



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER March 2022

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

Over recent years there has been a rise in popularity of people giving things up for a time, whether to raise money for charity or because it will benefit their health and well-being or the environment. For example going Vegan for Veganuary, giving up alcohol for dry January or chocolate for Dechox as people raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Giving something up for a time can help us to break bad habits, find more balance in our life, improve our physical and mental health and help us to reassess our priorities.

This month, on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on the 2nd March, the church enters the season of Lent, a time of preparation, for the great festival of Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance and spiritual discipline, for example by reading the Bible more frequently or spending more time in prayer or joining a study group. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus, to strengthen faith, develop a closer relationship with God and reassess our priorities. As part of these preparations many Christians choose to give something up, for example chocolate or social media or coffee.

As Lent approaches I have been thinking about what I will give up this year as I look to make Lent a special time to strengthen my faith, deepen my relationship with God and prepare myself for the wonderful celebration of Easter next month.

Revd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

Vicar: Rev'd. Jennifer McKenzie The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney,

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CHURCH SERVICES - ALL SAINTS PRESTON		
MARCH 2022		
13 th March 2022	9.30am	Morning Praise
2nd Sunday of Lent		
27 th March 2022	9.30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
4th Sunday of Lent		
Mothering Sunday		

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website
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 March 2022 are Aaron Road, Ashton Road, Berkeley Close and Beverstone Road.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM NICK CLEAVER, SON OF THE LATE DOREEN CLEAVER

Nick Cleaver has written to me to tell me that the family has arranged to remember their Mum, Doreen, during the service at **9.30am on Sunday 27th February**.

It's something he knows that his Mum wanted, and also something the family feels that they need to do, even though it will be nearly two years since she passed away.

It is going to be part of the normal Sunday communion service. The Rev McKenzie will say a few words about Doreen and her life, and the family will choose a hymn that she liked. 'We just want a small thing to remember Mum, and to include those who were really the closest, neighbours, friends and family.'

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As the nights are still long and dark, please think about the security of your home.

Keep doors and windows locked, consider having lights on timers.

There have been a number of reports of sheds being broken into around Cirencester. Make sure your sheds and outbuildings are securely locked; alarms are also available.

With increased 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.

You can find further information on how to protect your home and outbuildings on:
www.gloucestershire.police.uk

If you would like to contact Alex, please use the email: amilespc@gmail.com or Mobile - 07816 051126 for text messages

VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to tell you that the heating has been upgraded in the Village Hall. We are now the proud owners of a new boiler and radiators and are hoping that this will enable us to enjoy more comfortable temperatures in the hall.

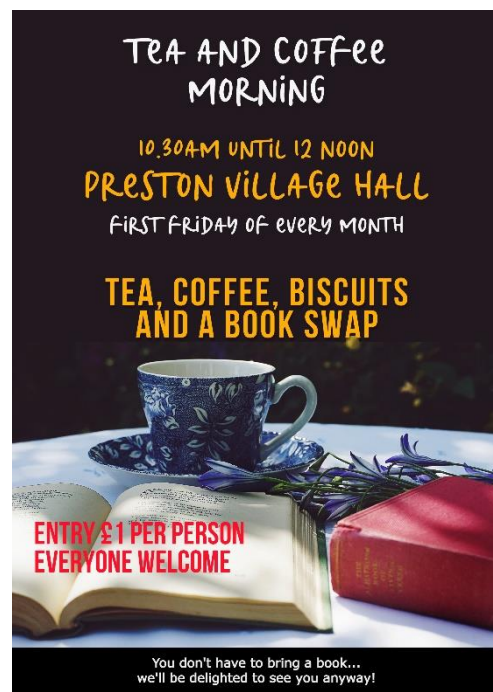
Art Group Monday afternoon 1-3pm and Thursday Morning 10-12 noon - If you are interested in joining in with either of these groups please drop in or contact Cathy at artinpreston@aol.com

Yoga Wednesday evenings 6.15-7.30pm. If you would like to join Mark's Yoga Class in person or on Zoom please contact mark at mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

Friday 4th March will be the **First Friday Coffee Morning**. Everyone is welcome to drop in, enjoy a coffee and chat with your neighbours and exchange a book to read if you wish.

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 10th March.

WI meeting Thursday 17th March.



NOTE - For information about making a booking for the Village Hall, please contact Anne Mingins. Email - annemingins@btinternet.com

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE THURSDAY JUNE 2ND TO SUNDAY JUNE 5TH 2022

How would you like Preston to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee will organize a street party for the nationwide **Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June**.



How else would you like to celebrate? All ideas and help welcomed.

