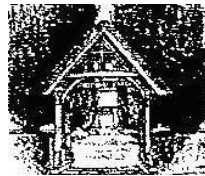




# PRESTON

## Church & Village News

### July/August 2015



Deadline for the September 2015 newsletter is 20 August. Contact Howard Trinder ☎ 435339 or e-mail [htrinder@btinternet.com](mailto:htrinder@btinternet.com). The newsletter is also available via the village website [www.prestonvillageherts.com](http://www.prestonvillageherts.com).

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tue 7 Jul	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sat 11 Jul	Preston Village Day
Wed 15 Jul	Preston Village Society – Windrush – 8.00pm
Sat 18 Jul	Quiz and Chips – Village Hall – 7.00pm
Wed 22 Jul	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Tue 4 Aug	Church Cleaning 4.00pm

#### **CRICKET CLUB DINNER/DANCE AND AWARDS NIGHT**

This annual event will be held on Saturday 19 September in a marquee at the Red Lion. For more information and to reserve tickets please contact Jane Hunter ☎ 01462 768688 or 07805636335

#### **FRIENDS OF ST MARTINS: Saturday 18 July**

The annual Quiz and Chips Evening will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18 July at 7.00pm. Ticket price £10.00 including fish and chips, BYO, tables of six, For tickets contact Sue Griffiths ☎ 434194. There will be a raffle during the evening.

#### **PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY**

The meeting on Wednesday 15 July will be a Barbecue at Sue Griffiths, Windrush, Back Lane at 7 p.m. A flier will be sent with the details.

Wednesday 19 August is the Tea Afternoon and Bring and Buy Sale at Margaret Trinder's, Offley Holes Farm at 2.30pm

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION**

Revised timetables will be published in July and will come into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Until publication we will not know whether our service has been reduced.

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

The mobile library service will cease on 31 October and will be replaced by a home support service.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who responded to these consultations.



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Dear Friends,

The first half of June has been very busy with special church events. On Sunday 14 June we held the second Ice-cream Service at St Martin's with nearly twenty children and even more adults on a rather miserable drizzly morning. A group of children told Jesus' story of the Lost Sheep and all the children took the opportunity to join in the music with percussion instruments. A search for some lost sheep in church was successful and after the service ice-creams were enjoyed outside.

In the evening the same day the new Bishop of Hertford, Bishop Michael, came to St Mary's Hitchin for a Confirmation service. Four young people from All Saints were among those confirmed. It was a wonderful occasion and a moving experience for the candidates and their families and friends. Bishop Michael spoke about the importance of the decision the confirmands were making as they became full members of the church, joining a band of two billion Christians across the world. It has been good to share part of the journeys of the four All Saints' young people and we are all delighted to welcome them.

This coming weekend is Rhythms of the World in Hitchin and on Sunday the Team Service for our two churches with the four Anglican churches in Hitchin will take place in a huge marquee in Priory Park. Our theme is Refugees, appropriate as we come to the end of Refugee Week 2015.

In July there is more. Preston Village Day 2015 takes place on Saturday 11 July. Look out for the posters with details!

And the following day, Sunday 12 July in the afternoon, the parish is holding Picnic and Praise at St Paul's Walden Bury. Bring your own picnics from 4pm and there will be games and activities available. At 5.30pm we will get together for a short Songs of Praise. We will be joined by church members from All Saints' and the Hitchin Team churches. We hope you will come and join us. We are very grateful to Simon and Caroline Bowes Lyon for inviting us to The Bury.

And this year our Holiday Club will take place in July, at the start of the school holidays, rather than at the very end. We begin with Holiday Club Sunday Praise at Whitwell Pavilion on 19 July at 11.00am and continue at the Pavilion on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July between 10am and 2.00pm. The children will need to bring their own packed lunches. Further details will be published at the start of July. Please contact Helen Beavis (☎01438 871665) for more information.

I rather think August will be a quiet month as we get ready for a busy September.

With my prayers and good wishes

Elizabeth

**ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB**

The winners of the June draw in the 2015/16 120 Club (£30 each) were:

No. 111 Mr & Mrs P Diamond  
No. 122 Mrs C A Hill

### FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

21 June: Baptism of Arthur David Ambrose Fleckney, age 3 months.

#### **NEW BOOKLET: "St Martins Church, Preston in Hertfordshire"**

This publication will contain 56 A5 pages in full colour and in a similar format to the Preston History book. It will have a laminated cover and will be perfect-bound (ie not stapled). The price will be less than £5.

