difficult and challenging times in life. In my friendship with God I find great strength, encouragement and acceptance which enables me to grow into a better person, and love that brings freedom and peace and hope.

As I reflect on friendship and find this Beatles song running through my mind, I am reminded that it is good to cherish our friends and nurture these special relationships in our lives.

God Bless

*Revd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice*

South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston [www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.churnsidechurches.org.uk)

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<b>ALL SAINTS PRESTON- CHURCH SERVICES - JULY 2022</b>		
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	9.30am	Morning Praise
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	6.00pm	Book of Common Prayer Evensong
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	9.30am	Holy Communion
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	10.00am	Benefice service at Holy Trinity Church, Cerney Wick

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website  
[www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://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 July 2022 are Church Avenue, Church Lane, Church Close, Cirencester Road and Clarks Hay.

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.

**NOTE: CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA - See page 7 below.**

**NOTE FROM THE PCC - FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO TEND FLOWERS ON GRAVES IN THE CHURCHYARD**

There is now a water butt at the back of the church behind the Vestry. However, we shall have to wait for some heavy rain to fill it up!

**PRESTON FETE 2022**

Is to be held at Church Farm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

There will be a **Fete Planning Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Village Hall.** Please come along if you want to help or have some good ideas to share.

In previous years the Preston Fete had been a summer do. But, due to all the Covid restrictions, we held the fete in September last year. It was a resounding success. The brass band played, the punters came in their 'droves' - well almost! The profits were well earned and we all had a fabulous day.

## SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

21<sup>st</sup> July      Garden Party at Preston

For info - Contact Ann Craddock - Secretary- 01285  
641469/07971 532909



### RECYCLING DATES FOR JULY

**FULL RECYCLING                      WED 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**FOOD WASTE                              WEEKLY FROM WED 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Fosse Cross Recycling Centre** . The Site is open all bank holidays EXCEPT Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. **Booking is essential**

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Whilst enjoying the summer sun remember to think about the security of your home and outbuildings. Keep doors and windows locked if out in the garden.

There have been a number of reports of catalytic converter thefts in Cirencester, make sure your car is parked on a level surface and not mounted on a curb to prevent easy access.

With the continuing increase in fuel prices please be aware that heating oil thefts will likely increase, make sure that your oil tanks are secure and well-lit to deter thieves.

With the news of a dog theft so close to Preston, remember to remain aware while walking your dogs. Vary your routes and think about carrying a self-defence spray. (Search Dog 'DNA Protect' for protection for dogs.)

It is possible to report phishing texts by forwarding the message to 7726 (it spells spam) and then sending them the details of where the message came from. You can, of course, also block the number so it doesn't call you again!

If you would like your mobile number added to the Preston NW WhatsApp group, please send your request to Dot Warren (07980 897268)

You can find further information on how to protect your home and outbuildings on: [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

If you would like to contact Alex, please use my mobile 07816051126 or email: [amilespc@gmail.com](mailto:amilespc@gmail.com)

## **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/>

## **Gloucestershire County Council News**

**Go Volunteer Glos** is the digital home of volunteering in Gloucestershire. It's a brand-new free website for local people aged 16 plus who are looking to offer their time as a volunteer and for organisations, charities and community groups needing volunteers.

Using [GoVolunteerGlos.org](https://www.govolunteerglos.org) is the simplest way to find volunteering opportunities - no matter what your interest is – anything from dog walking for an elderly person to creating a new community garden to fundraising.

For those new to volunteering there are so many benefits for you, as well as the people and causes being helped. You could have the opportunity to gain new skills, make friends, or get to know your community. Whether you want to volunteer from home or get out in the community and meet new people, GoVolunteerGlos.org has something for everyone.

Find out more at: <https://www.govolunteerglos.org/>

## **Admin & More**

Access to Work is a scheme that allows anyone with a disability to access resources to enable them to work. However, to apply to the scheme the paperwork can prove overwhelming for many

Admin and More has launched a series of packages to assist. From the initial application process to submitting the claims, they can assist and make life easier to access the help needed.

Admin and More has worked with clients on the Access to Work scheme for four years, so are experienced in submitting claims and also putting together any information for the application process.

For more information call Elizabeth Wright on 01933 428151 for a free consultation.  
Contact: Elizabeth Wright, Admin and More Tel: 01933 428151 Website:  
[www.adminandmore.co.uk](http://www.adminandmore.co.uk)

## **Parish Council News**

The next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for 7 July has been postponed. For further information, please see the Village noticeboards and website.

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#### **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)

#### **MINOR INJURIES UNIT CALL CENTRE**

Another reminder of the phone number for this vital health support unit 0300 421 7777

#### **VILLAGE HALL**

**Village Hall Coffee Morning** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10.30am.

First Friday of the month Coffee Mornings are held from 10.30 to share a coffee and a natter with your neighbours and if you wish, to exchange a book for a little light entertainment.

**Preston Fete Planning Meeting** at 7pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July - see above news

**Art Classes** have now finished for the summer. These will recommence in September, a date to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining either of the Art Classes on Monday afternoon or Thursday morning please contact Cathy at [artinpreston@aol.com](mailto:artinpreston@aol.com)

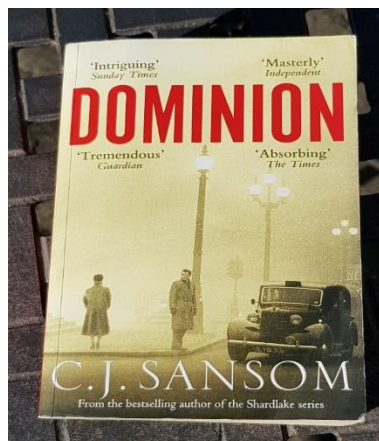
**Yoga** is continuing on Wednesday evenings 6.15-7.30pm. If you are interested in joining in with this class in person or via zoom please contact Mark at [mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk)

**NOTICE:** The Village Hall is in need of a little TLC, so we have arranged for it to be redecorated. Dates are not currently known for this, but it will be this summer.