Discuss via the community WhatsApp or contact Chris Sutton (Mobile 7980 983963 only for text and WhatsApp) Julie Tomblin .Mobile: 07973 444902 E-mail tomblinjulie@gmail.com

Also - we will be at the next Village Coffee Morning on **Friday March 4th**.

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/>

YOUR COTSWOLD YOUR PLAN
CREATING A FUTURE THAT IS GREEN TO THE CORE

We need to take action
to tackle the climate and ecological emergencies and ensure there are enough homes for local people now and in the future.

COTSWOLD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN (partial update) Issues and Options Consultation
Friday 4th February until Sunday 20th March

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

We have a new online consultation platform that makes it easier for you to let us know what you think. Please scan the QR code (using your phone's camera app) to take part in the consultation.

Alternatively you can access the consultation by visiting issuesandoptions.commonplace.is

You can also come and talk to us about the proposals.

2nd March, 2pm - 6.30pm
Cotswold District Council Offices,
Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX

9th March, 2pm - 6.30pm
Moreton-in-Marsh Area Centre, GL56 0AZ

Hard copies of the document are available to view at both Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester and Moreton-in-Marsh as well as all District Libraries.

Forward Planning, Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX Telephone: 01285 623000 or email: localplan@cotswold.gov.uk

The Local Plan flyer will be dropping on door mats across the district from Monday 21 February. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to get involved and take part in the consultation. You can scan the QR code or go straight to the site by typing in issuesandoptions.commonplace.is into your browser.

CDC needs the views of as many residents as possible to make the plan 'green to the core', and make sure that climate change is considered in all aspects of future development.

Please note the deadline for comments is 11:59pm on Sunday 20th March 2022

It is important to be aware that names and comments, once processed, will be made publicly available on the Council's website. A [Local Plan Privacy Notice](#) is available on the Council's website.

To assist the consultation process, public drop-in events will be held on:

Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 from 2pm until 6:30pm at the Committee Rooms, Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX; and

Wednesday, 9th March 2022 from 2pm until 6:30pm at Moreton Area Centre, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0AZ

Further supporting evidence documents, including FAQs, are available to view or download on the Council's website at: <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/>

LOSS OF POWER DURING RECENT STORMS

Everyone will be aware that the power cables connecting the Village to the grid came down in the copse behind the Playing Field during recent high winds. This is not the first time that this has occurred, and we understand that the Abbey Farms Trust has the matter in hand and is looking at how best to address the problem. We hope to have more information to report shortly regarding the remedial work planned.

POULTRY OWNERS ADVISED TO KEEP BIRDS UNDER COVER

Gloucestershire County Council's trading standards department is advising keepers of the requirements following two recent cases of avian influenza in the county.

In December, animal health inspectors from trading standards visited more than 1,100 homes within a 3km radius of a case near Newent to identify people who may have been keeping small poultry flocks in their gardens.

It has been a legal requirement for all bird keepers in the UK to keep them housed under cover since November 2021 and full guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

ANNE ROBSON TRUST This is a pre-bereavement charity that passionately believes that “**no one deserves to die alone**”. Liz Pryor, founder and Chief Executive has recently been awarded the **Member of the British Empire Medal (MBE)** in the Queens 2022 New Year's Honour's list, for services to end-of-life care.

The Trust works alongside NHS hospitals to train volunteers, who sit with patients in the last days and hours of their life to provide company and companionship, so they know they are not alone. However, due to COVID restrictions the volunteers were unable to visit hospitals, and in response to this, a free, **National Helpline** was set up so that comfort and support could continue to be offered where needed. As restrictions have lifted the volunteers are gradually starting to return to hospitals and in addition the introduction of the helpline is showing to be a valuable resource for anyone in the community to access support from the comfort of their own home.

For more information call **0808 801 0688** or visit <https://www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/>

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.

**The Next Meeting of the PPC will be on Thursday, 3 March 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.
The agenda and further details will be available on noticeboards and on the website nearer to the time. Everyone is Welcome to Attend.**

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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.

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

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

SOLAR FARM UPDATE FEBRUARY 2022

Most of the equipment has now been delivered to the site. However there has been a delay in the manufacture of the batteries and they are likely to be delivered by the middle of March.

The battery deliveries should complete the HGV movements for the construction materials. However, as many of you who have visited the site will have observed there will still be a number of large vehicle movements whilst Gridserve dismantle their site accommodation and restore the area.

Gridserve anticipate they should be able to re-open Witpit Lane towards the end of April or early May assuming they have been able to complete the restorative work required by GCC. This work is anticipated to take about six weeks.