For a preview of its contents, please log on to <http://www.prestonherts.co.uk/page243.html#newbooklet>

The booklet will be released on 11 July 2015 - the anniversary of the consecration of St Martin. Copies will be available on that day during Preston Village Day and at Hitchin - Preston Village has an exhibition stand at the Church House, Hitchin between 10.00 and 16.00 during Hitchin History Day.

Those who would like to order a copy of the booklet should contact Philip Wray at [p.wray@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:p.wray@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **DISCOVER LIFE: The Gospel of John – in depth studies in Preston**

Have you tried studying the Bible on your own and found it hard going? Perhaps you are looking for something more after completing an Alpha course or maybe you are a Lay Reader wishing you had more Biblical knowledge or you may simply want to go deeper into the Bible.

This Open Learning Course from Trinity College Bristol helps us to unpack John's Gospel during 10 weeks of study including 5 tutorials. We meet as a small group fortnightly on Wednesday mornings and there is some homework in between from the course book. The next course starts early October 2015.

Why not phone and find out more today? Meta Reeves ☎ 01462 456567

#### **STAGENHOE SUMMER FETE**

Sue Ryder, Stagenhoe is holding a fun-filled Summer Fete on Saturday 4 July, at Stagenhoe Park, St Paul's Walden, from 2.00 - 5.00pm. The Fete will be an afternoon of fun for all the family with the proceeds going towards helping to complete what has become known as the 'Secret Garden'.

#### **PRESTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS**

This newsletter is compiled, printed, collated and distributed by volunteers who take up their time in order to provide this free of charge to the residents of the Parish of Preston. A big THANKYOU to everyone concerned.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The number to contact at North Herts Police for all non-emergencies (including witnessing of fly-tipping) is 101 or 01707 354000.

For removal of fly-tipping which has already occurred, call Veolia ☎ 0800 328 6023.

PC Matt Jenkins and PCSO Heather Burrows can be contacted regarding local community issues - ☎ 01438 757604

In the event of an emergency or if you witness a crime taking place please call 999.

### **POLICE SURGERY**

There will be a Police Surgery in Preston Village Hall on Saturday 15 August from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

### **VILLAGE DAY - 11 July - check your diary now!!**

Yes - it's going to be a cracker again - another super day to remember! This will be a day to let your hair down, pick up some super prizes, and have loads of fun! We can count on a bumper day with another opportunity to WIN AN iPad for the best SCARECROW. You should have had a Scarecrow entry form by now – please email your entry to [PrestonVillageTrust@gmail.com](mailto:PrestonVillageTrust@gmail.com) by 4 July.

The fun will start with scarecrows popping up in lots of odd places - watch out for some amazing and fantastic ideas - created with an enthusiasm only Preston can muster! Lots of dogs have already been seen, training their owners and putting on a style ready for the DOG SHOW - they were so good last year - and the dogs were good fun too!

Strolling around the Green, you will find BBQ'd Steaks, Hot Dogs, & Hamburgers, amazing sideshows and games that will tempt your nerves, courage and sense of humour - so watch out!

On top of that - NEW THIS YEAR - will be the launch of the first PRESTON INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW - with vintage and modern supercars! We can't promise you'll win one - but they're bound to be a show stopper!

The fun will continue later at the Red Lion where there will be food available, entertainment by the Ladies Choir and the One2Many band ensuring a fantastic day that will pass into the night as one to remember - yet again!

### **Message from Jane Hunter about Preston Village Day**

I am running a second hand CHILDRENS book stall on behalf of the cricket club.

If anyone has any books could you please ring or text me on ☎ 07805636335 to arrange

collection or if you have a child at Preston Primary School leave them in the main entrance as I am there every day at lunchtime.

### **PARISH COUNCIL – Village Day Bottle Tombola**

The Parish Council are organising a bottle tombola at the Village Day on Saturday 11 July and will be grateful for any donations of unopened and in date bottles. Contributions can be either left with Jane Clark at 1 Castle Farm Cottages or brought to The Green on the day.