**POST NOTE:** We would like to thank Helen McLuckie for her amazing and wide ranging display of art last month. Many tempting gifts. Now we know that you are there, Helen.!

**NOTE** - For information about making a booking for the Village Hall, please contact Anne Mingins. Email - [annemingins@btinternet.com](mailto:annemingins@btinternet.com)

## BOOK SWAP



**Dominion** by **C J Sansom**, coming soon to Preston Book Swap, a twist on history. 1952 twelve years after Britain surrendered to Nazi Germany, British people find themselves under authoritarian rule. Winston Churchill leads the Resistance organisation. A richly imagined novel by C J Sansom author of Shardlake series and Winter in Madrid. All worth a read.

**HOW THE BOOK SWAP WORKS** - Simply come and help yourself to a book and leave one in its place. If you don't have a book to donate, don't worry, leave one another time. **NOTE:** The village defibrillator is located in the Telephone Box, so it is essential the Box is not cluttered, leaving easy access to the defibrillator.

## SWIMMING AT CHURCH FARM

Scilla Chester-Master would like it to be known that the Church Farm swimming pool is open for children to swim **between 5pm and 6pm Monday to Friday**.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times.

## STOP PRESS! FUN AND THEATRE ON OUR DOORSTEP!

*The HandleBards Present:*

*Twelfth Night* - <https://www.theorganicfarmshop.co.uk/whats-on/twelfth-night/>

*Written by William Shakespeare | Directed by James Farrell*

*"An exceptional touring production" ★★★★★ The Stage (on Twelfth Night)*

*If music be the food of love, cycle on!...*

**Wednesday 6th July      7 - 9pm      AT THE ORGANIC FARM SHOP  
ENVIRONS**

Bar and refreshments.

The hugely popular Shakespearean troupe are back with another bicycle-powered tour to outdoor venues and open-air theatres across the UK this summer. From Bude to Bolton, Inverness to the Isle of Wight, The HandleBards are to reprise their hit production of Shakespeare's classic comedy *Twelfth Night* with drunkenness, frivolity and cross-dressing aplenty.

Committed to providing environmentally-friendly entertainment across the country, The HandleBards will be travelling over 1500 miles by bicycle with set, props and costumes following in their 100% electric support vehicle (plus a brief diversion - by train - to Germany's hugely popular Shakespeare Festival). AND ....

**OPEN DAY AT THE ORGANIC FARM SHOP** on Sunday 10th July 10am to 4pm

<https://www.theorganicfarmshop.co.uk/whats-on/farm-open-day/>

*Come and look behind the scenes to see how we produce our food and why we feel it is so important to farm organically. Great for kids and adults. Farm tractor and trailer rides, visits to the creamery where you can see where the yoghurt and cheese are made and meet the cows who give us our milk. Walk the veg garden with our growers, collect the eggs from our layers, explore the woods on a guided tree walk, bring your own bikes for a children's mountain bike trail, join Stroud XR Samba for a workshop, hear about the farm archaeology... eat and drink from the cafe and lots more.*

**Booking advised but ALL free (except trailer rides)**

**PRESTON SUPPLIERS REGISTER**

The website is <https://prestonvillageregi.wixsite.com/mysite>. The instructions for adding new names and their details and additional support for existing suppliers are very simple. If in doubt, send me the information and I will add the supplier for you. Kelly at Del's motorcycles will also be able to help you

[\(prestonvillageregister@gmail.com\)](mailto:prestonvillageregister@gmail.com)

**KEEP THE REGISTER TO HAND - ON YOUR DESKTOP or iPhone.**

<b>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022</b>		
July	Mrs Smith/Mrs Tuckey WEDDING - 16 JULY FLOWERS	10 <sup>th</sup>  17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>
August	Mrs Stone/Mrs Cameron Mrs Stone/Mrs Cameron	14 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>
September	Mrs Smith Mrs Sutton HARVEST FESTIVAL - TBC	11 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for August 2022 by **Monday 25<sup>TH</sup> July**. Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST - WE MUSN'T FORGET THE GOOD MEMORIES AT THE JUBILEE STREET PARTY .....**

**Julie Tomblin, Chairman of the Preston Parish Council, sent the following message after the party -**

Thank you to everyone who braved the chill to join our street party and make it such a success.

I would like to thank all those who helped..... putting up and taking down bunting, moving chairs and tables, decorating tables and making beautiful flower arrangements ....

And I musn't forget -

putting up a gazebo that wasn't used!

Thanks go to all the children who entered the Bake Off competition and to Joy Canton for judging, you made her job extremely difficult.

Thanks to those who sold and folded raffle tickets, we raised £160 for GARAS.

Thanks to Alan for his support, prayers for dry weather and organising the road closure.

Finally, thanks to John Volkes, not only for his help but also for organising the most delicious cakes and tray bakes.

NOTE FROM EDITOR - Please make sure to send in any good photos that we can add to the Village Scrap Book for future villagers!