If you have any comments or queries please contact me by email on alanstonepreston@gmail.com

ROADWORKS

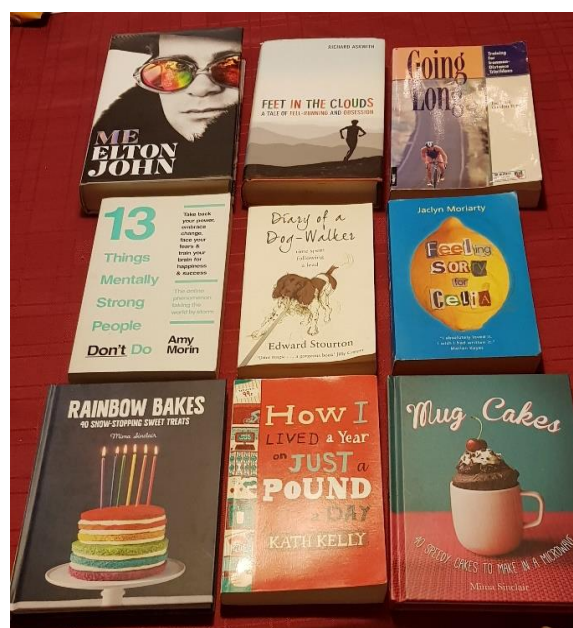
Sorry to report that I do not have any formal news about any local road works this month. Please send any road works news that you have via WhatsApp Community. Many thanks.

BOOK SWAP

Here are some non-fiction books available in the book swap this month. Take 5 minutes to see other books available too.

Donations of children's books welcomed.

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. If you can't find a space on a shelf then please donate your unwanted book to a charity shop or offer it on the Community WhatsApp



RECYCLING DATES FOR MARCH

FULL RECYCLING WED 2nd; 16th; 30th March
FOOD WASTE WEEKLY FROM WED 2ND March

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

STAGECOACH MESSAGE RELATING TO COVID 19 - updates for England

There is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering on Stagecoach buses.

You are encouraged to keep wearing one in crowded spaces, if you can. Let's be kind and respect each other's personal choice.

We'll continue with **enhanced cleaning** and make sure **windows stay open** to increase ventilation.

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022		
March	LENT - from 2nd March till 17th April NO FLOWERS Mrs Tuckey/Mrs Smith Mrs Warren MOTHERING SUNDAY	13 th 27 th
April	LENT - NO FLOWERS Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton CHURCH DECORATION FOR EASTER TBA EASTER SUNDAY Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton	10 th 17 th 24 th
May	Mrs Cooper Mrs Jones	8 th 22 nd

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Gloucester Women Fight for the Vote - Sue Jones
17th March at 7.30pm in Preston Village Hall



Contact Ann Craddock - Secretary- 01285 641469/07971 532909

THE MINOR INJURIES UNIT

We have used this service once more today with great success. An appointment has been made at the unit for later today. If you have a problem that might be described as a 'minor' medical issue, the service is available on 0300 421 7777 (Call centre)

Editor's note - The following message was sent to me by a neighbour - and we both agreed that we need our spirits raising. The full message is in The Organic Farm Shop's newsletter ...

A MESSAGE FROM HILARY, ORGANIC FARM SHOP NORCOTE

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL ---When we close up the shop in the evenings and it is still light we know that Spring is round the corner. Always welcome, early spring this year might not only give us primroses, daffodils, calves and lambs (and tulips from the tunnels) but also, maybe, a less challenging time for us all. Below are just a few things happening in the near and not quite so near future that you might enjoy.

Barn Weekend - March 5th and 6th

Sunday Roast- from March 13th (no bookings) Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday

What's On at the Farm - Check out the What's On pages for a new list of events, courses and guided walks this spring and summer.

New Compost - Peat free

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL PART 2

Seeing lots of young people at the Farm Project again soon - - welcoming more and more people back or for the first time into the shop and cafe - planning some pop up EVENING meals inside and out -enjoying the apple and plum blossom down the lane and in front of the cafe - watching the young grape vines, peach and fig trees settle into their new home in the glasshouse and HOPEFULLY before too long saying goodbye to **the maddening road works** which will really be a reason to be cheerful for all of us.

Come and enjoy the farm this year. Shop, eat, walk or come on a course and stay with us (you can even get married here). Book one of the holiday cottages, test your limits off grid in one of the huts or yurts or book a stay on the campsite.

Hope to see you soon. And if your friends and neighbours are interested to eat more organic/local food please bring them here or tell them about us.

Hilary

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)

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

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for April 2022 by **Wednesday 23rd March**. Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk